

Flex Week Proposal:

Title	Interprofessional Teamwork in the OR: Fostering the Surgeon-Anesthesiologist Collaboration	
Experience Category [bold your category]	Clinical shadowing Research-related Community Service Other:	Professional Enrichment Courses (PECs) Professional Development Wellness
Goal	The goal of this flex week experience is to expose medical students early on in their training to the nature of the surgeon-anesthesiologist collaboration in the modern day OR. Historically, communication gaps between surgeons and anesthesiologists have been detrimental to overall team performance and suboptimal for patient care, especially in emergent situations. Through a number of teamwork simulation cases, students will learn the importance of the surgeon-anesthesiologist collaboration and will ideally carry these insights with them into their respective careers of choice.	
Brief Description	Students participating in the flex week experience will report to WISER and will be divided into either “Surgeons” or “Anesthesiologists” at the beginning of the week based on their intended specialty of choice. Under the guidance of residents, students will work through a number of cases aimed at fostering the surgeon-anesthesiologist collaboration. Halfway through the flex week, students will switch groups to obtain a sense of the other professional perspective. Students will also be responsible for light asynchronous reading and video material.	
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Department	University of Pittsburgh Department of Anesthesiology and Perioperative Medicine	
Capacity (# students)	24 students	
Location	WISER Simulation Institute	
Reporting Info/First Day Location	Students will report to the WISER Institute (230 McKee Pl 3rd Floor, Pittsburgh, PA 15213) lobby at 8 AM	
Maximum # of students	24	
Minimum # of students	4	

MS1 (Class of 2028)			
Week	Start Date (Mon)	End Date (Fri)	Available?
5	TUE 9/3/2024	9/6/2024	N
12	TUE 10/22/2024	10/25/2024	Y (primary preference)
26	1/27/2025	1/31/2025	Y
30	2/24/2025	2/28/2025	Y
59	9/16/2025	9/20/2025	Y
MS2 (Class of 2027)			
Week	Start Date (Mon)	End Date (Fri)	Available?
59	9/16/24	9/20/24	N
70	12/2/2025	12/6/2025	N

Weekly Schedule (5 hours/day with 2 hours synchronous activity; Avg. 25 hours per week)

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
AM	8 AM- 12 PM	8 AM- 12 PM	8 AM- 12 PM	8 AM- 12 PM	8 AM- 12 PM
PM	1 PM- 2 PM (asynchronous video or reading material)	1 PM- 2 PM (asynchronous video or reading material)	1 PM- 2 PM (asynchronous video or reading material)	1 PM- 2 PM (asynchronous video or reading material)	1 PM- 2 PM (asynchronous video or reading material)

Please be as descriptive as possible as schedule will be made available to students

<p>Schedule splitting:</p> <p>Would it be possible for students to take SOME of the weekly schedule (e.g., just mornings or just a few half-days), or would you prefer that a student take the schedule in its entirety?</p> <p>[bold your choice]</p>	<p>Partial OK</p> <p>Full required</p>
<p>If so above, please designate which parts of your schedule this would impact</p>	<p>In our flex week, students will switch teams halfway through the week so students wishing to</p>

	participate can join M-W or W-F if they cannot make the full week. Our preference is that students attend the full week to obtain the full experience pre and post team switches.
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