GOALS AND OBJECTIVES
Mission: To give the visiting resident a concentrated experience in robotic urologic surgery, including case observations and exposure to hands-on training as a template for further skill development. The one-week experience will encourage residents to pursue integration of robotic surgical techniques into their future practices and ease their adoption of robotic surgery by providing resources for their further growth after the experience.

CANDIDATES
Preference will be given to residents in their last year of training to facilitate retention of information and skills gained from the experience as they begin their practices. Residents training at programs with less exposure to robotic surgery will be given priority. A maximum of one to two residents will visit per month to maximize the quality of the experience. A brief application will be requested of residents wanting to participate.

ACCOMODATIONS
Through educational grant funding, this program is offered at no cost to participants, and hotel accommodations will be provided at no charge as well. Therefore, participants will be required to pay for their travel to get to Columbus and to the hotel. A Twenty-five dollar meal card will be provided for the week to use within the hospital and one dinner reception or breakfast with faculty. All other meals will be at the participant’s expense.

CURRICULUM
Clinical:
1. The visiting resident will observe a variety of 10-15 robotic urologic procedures. Procedures will include prostatectomy, renal, cystectomy and reconstructive procedures depending on scheduling.
2. The visiting resident will have the ability to observe several urologic surgeons to learn multiple approaches and techniques for robotic urologic procedures.
3. The visiting resident will have the opportunity if desired to see patients postoperatively on hospital wards to develop an understanding for perioperative management of robotic surgical patients.

Hands-On:
1. The visiting resident will have the opportunity to be exposed to a validated program in laparoscopic skills and suturing if not already trained in standard laparoscopy.
2. The visiting resident will begin robotic training with an introduction to the components of the robotic surgical system and its operation with troubleshooting.
3. The visiting resident will train in operation of the robot from the console in a dry lab setting.
4. Depending on availability, the visiting resident will be given the opportunity to train in a porcine model in our robotic surgical training animal lab.

FACULTY
Program Director: Geoffrey Box, M.D. (Robotic General Urology and Oncology)
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CLINICAL VOLUME
The Ohio State University Medical Center and James Cancer Hospital has four clinical robotic systems and one training robot. The majority of case volume is within the field of Urology. Approximately 10-15 robotic cases are performed weekly within the department of urology.
TIME ALLOCATION
The duration of the visiting program will be one week. The visiting resident will spend 3-4 days in the operating room with faculty and 2-3 days in hands-on training depending on duration of stay (M-F).

APPLICATION
Any interested candidates must complete the questionnaire. Please provide a copy of your CV and a brief letter of support from the resident’s chair or program director. Send application information to Heidi Pieper at Heidi.Pieper@osumc.edu. The deadline for submission is October 15, 2013 for the 2013-2014 academic year.

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