

General Surgery Residency Recruitment Packet



About NYU Langone Health

NYU Langone Health is one of the nation's premier academic medical centers. Our trifold mission to care, teach, and discover is achieved daily through an integrated academic culture devoted to excellence in patient care, education, and research.

Guided by our mission, NYU Langone Health has achieved the stature of a preeminent academic medical center. We are home to 13 top-ranked specialties in the nation, according to *U.S. News & World Report*.

The nation's leading arbiters of healthcare performance—organizations like Vizient, The Leapfrog Group, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), and The Joint Commission—have consistently named NYU Langone among the top hospitals nationwide for quality and safety. All of our hospitals have earned the Magnet designation for excellence in nursing and quality patient care from the American Nurses Credentialing Center, an honor achieved by only 9.4 percent of hospitals in the U.S. Our Laura and Isaac Perlmutter Cancer Center is designated a Comprehensive Cancer Center by the National Cancer Institute of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), its highest recognition of achievement. Rusk Rehabilitation is consistently ranked one of the top 10 rehabilitation programs in the country by *U.S. News & World Report*.

The stage for such accolades was set in 2007, when Robert I. Grossman, MD, an internationally distinguished neuroradiologist who had served as chair of NYU Langone's Department of Radiology since 2001, was appointed the 15th dean of NYU School of Medicine and CEO of what was then named NYU Medical Center. But there were other essential components of the institution's ascent—namely, the contributions of exceptional faculty, staff, and students, and the immense generosity of our philanthropic partners. "We have all the ingredients to ascend to the rarefied status of a world-class, patient-centered, integrated academic medical center," Dr. Grossman declared at his investiture. His keen understanding of the institution—its rich history and untapped potential—would enable it to fulfill that aspiration.

Pioneers in Medicine

NYU Langone's ascent has unfolded over nearly two centuries. The seeds of success were sown at the very beginning, in 1841, by Valentine Mott, MD, the premier surgeon of his day. That year, Dr. Mott led five other eminent physicians and scientists in founding the Medical College of New York University, NYU Langone's precursor, with an inaugural class of 239 students.

NYU Langone's first hospital, known as University Hospital, was established in 1948, a century after its Medical College. In 1963, a newly acquired site in midtown Manhattan—11 acres bounded by First Avenue and the Franklin D. Roosevelt East River Drive, between 30th and 34th Streets—became the home of University Hospital's new 18-story building. Adopting a novel concept in healthcare, the 363-bed acute-care facility—now Tisch Hospital—partnered with outpatient practices to speed the translation of scientific discovery to the clinic and allow physicians to conduct academic and research activities while maintaining private practice.

Though leadership added finite space for clinical care and research in the coming decades, the institution's growth did not match the demands of a growing patient population in an increasingly complex healthcare environment. When Dr. Grossman took the helm, he made facility expansion and improvement a top priority.

Healthcare Innovation

NYU Langone's transformation has extended beyond physical architecture to its digital infrastructure. Two information technology projects have enabled the institution to set a new standard for patient-centered care. In 2011, NYU Langone implemented Epic, an electronic medical record system that digitized millions of paper medical records and provided a seamless online portal for patients and physicians, becoming the first healthcare institution in the New York metropolitan area to adopt a patient information system on an enterprise-wide basis. In a similar vein, Kimmel Pavilion, one of the most digitally sophisticated inpatient facilities in the U.S., features a host of innovative tools that empower patients and clinicians alike.

A robust information technology network has been vital to the success of NYU Langone's steady growth and expansion, making total integration of patient care possible throughout our enterprise. The first hospital to merge with our institution was the Hospital for Joint Diseases, now known as NYU Langone Orthopedic Hospital. The 225-bed hospital, a long-time affiliate, became NYU Langone's dedicated orthopedic hospital in 2006.

Growth and Expansion

A decade later, NYU Langone sought to bring its high-quality acute care to patients beyond Manhattan—and this geographic expansion, too, was made possible by philanthropic support. In 2016, we acquired Lutheran Medical Center, a 444-bed acute-care hospital in southwest Brooklyn. Within several years, NYU

Langone Hospital—Brooklyn, as it was renamed, benefitted so greatly from our health system's infusion of resources and expertise that it now qualifies as one of the safest hospitals not only in New York City, but in the nation. The only five-star hospital in Brooklyn, as ranked by CMS, NYU Langone Hospital—Brooklyn is the first and only hospital in Brooklyn to receive Magnet recognition for excellence in nursing and quality patient care.

