Formal instruction in surgery begins during Phase 2 of the MD program’s Gateway Curriculum, with a required eight-week clinical clerkship. During this curricular phase, students are assigned to two general surgery clinical rotations lasting three weeks each within the Department of Surgery. These clinical experiences provide students with opportunities to participate in the care of surgical patients (both inpatient and outpatient); to spend time in the operating rooms; and to attend seminars, teaching conferences and didactic sessions on a regular basis. During Phase 3, students may elect to participate in a variety of sub-internship rotations offered within the Department of Surgery. The sub-internships cover general surgical specialties and subspecialties, including trauma surgery, pediatric surgery, transplant surgery, vascular surgery, cardiovascular and thoracic surgery, urologic surgery, and plastic and reconstructive surgery.

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