VCU Senior Elective Catalogue

GenSurg Inpatient Ward AI-Inova (MEDI-45017)			
Preceptor:	Dr. Sharon Bachman	**Phone #:**	703-776-3427
Department:	Surgery	**Max Enrollment:**	3
Time Period(s):	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8	**Time:**	
Location:	INOVA Fairfax Hospital, 3300 Gallows Road, Falls Church, VA		

Objectives and Evaluation
Hours per Week - 80 hrs/week
Lectures/Seminars - Yes
Outpatient - Yes
Night Call - Yes
Weekends - Yes
Exam required - No

PREREQUISITES: Successful completion of a third year surgical clerkship.

DESCRIPTION: The Acting Internship (AI) in General Surgery Trauma at Inova Fairfax Hospital is designed to provide the 4th year student with a comprehensive experience in the diagnosis and management of patients with acute surgical disorders, including some trauma. This rotation will provide exposure to patients in the inpatient and outpatient settings, as well as the opportunity to participate in the operative and non-operative management of patients with a variety of surgical conditions. The AI will act as an integral component of the patient care team. Specific responsibilities will include: - Initial patient evaluations including complete history and physical exam. The student will be expected to be able to begin development of diagnostic and treatment plans in conjunction with the supervising physician in the trauma bay, the ER and the clinic - Contribution to the ongoing management of patients. This will include data collection, reassessment of patient progress and participation in the operative management of assigned patients. - Documentation, through the medical record, of the patient's course. For inpatient, this will require daily entries that document the patient's condition, newly acquired data, and formulation of a plan for the day's management. - Participation in daily rounds with the management team, assuming primary responsibility for data assimilation and presentations for patients assigned to their care. - Participation in the discharge planning process for inpatients. - Participation in scheduled team and departmental academic conferences. This will include case presentations and current literature reviews. The Surgical Services at Inova Fairfax Hospital are organized in a "team" format. The team consists of a compliment of junior and senior level surgical residents. The most senior level resident (PGY4 or 5) functions as a team leader. The residents are involved in every aspect of patient care and function under the direct supervision of members of the Surgical Attending Staff. Patient care duties will be assigned to the AI and directly overseen by the team leader and the appropriate surgical attending. The AI will be responsible for taking nighttime call with the intern from the team to which they are assigned. This is on average a "one in four" schedule.

Students assigned to this rotation will be evaluated based upon the following aspects of performance: - Patient Care - Participation in team rounds - Conference participation and presentations - Ability to work effectively as an integral member of the surgical team

Special Instructions/Additional Information
Call the VCU Inova academic registrar for more information or to register for this elective at 703-776-6699.