May 1
“Keeping Surgeons Engaged in Critical Care”
Heidi L. Frankel, MD, Professor of Surgery, Director of Surgical Critical Care, Keck Hospital of USC
At the conclusion of this activity, participants should be able to:
1) Discuss societal demand for critical care services.
2) Discuss supply of providers able to provide critical care services.
3) Explore strategies to allow surgeons to become more engaged in critical care.

May 8
Faculty and Residents
7:30 am
American Board of Surgery Training for required OR and Clinic evaluations
Brian Kaplan, MD, Professor of Surgery and General Surgery Residency Program Director
Cindy Phares, Residency Coordinator, Department of Surgery
Group picture immediately following D&C on the back steps of Old City Hall.

May 8
Interdepartmental Conference Case Collaboration
12 noon
Stephanie Call, MD, MSPH, Director of Internal Medicine Training Program, Associate Chair for Education, VCU Medical Center
Brian Kaplan, MD, Professor of Surgery and General Surgery Residency Program Director, Division of Surgical Oncology, VCU Medical Center
At the conclusion of this activity, participants should be able to:
1) Review the range of experience available through collaboration with other departments.
2) Identify the best approach for interdepartmental collaboration on patient care.
3) Identify the learning benefits from interdepartmental collaboration.

May 15
Surgical Quality Improvement & Safety Process
Abel Gebre-Giorgis, MD, PGY-5 General Surgery Resident, VCU Medical Center
At the conclusion of this activity, participants should be able to:
1) Investigate causes of mismanagement in high-acuity patients as it relates to communication and transfer of care.
2) Propose alternative systems-based practices that promote optimization of continuity of care (i.e. minimizing off-service hand-offs in high acuity patients).
3) Enhance the balance between service demands and resident education.

May 22
Resident Research Day
“Surgical Training through the Ages: The Stone Age to the Next Accreditation System”
W. Thomas Lawrence, MD, University of Iowa, Department of Surgery, Division of Plastic Surgery
At the conclusion of this activity, participants should be able to:
1) Understand how surgical training has been carried out in different eras in the past.
2) Understand the principles behind the Next Accreditation System and understand how it is being implemented.
3) Stimulate thought on how surgical training should optimally be performed.

May 29
Junior Mock Orals
Michael F. Amendola, MD, Assistant Professor, Division of Vascular Surgery
Susan Haynes, Surgical Skills and Simulation Specialist, Department of Surgery
Administered to PGY 1’s, PGY 2’s and lab residents. These exams are for ALL categorical and preliminary residents in the General Surgery Program. Residents should be dressed in professional business attire and will be asked to sign out their pagers and turn off their cell phones for the duration of the exams. If you are on NF, you are expected to stay for these exams.

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