In 2019, NYU Langone extended its reach once again, this time to Nassau County on Long Island. The merger with Winthrop University Hospital, a 591-bed acute-care hospital in Mineola, enlarged the NYU Langone Health system by 25 percent and further enhanced NYU's ability to deliver high quality care to an expanded population of patients. The rigorous quality control measures implemented at NYU Langone Hospital—Long Island, as it was renamed, have enabled the hospital to rank number 3 in the nation by Vizient for quality outcomes among large, specialized complex care medical centers in 2024.

With shorter hospital stays leading to more and more patient care being delivered in outpatient settings, NYU Langone has developed an extensive network of ambulatory care sites, bringing medical services directly to the communities where patients live and work. Since opening the first of these sites in 2008, NYU Langone has established outpatient centers and faculty group practices in more than 300 locations in the New York area, a constellation ranked among the best nationwide.

Transforming Medical Education

In pursuit of equally ambitious goals for NYU Grossman School of Medicine, Dr. Grossman has spearheaded innovations that have not only transformed the training of our own medical students, but inspired educational reforms at other medical schools nationwide. In 2010, NYU Langone's focus on patient-centered care gave rise to a revamped curriculum that marked one of the most significant shifts in American medical education in a century. The Curriculum for the 21st Century, or C21, affords students earlier and more frequent interaction with patients, and continues to evolve with new learning pathways that offer students more opportunities for specialized training in areas best suited to their interests. Medical students, residents, and fellows at NYU Grossman School of Medicine receive much of their clinical training at NYC Health + Hospitals/Bellevue, America's oldest public hospital, founded in 1736.

In 2013, the school began offering an accelerated three-year MD degree for select medical students, an initiative designed to ease the financial burden of medical school and launch medical careers one year earlier than traditional students. The program

made NYU Langone the first nationally ranked academic medical center in the U.S. to enable graduates to pursue a career in either primary care or the medical specialty of their choice in three years.

Then in 2018—and through a groundswell of generosity from hundreds of alumni, NYU Langone trustees, and other scholarship supporters—the school once again made history. NYU Grossman School of Medicine became the first top-ranked medical school in the nation to provide full-tuition scholarships to all new and current students, a bold strategy to reduce the staggering debt incurred by medical students due to the ever-rising cost of their education. The following year, NYU School of Medicine was renamed NYU Grossman School of Medicine in honor of Dr. Grossman's landmark educational achievements and visionary leadership, which vaulted the school to national renown. Today, one in six medical school applicants nationwide set their sights on NYU Grossman School of Medicine.

In 2019, NYU Langone expanded its medical student training when it launched NYU Grossman Long Island School of Medicine, a joint venture between New York University and NYU Langone Health. The school, which also provides full-tuition scholarships, is the only accelerated three-year MD program focused on primary care in New York State. General Surgery is one of the 6 pillars of the new medical school along with Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, and OBGYN. Located in Mineola, the school reinforces a robust academic environment on the Long Island campus.

NYU Grossman Long Island School of Medicine residency training programs offer the opportunity to work with world-class physician-educators and care for a diverse patient population. With access to the latest equipment and technology at our newly constructed Research and Academic Center, residents complete training at NYU Langone Hospital – Long Island and affiliated outpatient practices. Our Departments and divisions offer residency programs in the following areas:

- Emergency Medicine
- General Surgery
- Internal Medicine
- Neurology
- OBGYN
- Orthopedic Surgery
- Pathology
- Pediatrics
- Podiatry Medicine and Surgery
- Urology

Our core residencies are accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education with Podiatry Residency accredited by the Council on Podiatric Medical Education.

Groundbreaking Medicine

From its earliest days, NYU Grossman School of Medicine has trained some 24,000 physicians. Many of our alumni, as well as clinicians and researchers on our faculty, have set new standards for the diagnosis and treatment of diseases, and have made or contributed to breakthroughs in biomedical science. In 2015, a team of surgeons led by Eduardo D. Rodriguez, MD, DDS, the Helen L. Kimmel Professor of Reconstructive Plastic Surgery and chair of NYU Langone Health's Hansjörg Wyss Department of Plastic Surgery, performed the most extensive face transplant to date, followed in 2020 by the world's first successful face and double hand transplant.

In 2021, a team of surgeons led by Robert A. Montgomery, MD, DPhil, director of the NYU Langone Transplant Institute, the H. Leon Pachter, MD, Professor of Surgery, and chair of the Department of Surgery, performed the first investigational transplant of a kidney grown in a genetically altered pig to a brain-dead person whose bodily functions were sustained by mechanical support. In separate investigational procedures performed in June and July 2022, surgeons led by Dr. Robert Montgomery successfully transplanted hearts from genetically altered pigs into brain-dead patients, marking the latest

advance toward addressing the nationwide organ shortage and developing a clinical protocol that would provide an alternative supply of organs for people with life-threatening heart disease.

