

GENERAL SURGERY PROGRAM

Leadership and Core Faculty



Alicia Mangram, MD, FACS

Program Director

Specialty: Trauma Surgery, Surgical Critical Care

Medical School: Meharry Medical College

Residency: University of Texas Health Science Center, Houston, TX

Fellowship: Surgical Critical Care – University of Texas Health Science Center, Houston, TX and Trauma/Critical Care – East Texas Medical Center, Tyler, TX



Luis Hashimoto, MD, PhD, FACS

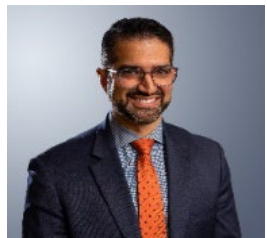
Associate Director, Core Faculty

Specialty: General Surgery

Medical School: San Marcos National University School of Medicine

Residency: General Surgery – Loayza Hospital, Lima, Peru and The Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, OH

Fellowship: Liver – First Department of Surgery, Member of the Liver Research Group, Tohoku University, Sendai City



Varun Chakravorty, MD

Simulation Director, Core Faculty

Specialty: General Surgery

Medical School: St. George's University School of Medicine

Residency: General Surgery – St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston, NJ



Gabriel Mekel, MD, FACS

Core Faculty

Specialty: General Surgery, Minimally Invasive and Bariatric Surgery

Medical School: Luis Razetti School of Medicine, Universidad Central de Valenzuela

Residency: General Surgery – Drexel University College of Medicine/Hahnemann University Hospital, Philadelphia, PA and Saint Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston, NJ

Fellowship: Advanced GI, Minimally Invasive and Bariatric Surgery – Geisinger Medical Center, Danville, PA



Roozbeh Rassadi, MD, FACS

Core Faculty, Site Director – JCL

Specialty: General Surgery

Medical School: Tehran University of Medical Sciences

Residency: General Surgery – Drexel University College of Medicine

Fellowship: Upper GI/Hepatobiliary Surgery – Methodist Dallas Medical Center, Dallas, TX



Joseph Sucher, MD, FACS

Core Faculty, Site Director – DV

Specialty: Trauma Surgery, Surgical Critical Care

Medical School: University of Missouri School of Medicine

Residency: General Surgery – University of Texas Health Science Center, Houston, TX

Fellowship: Acute Care Surgery and Surgical Critical Care, University of Texas Houston Health Sciences Center – Houston, TX

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Faculty



Hasan Aldailami, MD, MBA, MS, FACS

Faculty, Program Director – Vascular Surgery Fellowship HonorHealth

Specialty: Vascular Surgery

Medical School: Weill Cornell Medicine in Qatar

Residency: General Surgery – New York Presbyterian Hospital – Weill Cornell Medicine, New York, NY

Fellowship: Vascular Surgery - New York Presbyterian Hospital – Weill Cornell Medicine and Columbia Medical Center, New York, NY



Frank Bauer, MD, FACS

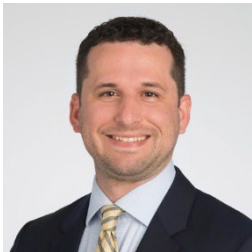
Faculty, Program Director – Surgical Critical Care Fellowship HonorHealth

Specialty: Trauma Surgery, Surgical Critical Care

Medical School: University of Rochester School of Medicine & Dentistry

Residency: General Surgery – Saint Joseph Hospital, Denver, CO

Fellowship: Surgical Critical Care – UT Southwestern Parkland Memorial Hospital, Dallas, TX



Panagiotis Bletsis, MD, FACS

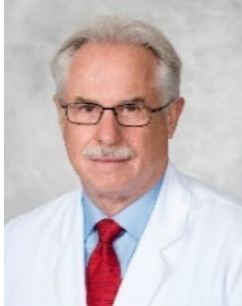
Faculty

Specialty: Endocrine Surgery, General Surgery

Medical School: Indiana University School of Medicine

Residency: General Surgery – University of Arizona College of Medicine – Phoenix, Phoenix, AZ

Fellowship: Endocrine Surgery – Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, OH



Bruce Davis, MD

Faculty

Specialty: General Surgery

Medical School: University of Illinois Health Science Center

Residency: General Surgery – National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, MD



Curtis Erickson, MD

Faculty

Specialty: Vascular Surgery

Medical School: University of Arkansas College of Medicine

Residency: General Surgery – University Hospital of Arkansas, Little Rock, AR

Fellowship: Vascular Surgery – Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI



Brad Faliks, MD, FACS

Faculty

Specialty: Trauma Surgery, Surgical Critical Care

Medical School: Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell

Residency: General Surgery – Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell, New Hyde Park, NY

Fellowship: Surgical Critical Care - Stanford University Medical Center, Stanford, CA



Peter Ferrara, MD, FACS

Faculty

Specialty: General Surgery, Surgical Oncology

Medical School: New York University School of Medicine

Residency: General Surgery – State University of New York at Stony Brook, Stony Brook, NY

Fellowship: Surgical Oncology – The Ohio State University Hospitals, Columbus, OH



