

Surgery Acting Internship (SU 496)

4 weeks

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The Surgery Acting Internship is offered at UMMHC University Campus, UMMHC Memorial Campus, and Baystate Medical Center for four weeks and fulfills the 4th year Acting Internship requirement for UMass Chan students. During this acting internship, the medical student functions as a critical member of a surgical service. Clinical responsibilities on the service include caring for patients on the inpatient service, participating in elective and/or emergent surgery, and seeing patients in outpatient clinic. The students will learn about the longitudinal perioperative management of surgical patients, including in the pre-operative, intra-operative, and post-operative settings.

Students are expected to participate in site-specific teaching sessions with faculty and teams, including case presentations and topic reviews. Students are expected to consider systems-based care and propose a QI initiative.

After the SU-496 course, the MS4 will be able to:

- Demonstrate the skills of an acting intern in the management of diverse surgical patients (Physician as Scientist, Professional, and Clinical Problem Solver)
- Prepare progress notes for review in a concisely and timely fashion (Physician as Communicator and Clinical Problem Solver)
- Participate actively in regular service-specific didactic sessions (Physician as a Clinical Problem Solver)
- Seek feedback from residents and attendings (Physician as Communicator, Professional, Clinical Problem Solver, and Advocate)

Acting Internship Director

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