Achievement After Adversity

NYU Langone's world-class reputation has been built on extraordinary achievements, and the institution's response to tremendous trials has served to burnish it. When Hurricane Sandy struck New York City on October 29, 2012, the crisis brought out the best in our entire community. Within 13 hours, some 1,000 medical and professional personnel safely evacuated 322 patients under dire conditions, transferring them to 14 other hospitals. More recently, when New York City became the U.S. epicenter of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, some 1,800 of our clinicians and countless support staff volunteered for frontline service as our hospitals cared for more than 7,000 patients threatened by the virus.

Today, NYU Langone Health is one of the largest healthcare systems in the Northeast, with more than 46,000 employees. A broad and diverse community of philanthropic partners continues to drive our success and champion our mission. Tempered by adversity, we are better poised than ever to attain new heights, and better equipped than ever to fulfill our duty to patients, helping them maintain or regain their health and wellbeing. "As long as patients depend on us, often during their darkest hours," says Dr. Grossman, "we must continue to strive to do better and be better."

About NYU Langone Hospital—Long Island

At NYU Langone Hospital—Long Island, we provide the highest level of inpatient and outpatient medical care to adults and children through our extensive and growing network of Long Island healthcare facilities.

NYU Langone Hospital—Long Island is a 591-bed medical center located in Mineola. We offer care in nearly every specialty and subspecialty of medicine and surgery, and are recognized leaders in treatment for heart disease, cancer, and diabetes. We combine this breadth and depth of services with a compassionate and personalized approach to care.

We are home to Nassau County's only adult Level 1 Trauma Center verified by the American College of Surgeons with full adult and pediatric capabilities. Our Trauma Center team, part of the Emergency Department at NYU Langone Hospital—Long Island, provides advanced care to adults and children who have serious or life-threatening injuries.

Adults who require hospitalization but are stable enough to recover at home may qualify for NYU Langone's Home Hospital Program. This hybrid model of care, which combines daily in-person and virtual visits, provides hospital-level care in the comfort of patients' own homes. The program includes daily visits from a physician and a registered nurse, and continuous vital signs monitoring. An on-call nurse is accessible around the clock, and lab testing, medication delivery, and other care services are available as needed.

Pioneering Cardiac and Cancer Care

NYU Langone Hospital—Long Island has one of the premier cardiac programs in the New York region, and our interventional cardiologists offer nonsurgical treatment options through our Transcatheter Heart Valve Program—Long Island.

As part of NYU Langone's Perlmutter Cancer Center, we also provide comprehensive and advanced cancer care. Perlmutter Cancer Center at NYU Langone Hospital—Long Island CyberKnife Center, which offers noninvasive treatment for cancers of the prostate, breast, brain, spine, and soft tissues, was the first of its kind in the New York metropolitan area. With locations on Long Island and in Manhattan, NYU Langone Hospital—Long Island has the largest CyberKnife program in the United States.

In addition, we were the first in Nassau County to be certified by the National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers. We were also the first on Long Island to be named a Hidden Scar Center, in recognition of our expertise in providing advanced breast cancer surgery that removes cancerous tissue but limits visible scarring.

We provide care for children who have cancer at our NYU Langone Cancer Center for Kids—Mineola, Nassau County's largest outpatient facility for childhood cancers and blood disorders.

Care for Mothers and Babies

Our maternal–fetal medicine specialists care for people experiencing high-risk and complicated pregnancies. As the only fetal surgery program on Long Island, our experts provide treatment and procedures before birth, helping ensure healthier outcomes for mothers and babies.

More than 5,000 babies are born each year at NYU Langone Hospital—Long Island's New Life Center, our labor and delivery unit which combines a family-centered approach to child birth with care from our highly trained obstetric team. We are certified by The Joint Commission for advanced perinatal care, which recognizes our excellence in caring for mothers and babies before and after birth. We are home to a Level 3 Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, where we provide comprehensive care for newborns who need additional support. We have also earned Baby-Friendly designation by Baby-Friendly USA in recognition of our commitment to supporting breastfeeding mothers.