Richard Gillespie, MD, FACS

Faculty, Site Director - Ca

Specialty: Cardiothoracic Surgery

Medical School: New York University School of Medicine

Residency: General Surgery – University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas, TX

Fellowship: Thoracic Surgery – Carolinas Medical Center, Charlotte, NC



DJ Green, MD, FACS

Faculty

Specialty: Trauma Surgery, Surgical Critical Care

Medical School: University of Washington

Residency: General Surgery – University of Arizona Health Sciences Center, Tucson, AZ

Fellowship: Surgical Critical Care – Los Angeles County, University of California Medical School, Los Angeles, CA



Helen Hall, MD, FACS, FASCRS

Faculty

Specialty: Colorectal Surgery

Medical School: Medical College of Wisconsin

Residency: General Surgery – Cooper University Hospital, Camden, NJ

Fellowship: Colorectal – St. Vincent's Hospital, Erie, PA



Jamie Harris, MD

Faculty, Site Director – PCH

Specialty: Pediatric Surgery

Medical School: University of Arizona College of Medicine

Residency: General Surgery – Rush University Medical Center

Fellowship: Pediatric Surgery – Lurie Children's Hospital, Chicago, IL



Scott Hillmann, MD, FACS

Faculty

Specialty: General Surgery, Vascular Surgery

Medical School: George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Science

Residency: General Surgery - Rhode Island Hospital/Brown University, Providence, RI

Fellowship: Vascular Surgery – Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center, Phoenix, AZ



Qaali Hussein, MD, FACS

Faculty

Specialty: Trauma Surgery, Surgical Critical Care

Medical School: University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston

Residency: General Surgery - Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX

Fellowship: Surgical Critical Care - Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX



Meghann Kaiser, MD

Faculty

Specialty: Trauma Surgery, Surgical Critical Care

Medical School: University of California Irvine

Residency: General Surgery – University of California Irvine, Irvine, CA

Fellowship: Surgical Critical Care – University of Maryland Medical System, Baltimore, MD



Andrew Kassir, MD, FACS, FASCRS, FRCSI

Faculty

Specialty: Colon & Rectal Surgery

Medical School: Royal College of Surgeons Ireland

Residency: General Surgery – Maricopa Medical Center, Phoenix, AZ

Fellowship: Colon & Rectal Surgery – Colon & Rectal Clinic of Orlando, FL



John Kepros, MD, MBA, CPE

Faculty

Specialty: Trauma Surgery, Surgical Critical Care

Medical School: University of Iowa

Residency: General Surgery – Michigan State University, Lansing, MI

Fellowship: Surgical Critical Care – Yale University School of Medicine, New Haven, CT



Zain Khalpey, MD, PhD, FACS

Faculty

Specialty: Cardiothoracic Surgery

Medical School: King's and St Thomas School of Medicine, London, England

Residency: General Surgery – Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston, MA

Fellowship: Thoracic Surgery – Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston, MA



Erin Kloos, MD

Faculty

Specialty: General Surgery

Medical School: University of Arizona College of Medicine

Residency: General Surgery – Banner University Medical Center, Phoenix, AZ



Hoang Lim, DO

Faculty

Specialty: Trauma Surgery, Surgical Critical Care

Medical School: Midwestern University – Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine

Residency: General Surgery - Mercy St. Vincent's Medical Center, Medical College of Ohio, Toledo, OH

Fellowship: Surgical Critical Care, Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, OH



Helen Markowski, MD
Faculty

Specialty: Trauma Surgery, Surgical Critical Care
Medical School: Medical University of South Carolina
Residency: General Surgery – University of South Alabama, Mobile, AL
Fellowship: Surgical Critical Care – University of Texas Health Sciences Center - San Antonio, San Antonio, TX



Mytia McNeal, MD
Faculty

Specialty: General Surgery, Trauma Surgery
Medical School: Wayne State School of Medicine
Residency: General Surgery – Loyola University Medical Center, Maywood, IL



Christopher Mellon, MD
Faculty, Clerkship Director

Specialty: Trauma Surgery, Surgical Critical Care
Medical School: Midwestern University – Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine
Residency: General Surgery – Creighton University School of Medicine – Phoenix, Phoenix, AZ
Fellowship: Surgical Critical Care – HonorHealth, Scottsdale, AZ



Adam Mina, DO
Faculty

Specialty: Trauma Surgery, Surgical Critical Care
Medical School: Western University of Health Sciences, College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific
Residency: General Surgery - Rowan School of Medicine, Jefferson Health, Virtua Health, Stratford, NJ
Fellowship: Surgical Critical Care - Cooper University Hospital, Camden, NJ



Mark Molitor, MD
Faculty

Specialty: Pediatric Surgery, Surgical Critical Care
Medical School: University of Arizona College of Medicine, Tucson, AZ
Residency: General Surgery - Arizona Health Sciences Center, Tucson, AZ
Fellowship: Surgical Critical Care – University of Michigan Hospitals, Ann Arbor, MI
Fellowship: Pediatric Surgery – Primary Children’s Medical Center, Salt Lake City, UT



