

# General Surgery Residency Department of Surgery



# ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL HOSPITAL

- Far Rockaway, NY
- Community hospital
- 240 beds
- >400 physicians





- Major teaching community hospital
- Affiliated Medical Schools
  - Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine
  - American University of the Caribbean
  - William Carey University College of Osteopathic Medicine
  - Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine

# MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the General Surgical Residency Program at St. John's is to produce well-educated, high-quality residents who excel in general surgery or can advance to surgical specialty fellowships. Our goals are to train and educate physicians who have clinical skills and humanistic qualities necessary to become well-rounded general surgeons. The training program is a fully ACGME accredited 5-year program that offers 20 positions. Our residency program provides a wealth of clinical and operative experience, a diverse house staff and faculty interested in teaching. Our combined hospitals' rotating sites are a rich and varied source of patients, illnesses, and care settings, making for comprehensive training. St. John's entire surgical staff is dedicated to providing surgical residents with educational and clinical opportunities with high patient volume and hands-on experience. The Ambulatory Care Center is very active with practices in General Surgery, ENT, Orthopedics, GYN, Breast Screening, and Thoracic Cardiovascular Surgery. St. John's Episcopal Hospital is an equal opportunity employer. Please review this information carefully and apply through the Electronic Residency Application Program (ERAS).

Thank you for your interest in our residency program.

# Department of Surgery Chairman

## **Sheldon Genack, MD, FACS**

Chief of Otolaryngology (ENT), Head & Neck Surgery  
Facial Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery

- Medical School: SUNY Health Science Center
- Internship: Beth Israel Medical Center, New York, NY
- Residency: SUNY Health Science Center, Syracuse, NY
- Fellowships:
  - Facial Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery – Shadyside Hospital, Pittsburgh, PA
  - Facial Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery – University of Illinois, Chicago, IL



# Faculty

## **Dmitriy Kim, DO, FACS**

Chief of General Surgery, General Surgery Residency Program Director, Clinical Professor at Ross University School of Medicine, and Adjunct Clinical Assistant Professor at Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine

- Medical School: NYIT College of Osteopathic Medicine
- Residency: General Surgery – Flushing Hospital Medical Center



## **Delcasse Joseph, MD, FACS**

General and Colorectal Surgery and Surgery Clerkship Director

- Medical School: Drexel University School of Medicine
- Residency: Queens Hospital Center
- Fellowship: St. Vincent Medical Center



# Faculty

## **Sharon Koehler, DO, FACS**

Breast Surgical Oncology

- Medical School: New York College of Osteopathic Medicine
- Residency: Brookdale Hospital
- Fellowship: Mount Sinai (St. Luke's Roosevelt)



## **Suresh Nahata, MD**

Vascular and Endovascular Surgery

- Medical School: NRS Medical College, Kolkata, India
- Residency: Maimonides Medical Center and Nassau University Medical Center
- Fellowship: Maimonides Medical Center



# Faculty

## **Ali Safavi, MD, ASST**

Thoracic and Cardiothoracic Surgery, and Clinical Professor of Surgery at Columbia University Medical Center

- Medical School: Keck School of Medicine of the University of South California
- Residency: Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai/Morningside/West and Boston University Medical Center
- Fellowship: Loma Linda University Health Education Consortium and Beth Israel Medical Center





# General Surgery Program Coordinator



## **Michael Pearsall, C-TAGME**

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# Affiliated Hospitals

- St. John's Episcopal Hospital, Far Rockaway, NY
- New York Presbyterian Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital
  - Pediatric Surgery
- New York Presbyterian/Columbia University Medical Center
  - Transplant Surgery
- Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center
  - Surgical Oncology
- Nassau University Medical Center – East Meadow, NY
  - Trauma/SICU and Burn Surgery
- Mount Sinai Brooklyn
  - MIS/Bariatric & Robotic General Surgery



