I. Introduction

The transformation of dedicated Medical Students into superb General Surgeons is the prime goal of this Department and all aspects related to its activities and mission are centered around the training of you as a surgical resident. This is a unique and somewhat daunting task that must have commitment by the faculty and residents as well as a structured objective manual to guide us in our endeavors.

We must work together to undertake and combine all opportunities of educational support systems to help you acquire an enormous body of knowledge encompassing the clinical and basic science of surgery, the development of technical skills and above all, the mastery of superb clinical judgment that is fashioned around a professional approach to your patients and their families.

During your training the time you have on your own is perhaps the most precious commodity, vital not only to your personal development in your relationship with your family, friends, etc. but also time to structure your educational environment. This is also time to develop your professional goals.

This manual is essential to your understanding of our expectations of your time as a resident as well as hopefully a time to structure and to provide opportunities to give the foundation for experience in life-long learning.

Should you come in contact with or stumble across aspects that are not addressed within this manual, please bring this to our attention immediately. This should be brought to the attention of the Chairman and/or the Program Director and/or the Program Coordinator.