Paul Montanarella, MD
Faculty

Specialty: Anesthesia
Medical School: Universidad Autónoma de Guadalajara, Guadalajara
Residency: Internal Medicine – Highland Hospital, Rochester, NY
Residency: Anesthesia – New York Medical College - Flower Fifth Avenue Hospital, Valhalla, NY



Kei Nagatomo, DO, FACS
Faculty

Specialty: General Surgery, Complex/Advanced GI Surgery
Medical School: AT Still University Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine
Residency: General Surgery - Lankenau Medical Center, Wynnewood, PA
Fellowship: Complex/Advanced GI Surgery – Richardson Methodist Medical Center, Richardson, TX



Kaveh Najafi, DO, FACS
Faculty, Site Director – OSB

Specialty: Trauma Surgery, Surgical Critical Care, Acute Care Surgery
Medical School: Touro University College of Osteopathic Medicine
Residency: General Surgery - Wyckoff Heights Medicine Center, Brooklyn, NY
Fellowship: Surgical Critical Care – University of California, Irvine School of Medicine, Orange, CA



David Notrica, MD, FACS, FAAP
Faculty

Specialty: Pediatric Surgery
Medical School: Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, GA
Residency: General Surgery – Emory University Hospital, Atlanta, GA
Fellowship: Pediatric Surgery – Baylor College of Medicine, Texas Children’s Hospital, Houston, TX



Chirag Patel, MD, FACS
Faculty

Specialty: Thoracic Surgery
Medical School: University of Arizona College of Medicine
Residency: General Surgery - St. Joseph’s Hospital, Phoenix, AZ
Fellowship: Thoracic Surgery – Washington University School of Medicine/Barnes-Jewish Hospital, St. Louis, MO



Laura Prokuski, MD
Faculty

Specialty: Orthopedic Surgery
Medical School: University of Iowa College of Medicine
Residency: Orthopedic Surgery - University of Iowa College of Medicine, Iowa City, Iowa
Fellowship: Orthopedic Trauma - R. Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center, University of Maryland Medical System, Baltimore, Maryland



Venkatesan Ramaiah, MD, FACS
Faculty

Specialty: Vascular Surgery
Medical School: Grant Medical College, University of Mumbai
Residency: General Surgery – Episcopal Hospital/Temple University Health System, Philadelphia, PA
Fellowship: Vascular Surgery – Arizona Heart Institute, Phoenix, AZ



Mohan Ramalingam, MD
Faculty

Specialty: General Surgery, Minimally Invasive and Bariatric Surgery
Medical School: National University of Singapore
Residency: General Surgery – Banner Good Samaritan Medical Center, Phoenix, AZ
Fellowship: Minimally Invasive Surgery & Bariatric Surgery – University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, Miami, FL



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Faculty

Specialty: Vascular Surgery
Medical School: Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University
Residency: Vascular Surgery – Stony Brook Medicine, Stony Brook, NY



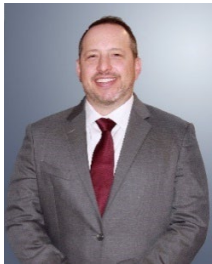
Robert Riley, MD

Faculty

Specialty: Thoracic & Cardiovascular Surgery

Medical School: Virginia Commonwealth University, School of Medicine

Residency: Thoracic Surgery – Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center, Winston-Salem, NC



Scott Sholem, MD

Faculty

Specialty: Trauma Surgery, Surgical Critical Care

Medical School: Midwestern University – Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine

Residency: General Surgery – St. Joseph's University Medical Center,

Fellowship: Surgical Critical Care – Christiana Care Health System, Newark, DE



Anand Tarpara, MD

Faculty

Specialty: Vascular Surgery

Medical School: Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine

Residency: General Surgery – Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, Lubbock, TX

Fellowship: Vascular Surgery – Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University



Bianca Vazquez, MD, FACS

Faculty

Specialty: Endocrine Surgery

Medical School: Ponce School of Medicine

Residency: General Surgery - University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio, TX

Fellowship: Endocrine Surgery – Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN



Alex Westerband, MD

Faculty

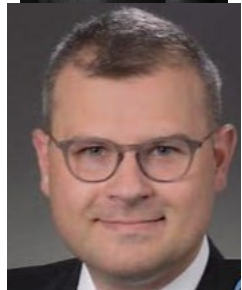
Specialty: Vascular Surgery, General Surgery

Medical School: Université d'Etat d'Haïti Faculté de Médecine et de Pharmacie

Residency: General Surgery – Long Island Jewish Medical Center, New Hyde Park, NY, and

General Surgery – Case Western Reserve University Hospitals, Cleveland, OH

Fellowship: Vascular Surgery – University of Arizona Health Sciences Center, Tucson, AZ



Charles Wojnarski, MD

Faculty

Specialty: Thoracic Surgery and Cardiovascular Surgery

Medical School: Jagiellonian University Medical College

Residency: General Surgery – Case Western Reserve University/University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center, Cleveland, OH

Fellowship: Thoracic Surgery, Duke University Hospitals, Durham, NC

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