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Dear Applicants,

Congratulations on reaching your final year of medical school! We are so excited that you have chosen to pursue a career in general surgery and welcome your interest in the MedStar Georgetown University-Washington Hospital Center surgical residency program. Both surgical departments in our combined program have a long tradition of excellence, training hundreds of surgeons over the past 150 years who have become department chairs, presidents of national surgical societies, and leaders in Research, Global Surgery, Surgical Education, and Health Policy.

Our program matches ten categorical residents each year, and resident education is the program's top priority. We rotate between MedStar Georgetown University Hospital, MedStar Washington Hospital Center, Virginia Hospital Center, and Children's National Medical Center. Residents are exposed to the operating room early in their intern year and consistently throughout their training with graduated levels of autonomy. As a PGY-2, you will care for critically ill patients in the surgical ICU and receive in-depth training in the care of burn patients – a unique aspect of our program. As a PGY-3, you will develop confidence in evaluating complex surgical consults and performing increasingly advanced operations. Your PGY-4 and Chief years focus on developing your independence in and out of the operating room, honing operative skills, and building leadership abilities. Chief residents in our program function as junior attendings.

The quality of a surgical residency is best measured by its product - the graduated residents. We are proud that our graduates consistently match to prestigious fellowships countrywide. Our diverse training exposes residents to multiple fields, including Trauma, Burn, Endocrine, Pediatric, Oncologic, Vascular, Plastic, Cardiothoracic, Minimally Invasive/Bariatric, Transplant and Colorectal surgery. This comprehensive experience thoroughly prepares residents for fellowship training or general practice – whatever path they choose.

While you have many outstanding programs to consider, some things that set MGUH/MWHC apart are the curriculum, the people, and the location. Our flexible training program includes additional elective time, enabling residents to customize their training to their specific goals. Our nurturing and inclusive faculty not only educate, but mentor. Our location in the nation's capital provides rich professional and cultural opportunities. Lastly, our truly resident-centered program empowers chief residents to govern the residency jointly with the program director.

We are all proud to train here and wholeheartedly recommend this program to you. We hope you will strongly consider us and wish you all the best as you embark on the next phase in your medical career!

Sincerely,

The Chief Class of 2027