University of Utah Division of Plastic Surgery Resident Cosmetic Clinic

The Division of Plastic Surgery has arranged a cosmetic clinic to be staffed by residents. The purpose is to provide educational cases for the residents where the resident will act as surgeon. The resident will take primary responsibility for diagnosing, scheduling, and operating on these patients as well as performing their postoperative care.

In order to provide continuity of the surgical team during the postoperative course, residents are allowed to perform these cases during their final year of training through the month of May. Cases will not be performed in June in order to allow the operating resident to provide the majority of the postoperative care. Residents are allowed to perform up to 3 cases per month and a maximum of 24 cases during their final year of training. No portion of the surgery may be covered by insurance.

It is not necessary for a resident to operate on all or the majority of the patients who come to the clinic. Any interested patient should receive a phone call. The resident may then decide whether the patient should be given an appointment in clinic. If the patient is interested in surgery but the resident does not wish to perform the surgery, the case should then be offered to the other senior residents or should be placed on a list and offered the following year to the succeeding residents.

All clinic visits need to be charted in EPIC. The signed billing sheet and estimate needs to be given to the medical secretary of the faculty member the resident will be operating with so they will have the information necessary to schedule the surgery and collect payment.

For each patient seen, the resident must present the patient and the surgical plan at Tuesday conference with a faculty member present to sign off. The resident will be required to keep a folder/file for each patient. This can be done in the Ubox system so it is patient protected and sharable with the faculty. If you prefer another method please have it approved by the program coordinator. The folder/file should contain the majority of what is required for an oral boards case including: Pre op/intra op/post op photos, consent (both surgical consent and a consent for photos), billing sheet, notes (H&P, op note, post op notes) and any pertinent labs/imaging or a summary document of the findings. Dr. Dana Johns oversees this program. Please share the folder with her and the supervising attending for each case. She will pick one case for you to prepare a board book for as a mock-oral board case at the end of the year.

The faculty considers the resident cosmetic clinic a privilege. If a resident is not able to appropriately perform operative and nonoperative duties related to the resident clinic, this privilege will be withdrawn. All resident are required to complete at least three cases in the resident cosmetic clinic during his/her senior year.