

Elective Rotation in Cardiothoracic Surgery

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Location / hours: Blalock 618; 7:00 am start time

Objectives and expectations of the rotation

This rotation is a natural complement to fellowship training in Cardiovascular Medicine. The goal of this rotation is to provide Cardiology Fellows with an understanding of the risks and benefits of cardiothoracic and cardiovascular surgery, the rationale for the selection of candidates for surgical treatment, and the preoperative and postoperative management of patients with cardiovascular disease and associated co-morbidities.

Learning activities on this rotation

During the cardiovascular surgery assignment, you will:

- Spend time in the operating room observing cardiac bypass, valve replacements, aortic aneurysm repairs, LVAD insertions, and other procedures.
- Attend rounds with consulting surgeons.
- Participate in the postoperative care and management of patients in the Cardiac Surgery Intensive Care Unit.
- Attend Cardiac Surgery Clinic to participate in the outpatient management of patients.

Curriculum content and what methods are used

- The content is learned through participation on the clinical services, in the operating room, on CSICU rounds, and in outpatient clinics.
- Participation in the weekly Cardiac Surgery Conference is expected.
- Outside reading of appropriate Cardiac Surgery text chapters and publications is strongly encouraged.
- Familiarity with the ACC/AHA Guidelines for Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting is expected.

Supervision:

The fellow will be supervised by the Cardiac Surgery attending physicians, the Chief Cardiac Surgery Fellows, and CSICU attending physicians.

Evaluation Process:

The fellows will be evaluated by the Cardiac Surgery Attendings at the end of each month with feedback provided during the rotation. They will be specifically evaluated on the rotation objectives listed above.