Medical Expert
The learner should:
• Develop clinical assessment skills of the acute abdomen
• Develop differential diagnoses for sentinel general surgical presentations
• Develop recognition of the acute abdomen
• Develop recognition of acute surgical conditions
• Develop skills in managing the traumatized victim (if at a trauma centre)
• Develop skills in identifying and managing common general surgical problems
The learner should gain knowledge of, and where applicable, experience in:
• The uses and techniques of diagnostic peritoneal lavage
The learner should seek to gain experience in the following technical skills:
• Central venous access
• Tube thoracostomy
• Incision and drainage
• FAST ultrasound

Communicator
The learner should develop communication skills to:
• Communicate effectively with patients and families
• Keep accurate and efficient records

Collaborator
The learner should strive to:
• Recognize the roles of and interact effectively with other physicians and health care workers

Leader
The learner should strive to:
• Develop awareness of appropriate use of health care resources
• Develop team leadership skills

Health Advocate
The learner should strive to:
• Understand when and how to advocate appropriate on behalf of patients
• Understand the determinants of health and their impact on patients

Scholar
The learner should develop:
• Proficiency in critical appraisal of general surgical literature, as applicable
• The ability to apply current literature into daily practice

**Professional**

The learner should:
• Demonstrate integrity and honesty
• Demonstrate compassion and respect in all patient encounters
• Learn and apply ethical principles appropriately
• Be aware of personal limitations and seek assistance when appropriate