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Division of Surgical Oncology 3rd year Clinical Clerkship

Welcome to the Surgical Oncology service for 2016 – 2017. In your four weeks on the service, we would like for you to get exposure to each aspect of surgical oncology: breast cancer, melanoma and soft tissue tumors, gastrointestinal-HPB malignancies and general thoracic tumors. You will have the opportunity to participate in conferences, clinic sessions, and the operating room. Every Tuesday morning at 7:00 there is a surgical oncology pre-operative meeting where cases will be discussed. The conference also has a journal club. The articles are available the Friday prior to conference on the educational website:

<http://www.cinj.org/education/surgical-oncologys-educational-schedules-journals>

We expect you to read the articles in advance and are prepared to discuss them. The surgical oncology faculty requires that you wear professional attire to the Tuesday morning conference and any other clinic or conference setting. You should also plan to attend all four of the patient care conferences at least once. There are weekly conferences for breast cancer, melanoma and soft tissue tumors, gastrointestinal-HPB malignancies and thoracic tumors. A conference schedule is included on the website.

We expect you to attend patient care activities for a full day every day except for Wednesday when you will attend lectures. All clinics are located at CINJ. Ideally, you will spend one full day (two half days are acceptable) in clinic for each of the four components (melanoma, breast, GI-HPB, thoracic). A clinic schedule is included on the website.

OR cases occur at RWJUH and at the Ambulatory Surgical Pavilion at 10 Plum Street. Students may scrub into cases at both locations. Ideally you will spend at least one OR day with each of the four components of surgical oncology. After these eight days are accounted for, you will have sufficient days to explore a topic in more depth or continue with a broad exposure. You should use the information from the Tuesday morning conference to plan your OR and clinic experience.

I will serve as your contact faculty for the rotation. Please contact me on the first day of the rotation to review the schedule. Feel free to contact me the week before if you wish. Be sure to give evaluation cards to your faculty each day that you attend the clinic or the OR. If at any time you have a question about the schedule or any other aspect of your time on the surgical oncology service, then you should contact me. My office number is 732-235-8524. My cell number is 908-616-3416. My email is kearney@cinj.rutgers.edu. Please also remember to contact your preceptor for the surgical clerkship and arrange separate meetings to review your patient write-ups.

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