Elective Description

Campus: Southwest (Bismarck)  
Department: Surgery  
Elective/Experience Title: Plastic and Hand Surgery  
Course Number: SURG 9123  
Location of Elective: Aesthetic Center of Plastic Surgery - Bismarck, ND

Preceptor(s): Rick Paulson, MD  
Period(s) Offered: All  
Number of students per period: 1 student per period

Purpose: Teach the diagnosis and treatment of plastic surgery and hand surgery conditions for both office and emergency patients.

Objectives: Following successful completion of this elective, the student will be able to:

1. Perform critical evaluation of patients in reference to topographical regional anatomy and its relationship to surgical problems.
2. Develop logical treatment plans for the plastic surgical and hand surgical patient with attention to physiologic principles of wound healing and complications to be encountered.
3. Complete post-hospitalization evaluations of surgical and non-surgical patients.
4. Review ancillary services and assistance to management of the plastic surgery and hand surgery patient.

Instructional Activities: During this elective, the student will be involved in/experience:

1. Seeing patients in a clinic setting, taking histories and doing physical examinations; working up a number of patients each week, admitting patients to hospital, participating in the operating room, and accompanying the preceptor on rounds.
2. Observing and participating in diagnostic procedures and development of treatment plans including anticipated complications that could be encountered.
3. Specific reading assignments from available texts and discussions with preceptor.
4. Introduction to aesthetic patients and developing a rapport with patients with empathy and sensitivity.

Criteria for Grading: During and following this elective, the preceptor will:

1. Observe the student's history and physical examination skills for accuracy and thoroughness, his/her understanding of plastic surgical and hand surgical problems, and appropriate treatment plans.
2. Evaluate student’s progress and relationship in his establishment of rapport with the patient, understanding the patient’s needs, and display of empathy and sensitivity to the patient and his disease.
3. Utilize the standardized UNDSMHS senior elective form.

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