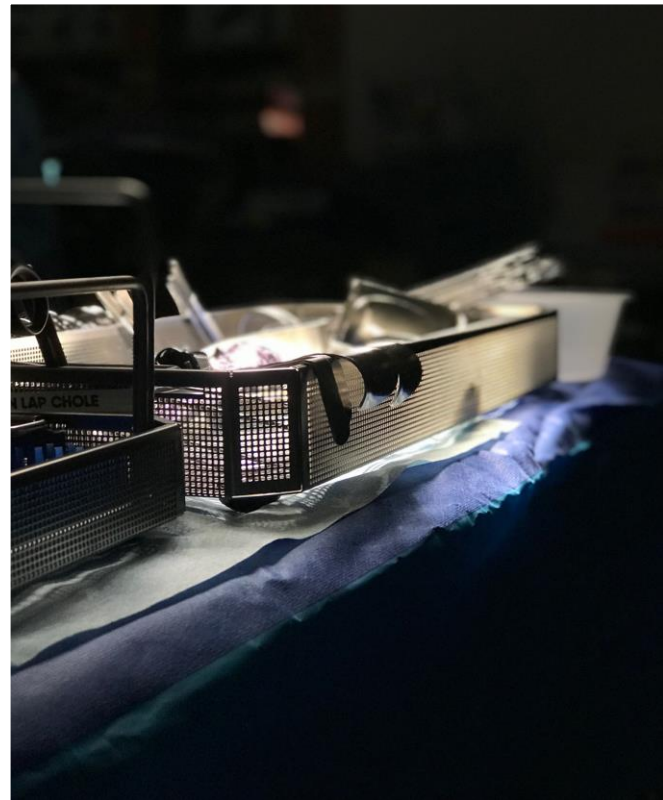
# GENERAL SURGERY TRAINING

- \* Weekly conferences
- \* National conferences
- \* M&M meeting
- \* Grand rounds
- \* Workshops
- \* Tumor board
- \* ABSITE review
- \* FES/FLS
- \* Resident and attending presentations
- \* Daily rounds education
- \* Clinic/office
- \* Radiology review
- \* Quality improvement
- \* Academic research
- \* Board review



# GENERAL SURGERY TRAINING

- General Surgery
- MIS/Bariatric Surgery
- Breast Surgery
- Colorectal Surgery
- Vascular Surgery
- Thoracic Surgery
- Pediatric Surgery
- Transplant Surgery
- Burn Surgery
- Gastroenterology
- SICU
- Surgical Oncology
- Trauma Surgery
- Wound Care



# GENERAL SURGERY TRAINING

- **Grand Rounds:** Our program hosts a guest lecturer to present information related to their field. This ranges from a medical specialty, specific extraordinary cases, legal and financial information within the medical field, wellness and health of medical professionals, among others. This is a CME approved activity.
- **Tumor Board:** Held once per quarter. This meeting details cases performed within the hospital involving residents in our program. Presentations go over the nature of these cases, the patient's historical information as it relates, and a breakdown of the performance of the case itself, all with discussion, notes, and relevant background of the procedures by the attendings. This is a CME approved activity and a Quality Improvement item via guidelines of the ACGME. It is a multidisciplinary lecture attended by the operating surgeons, radiologists, oncologists, and pathologists.
- **SCORE Curriculum:** Our program provides access to the SCORE educational modules and True learn. As part of the educational meetings, residents will cover modules to go over questions, compare notes, and conduct a group discussion on the answers.
- **Journal Club:** Once a month, residents present a series of published medical articles for review and discussion.

