Cardiac Surgery 101  
Personal Enrichment Course  
2021

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Description:  The aim of Cardiac Surgery 101 is to provide University of Pittsburgh medical students a jump-start on their potential careers as future cardiac surgeons by providing an intensive five-week immersion into the field. The course foundation will be laid through interactive and case discussions for the first hour of each session. The second hour will allow students to apply their knowledge in surgical simulation labs. This elective will emphasize hands-on work utilizing porcine hearts, aorta, veins and tissue; as well as cardiovascular devices.

Course Objectives:
• Introduction to basic anatomy and physiology of the heart
• Understand how to diagnose cardiovascular pathology using clinical and imaging tools
• Develop basic understanding of surgical interventions for common cardiovascular pathologies
• Expose students to basic technical skills that are relevant to being a cardiac surgeon
• Provide opportunities to engage in basic science and clinical research within the Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery

Course Requirements:  Attend all five sessions, participate in an active and engaged manner. There are no prerequisites.
COURSE OUTLINE:

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January 4, 11, February 8, 15, 22
Tuesdays, 5:00-7:00 PM

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Course Location:
Peter M. Winter Institute for Simulation Education and Research (WISER)
230 McKee Place, #300
Classroom A/B; MET 10/11
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

SESSION I (Jan 4):
Cardiopulmonary Bypass and ECMO
Faculty: Ibrahim Sultan, MD, FACS, FACC
This first hour of this session will introduce you to basic anatomy and physiology of the heart. You will learn the concepts of cardiopulmonary bypass (CPB) and how open heart surgery is conducted with the assistance of CPB. You will also be introduced to Extra Corporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO) and its role in critically ill patients. The second hour will involve hands on interaction with both a CPB and an ECMO simulator, so you can see how it works in the operating room.

SESSION II (Jan 11):
Aorta
Faculty: Ibrahim Sultan, MD, FACS, FACC
The first hour will be spent understanding how cardiac surgeons manage patients who present with elective and emergent aortic pathology using both open surgical and endovascular techniques. The second hour will allow students to practice sewing aortic grafts onto the porcine aorta and be able to deploy thoracic endografts (TEVAR).

SESSION III (Feb 8):
Aortic Valve
Faculty: Ibrahim Sultan, MD, FACS, FACC
The first hour will be spent on discussing natural history of patients with aortic stenosis and aortic regurgitation and the impact on the left ventricle. The lab will concentrate on understanding how an open surgical aortic valve replacement is performed in most patients and how a transcatheter aortic valve replacement (TAVR) is performed in patients who are otherwise at elevated risk for open heart surgery.

SESSION IV (Feb 15):
Heart Transplant/Ventricular Assist Devices
Faculty: Arman Kilic, MD
Some patients simply have hearts that do not pump strongly enough to produce enough blood. The first hour will explore surgical management of heart failure with heart transplant or with left ventricular assist devices (LVAD). The lab will focus on live demonstration of various LVAD devices and their ability to replace the work of the ventricle.

SESSION V (Feb 22):
Coronary Artery Disease and CABG
Faculty: Ibrahim Sultan, MD, FACS, FACC
The first hour will explore the leading cause of death in the United States, coronary artery disease (CAD) and surgical and non-surgical interventions for CAD such as PCI and CABG. Didactic will be followed by a porcine heart lab, in which participants will be proctored through their first coronary artery bypass surgery (CABG).