### Course Description

The Acting Internship (AI) is a comprehensive clinical experience designed to provide the student with increased responsibilities for the assessment and management of patients. Students are integrated into the health care team and will have primary responsibility for the patient’s care under close supervision. The Acting Intern will experience the roles and responsibilities of an intern on the team. The purpose of this AI is to provide the senior medical student a solid foundation for understanding the evaluation, resuscitation, surgical management, and critical care principles required for care of the traumatically injured patient. Through this exposure the student will learn the skills needed to direct trauma resuscitations. These skills easily translate into the ability to effectively direct medical, pediatric, surgical, and obstetric emergencies.

### Course Objectives

- Identify the mechanisms of traumatic injury and injury patterns
- Describe and discuss principles of primary acute trauma management
- Understand the end points of damage control resuscitation in traumatically injured patients.
- Learn the rationale of operative vs. nonoperative management of solid organ injury.
- Correctly apply both surgical decision-making and procedural skills in a clinical setting
- Develop post-injury care management plans
- Learn how a collaborative team cares for the multi-injured trauma patient across multiple specialties.

### Course Activities

The student will function as an acting intern on the trauma surgical team. This entails demonstration of patient ownership (knowing pre-hospital illnesses, current patient data, therapeutic plans, and procedures).

### Course Schedule Requirements

Overnight call is required on this rotation.

| Duration  | 4 weeks |
| Location  | Vidant Medical Center |
| Designation | Acting Internship, Elective |
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