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I know that others on the surgical staff join me in welcoming you to your third-year clinical experience. Many of us have enjoyed the brief exchanges that we have had with the Class of 2013 during the last two years. Now we look forward to increasing these exchanges as you participate in your clinical rotations. Evaluation of patients' problems and assisting them with solutions to their problems, whether medical or surgical, has been the reason that you spent the first two years in preparation for this clinical experience. We are pleased that you will be with us in the Department of Surgery, as represented by the clinical staffs at the San Antonio Military Medical Center (SAMMC), Walter Reed National Military Medical Center (WRNMMC), and Naval Medical Center San Diego (NMCSD).

All students scheduled for Surgery and Subs rotations will spend the **first 2 days** of their twelve-week rotation at USUHS participating in the Introduction to Surgery, which is a combined activity with the Department of Laboratory Animal Medicine and Simulation Center. BAMC (SAMMC) students and NMCSD students will be released for travel after the second day concludes. The introductory course is designed to acquaint you with various surgical skills and techniques. **Please refer to the "Intro to Surgery" schedules for reporting information regarding your first 2 days of the rotation. This schedule will be sent via email as soon as we receive it. Refer to "Surgery & Subs Schedules" for reporting information regarding your requested subspecialties at your clinical site. This schedule will be emailed along the attachment of your MS-III Student Surgery Handbook.**

We will do all that we can to provide you with a meaningful experience which can be professionally rewarding. Your specific assignments will be under the direction of the "Chiefs" as identified in the Surgery Handbook. All student materials, including copies of the Handbook, Evaluation sheets, reporting instructions, contact information, and listed objectives, can also be accessed at <http://surgery.usuhs.mil> by clicking on the Student Information link.

Please contact Suzanne McCoy (smccoy@usuhs.mil), phone (301) 295-5866, if there are any questions, or if we can be of any specific assistance we can be reached at (301) 295-3155.

Sincerely,

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Chief, Academic Surgery

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Interim Clerkship Director

DATES TO REMEMBER FOR THOSE ON THE SURGICAL ROTATION

(Blocks 1& 2 June 27- September 16, 2011)

Introduction to Surgery Course at USUHS:

Block 1&2: June 27-28

Distinguished Professor's Lectures: (Sanford Auditorium)

14 July 2011 Speaker DR. STANLEY W. ASHLEY, TOPIC: TBA

28 July 2011 Speaker DR. HEROLD C. URSCHEL, Topic: TBA

11 Aug 2011 Speaker TBA, Topic: TBA

25 Aug 2011 ***26th Surgery for Trauma Day, 0730***

14th William R. Drucker Distinguished Surgical Lecture *Speaker:* DR. JOHN ARMSTRONG

9th Martin Silverstein Distinguished Surgical Lecture *Speaker:* DR. MICHAEL F. ROTONDO

08 Sept 2011 Speaker TBA, Topic: TBA

Date: TBA 2011 Vascular Clinic Demo @ WRAMC Vasc. Clinic, 1500, please arrive by 1445.

Final Exam: 17 June 2011, 0800, Location: Lecture Room D