

Flex Week Proposal:

Title	So You're Interested in Surgery?	
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Experience Category	Clinical shadowing	Professional Enrichment Courses (PECs)
[bold your category]	Research-related	Professional Development
	Community Service	Wellness
	Other:	
Goal	To provide students with the opportunity to shadow, cultivate surgical skills, and identify surgeon mentors across surgical sub-specialties to promote early career development in their medical school experience	
Brief Description	Early exposure is vital to the development of one's professional identity. Students will be provided with clinical exposure to surgery and diverse surgical subspecialties in an interactive and engaging environment to foster early interest and support student career exploration.	
Organizer	I have not formally identified a clinical organizer. My goal is to work with Dr. Vaishali Schuchert, Associate Professor of Surgery and Critical Care Medicine and Surgery Clerkship director, and her administrative coordinator to organize this Flex Week proposal. I am looking forward to identifying surgeons in several sub-specialties to provide students with a diverse experience (General Surgery, Plastic Surgery, Otolaryngology, and Orthopedic Surgery).	
Admin Coordinator (contact info)		
Department	Surgery	
Capacity (# students)	4-8	
Location	PUH (primarily for easy site access and transportation)	
Reporting Info	TBD	

I propose that coordination for this Flex Week idea will take time as subspecialties having varying schedules. I hypothesize that, if accepted, this Flex Week idea will take place in the Spring semester and continue the following Fall.

Flex week #	Week of the curriculum	Start Date (Mon)	End Date (Fri)	Available?
1	5	Tue 9/5/23	9/8/23	
2	12	Mon PM 10/23/23	10/27/23	
3	26	1/29/24	2/2/24	X
4	30	2/26/24	3/1/24	X
5	59	9/16/24	9/20/24	X

Example schedule for the flex week:

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
AM	Introduction to the Operating Room	OR/Surgeon Clinic	Grand Rounds, OR assignment	OR/Surgeon Clinic	OR/Surgeon Clinic
PM	OR Etiquette	Check-In & Suture Workshop	Lecture: Careers in Surgery	You're interested in Surgery...What can you do now?	Resident & MS4 Panel