# GENERAL SURGERY TRAINING



# Resident Life

- Morning sign out at 6:00AM
- Morning report at 7:45AM
- 6AM to 6AM in house 24 hour calls
- Consults and operative experience
- Weekly Clinic/Office
- Weekly Friday Education Conferences 7AM to 11AM
- Monthly Skills Lab, Tumor Board, M&M, Journal Club, and Grand Rounds

# Benefits

- Full coverage
  - Health insurance
  - Dental insurance
  - Optical insurance
  - Prescription medical plans
- \$1500 yearly educational stipend
- \$1000 yearly conference allowance
- White coats & scrubs
- 4 weeks vacation (paid)
- 12 sick days and 4 personal days
- More information can be found at this [link](#)



*\*Note: expect for yearly variation*



# CIR CONTRACT Agreement



**Collective Bargaining  
Agreement [Click here](#)**

# Salary

PGY	Last years starting salaries	11/1/2022	11/2/2023	11/1/2024
1	\$75,132.16	\$80,391.41	\$85,214.89	\$89,475.63
2	\$80,565.10	\$86,204.66	\$91,376.94	\$95,945.79
3	\$86,885.22	\$92,967.19	\$98,545.22	\$103,472.48
4	\$90,359.91	\$96,685.10	\$102,486.21	\$107,610.52
5	\$93,975.49	\$100,553.77	\$106,587.00	\$111,916.35
6	\$97,744.21	\$104,586.30	\$110,861.48	\$116,404.55

# RESIDENT WELLNESS PROGRAM

Our residency program has developed resources and initiatives to focus on holistic resident well being.



# Current General Surgery Residents

## PGY- 5



An Guo Michael Chin, DO, MPH, MS



Craig Biegel, DO, MS



Judy Wong, MD, MPH



Isac Buff, DO



Umair Haider, MD, MS

## PGY- 4



Lauren Bishop, MD



Masaru Fujimoto, MD



Michael Zornes, DO, MS



Andrew Lehman, DO, MPH

## PGY- 3



Maria Sava, DO



Nathan Kang, DO



Chris Abdo, MD



Gagandeep Samra, MD

## PGY- 2



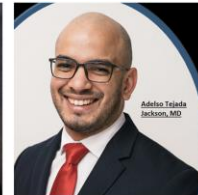
Valerie Fiore, DO



Zachary Onkeo, MD



Patricia Palanca, DO



Adolfo Tejada Jackson, MD

## PGY- 1



Saeed Vazirian, MD



Clara Straus, DO



Brent Hochstein, DO



Scott Walter, MD

# St John's Episcopal Hospital General Surgery Residency Program - FAQ

- How can I submit my application?
  - All applications to our program must be submitted through ERAS
- What are your program's application requirements?
  - Each cycle our program wishes to open applications to as wide a group as possible. We believe that strict requirements have the potential to dissuade or prevent an otherwise attractive candidate from entering our review pool. As such, our application requirements are as follows:
    - 3 Letters of Recommendation
    - Curriculum Vitae (CV)
    - Personal Statement
    - Medical School Graduate – Transcripts and Diploma
    - Completion of Step 1 and Step 2 USMLE/COMLEX
    - We accept graduates from AOA and LCME accredited medical schools
    - We accept International Medical Graduates (IMGs) with proof of valid ECFMG certification
- Additional Application FAQ
  - We do not require prior residency training for PGY1 positions
  - We do not have a minimum exam score requirement beyond completion of step 1 and 2
  - We offer digital options for interviews – typically Google Meets or Zoom
  - *Not a requirement but we highly encourage to rotate with us*

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# Alumni

- Class of 2024
  - Aneesh Penukonda: Cosmetic Surgery Fellowship (FI)
  - Linda Stewart: Surgical Critical Care/Trauma Fellowship at Lehigh Valley Hospital (PA)
  - Sohayla Rostami:
    - John's Hopkins Burn/Surgical Critical Care Fellowship (MD)
    - SICU Director at Nassau University Medical Center (NY)
- Class of 2023
  - Cecilia Nguyen:
    - Surgical Critical Care/Trauma Fellowship at Mount Sinai (NY)
    - Trauma/Acute Care Surgery at Emory/Grady Memorial (GA)
  - Julia Porter:
    - New Life Cosmetic Surgery Fellowship (NY)
    - Cosmetic Surgeon at Avana Plastic Surgery (FI)
  - Eloise Rogers:
    - Surgical Critical Care/ACS Fellowship (University of Rochester)
    - Trauma/SICU Faculty at Penn State (PA)





# Questions?



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