

Cardiothoracic Surgery Initial Rotation

Educational Purpose and Rationale

The first month of integrated thoracic Surgery residency will be spent on the Cardiothoracic Surgery service to acquire a basic understanding of preoperative evaluation of CT surgical patients and fundamentals of postoperative care.

Specific educational goals: at the conclusion of the rotation the thoracic surgery resident will

1. Obtain a comprehensive medical and surgical history from patient referred for CT surgical evaluation in the inpatient setting.
2. Perform effective physical examination with emphasis on understanding cardiac, vascular and pulmonary examinations.
3. Begin to review appropriate studies to include cardiac cath, TTE, CXR, chest CT and video swallows as encountered.
4. Participate in post-operative care following adult cardiac and thoracic operations with close supervision from senior thoracic Surgery residents and CT faculty.