

## Dear Incoming Interns,

There are multiple sources you can use for surgical textbooks and reading. Lane library has the vast majority on-line. If you are willing to do most of your reading on-line, there is little need to purchase textbooks anymore. The textbooks are accessed most easily by going to lane.stanford.edu and typing in keywords into the search bar. The keywords for the major texts are italicized below.

### Major Texts:

- Sabiston* (good overview of surgical disease with emphasis on basic science)
- Greenfield* (also a good overview, tends to be slightly more practical than Sabiston)
- Norton Surgery* (a broad evidence-based review of surgery by our own Chief)
- Mastery of Surgery* (the quintessential book for upper levels preparing for cases...never too early to start though)
- Maingot's* (a useful detailed text of abdominal operations; weak on visuals)

An important text not found in our online catalog is Cameron's Current Surgical Therapy, which is a good clinical resource, often used for consults and board study. It is weaker on the basic science review but gives a succinct summary of disease processes and surgical management.

### Other books (searchable keywords are italicized):

A very useful atlas is *Zollinger's Atlas*, which can be found in Lane on-line but typing in *Zollinger's*. Some of the operative schematics are not exactly how we do things, but the atlas gives you a very good overview of key steps and pitfalls in various procedures.

*AccessSurgery*, which can be typed in just like that, is an online resource provided by Lane with several textbooks and question books. It attempts rather poorly to collate the material into a curriculum. It does have Felciano's Trauma book. It also has Schwartz' Principles of Surgery, which is the weakest of the main basic science texts.

*ASCRS Textbook* yields the American Society of colon and rectal surgery's textbook on colorectal surgery. This is particularly helpful resource when preparing for that service.

*ICU Book* yields the famed Marino The ICU Book or the blue book. It is quite helpful early on by providing a foundation in the practicalities of critical care.

*Khatri* yields a concise operative surgical manual that covers most of the procedures you might do or be involved in as an intern. It does not give much background on the procedure but does cover the important steps. It provides this almost in a dictation style format.

Of course, the library has nearly full on-line access to the most referenced surgical journals. It is important to remember to sign in from home or in-house to retrieve the articles.

**Other resources:**

Finally, the SCORE portal ([portal.surgicalcore.org](http://portal.surgicalcore.org)) provides an ongoing attempt to organize a general surgery curriculum. There is a lot of good content on the site, but it remains a work in progress. Some of the most valuable part of SCORE remain the partial access to STATDx, which is an online radiology learning tool.

**ABSITE Study:**

The ABSITE Review Book by Steve Fiser is the most helpful, concise book regarding the ABSITE. It contains almost all of the most tested material. It packs a lot of information into a small space, so starting studying a month or so in advance is advised to do well on the ABSITE.

**The more you read, the more prepared you are and the more enjoyable residency (including internship) will be.**