Surgery Clerkship Orientation Revamp

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Project Summary

My aim is to poll existing classes about their experience in the surgery clerkship and how the orientation prior to the clerkship prepared them for clerkship success. I also emailed the faculty liasons for each surgery service to get their input. Following the answers of the polls, I plan to work with Dr. Reddy and Dr. Finks to alter the surgery orientation to make it more useful and more efficient. I have also contacted Dr. Hammoud and Dr. Skinner in Ob/Gyn. They graciously offered me a copy of their orientation itinerary. Many students have praised the Ob/Gyn orientation in the past (and on their surveys), so I plan to model the surgery clerkship orientation after it. I have also obtained Dr. Burney's word document of surgery tips and tricks that I plan to wittle down and distribute to students entering their clerkship. I have also attended the surgery clerkship orientation and took notes on the effectiveness of the sessions. "

Action Items/Outcome

Revamp of the surgery clerkship orientation. Reduce the amount of time wasted in sessions to improve efficiency and applicability

Conclusion/Reflection

While my project is not yet complete, the results of my surveys and personal attendance at the most recent orientation have let me to the conclusion that the orientation is far too long and not maximally applicable to clerkship success. The orientation is not as efficient as it could be. Many sessions need to be streamlines or cut out. Handouts with key information should be available for every service and uploaded to canvas.