

Dear Applicants,

Congratulations for completing medical school and for choosing to pursue a general surgery residency! We welcome your interest in the Medstar Georgetown University-Washington Hospital Center surgical residency program. Both surgical residency programs at Georgetown University and Washington Hospital Center have a long tradition of excellence. Each has trained 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.

We are excited that this will be the first year of a combined residency of Georgetown University and Washington Hospital Center. Our new program combines the strengths of both programs to provide a comprehensive surgical experience. Our residency will accept ten categorical residents each year to rotate between Georgetown University Hospital, Washington Hospital Center, Children's National Medical Center, and two other institutions in Virginia and Maryland.

The process of educating a surgical resident is given the greatest priority. Residents are exposed to the operating room in their intern year and consistently throughout their training. Residents will also learn outside of the operating theatre when they manage the intensive care unit as a second year resident. In the third year, residents will develop their confidence and acumen in evaluating surgical consults. The fourth and fifth year of residency will focus on developing independence, and chief residents function as junior attendings.

The quality of a surgical residency is best measured by the product it produces, namely, the graduated residents. We are proud that our residents have entered some of the most prestigious fellowships in the country. The diverse training offered here allows our residents to have a rich exposure to multiple fields, including Trauma, Burn, Endocrine, Pediatric, Surgical Oncology, Vascular, Plastic, Cardiothoracic, Minimally Invasive, Transplant and Colorectal surgery. Residents in this program can be assured that their experience will prepare them for whatever they wish to pursue.

While great training may exist at a multitude of places in the country, some things that set our program apart from others include: the curriculum, the people, and the location. We have incorporated a flexible training program with additional elective time to allow residents to tailor their training to their goals. Our program is also proud to have nurturing and inclusive faculty who not only educate but mentor. It is also unparalleled in its location in the nation's capital with no shortage of monumental events and things to do outside of residency. Lastly, we are truly a resident-centric program in which the chief residents govern the residency jointly with the program director.

We are all proud to train here and whole heartedly recommend this program to you. We hope you will strongly consider us going forward.

Sincerely,
The Chief Class of 2019