Statistics

Calendar Year (January - December 2024)	Volume
# of Discharges	41,409
# of Deliveries	4,894
# of Observations	2,852
ED Visits	86,610
Total Surgeries (Inpatient and Outpatient)	27,869
Inpatient Surgeries	10,521
Outpatient Surgeries	17,348
Total Procedures (Invasive Cardiology+ GI/Pulm)	21,560
# Invasive Cardiology Cases	9,765
# GI/Pulm Cases	11,795

About the Department of Surgery at NYU Grossman Long Island School of Medicine

With more than 125 years of history serving our communities on Long Island, the Department of Surgery at NYU Grossman Long Island School of Medicine and NYU Langone Hospital—Long Island, formerly Winthrop Hospital, is a leader in clinical services, education, and research that furthers our mission of providing expert surgical care.

Faculty in our subspecialty divisions are leaders in their fields—many have unparalleled accomplishments—and our team has the expertise to provide the best care in any setting, from a scheduled outpatient procedure to trauma and acute care surgery.

Our commitment to diversity, innovation, compassion, and safety is evident in everything we do, and we are proud to foster an inclusive and dynamic culture for our physicians, trainees, and patients.

Surgery Clinical Care

Experts in NYU Grossman Long Island School of Medicine's Department of Surgery take a multidisciplinary approach to patient care, enabling surgeons with complementary expertise to collaborate on an individualized care plan for every patient.

We use minimally invasive and robot-assisted approaches whenever possible, and our team has the skill set and experience to help patients with a wide range of needs, even those with medical conditions that other providers may have deemed "inoperable."

Our surgeons have expertise in a wide range of procedures, including bariatric surgery; colon and rectal surgical procedures to treat conditions such as colon cancer, polyps, Crohn's disease, and hemorrhoids; gallbladder removal; hernia repair; liver surgery; peritoneal chemotherapy; skin cancer; stomach surgery; surgical treatment for gastroesophageal acid reflux (GERD); surgery to treat achalasia, and thyroid and parathyroid surgery.

We take pride in our high volume of complex bariatric revisional surgeries and our designation as a Bariatric Center of Excellence. Additionally, we offer an Abdominal Wall Reconstruction Program, a Nationally Accredited Program for Rectal Cancer, and a dedicated Inflammatory Bowel Disease Center. Our advanced surgical oncology procedures include HIPEC, robotic Whipple procedures, and esophagectomies.

As a state-designated Level 1 Trauma Center, verified by the American College of Surgeons, our team provides treatment for the most serious injuries, including motor vehicle collisions,

falls, accidents, and other life-threatening traumas. Our facility is equipped with the full range of adult trauma resources, and we are also able to assess pediatric injuries.

Our Trauma Program is able to deliver all types of immediate surgical care, including neurosurgery and orthopedic surgery. Our trauma facility is a dedicated space that includes a resuscitation unit with operating room capabilities and the most advanced life-support technology. Treatment may continue in the advanced intensive care units at NYU Langone Hospital—Long Island, where our team provides patient-centered care.

At NYU Langone Hyperbaric and Wound Care Associates—Mineola, our highly skilled doctors, surgeons, podiatrists, wound and ostomy nurses, vascular techs and X-ray tech make up our team that are dedicated to all aspects of wound healing. Our philosophy is that no chronic wound should go untreated; we believe that almost every wound can be healed with a customized care plan. Our wound center offers hyperbaric oxygen therapy (HBOT), an advanced treatment that involves breathing pure oxygen in a pressurized chamber. This increases the concentration of oxygen in your body tenfold and speeds the healing process. HBOT is used to care for specific types of nonhealing wounds, such as diabetic foot ulcers, soft tissue radiation injuries, surgical flaps that are not healing properly, and chronic bone infections.

Our team uses the most advanced technology available. This may include vacuum-assisted closure, or negative pressure wound therapy, which uses a vacuum applied through a sealed dressing to draw out fluid and speed the growth of new blood vessels to an injured area for faster healing.

These are some of the other treatments we offer:

- Wound debridement, in which unhealthy tissue is removed from an affected area to promote healing
- Tissue-engineered grafting, a type of surgery in which newly grown human skin cells are applied to damaged tissue to stimulate new tissue growth and healing
- Free tissue transfer, in which a surgeon transplants healthy, living tissue from another area of the body to the wound for a more aesthetically pleasing result
- Limb reconstruction

Our highly trained specialists, innovative treatment techniques, and advanced medical technology make us one of the top wound treatment centers on Long Island.

NYU fosters a culture of exceptionalism and we live and breathe the mantra.

Surgery Education



The General Surgery Residency at NYU Grossman Long Island School of Medicine provides an unsurpassed educational experience. We train our residents to become skilled surgeons who are committed to delivering compassionate and safe patient care.



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Led by Gary B. Deutsch, MD, Program Director, Jun L. Levine, MD, Associate Program Director, and Owen Pyke, MD, Associate Program Director, our approach to residency education is fueled by our commitment to diversity, innovation, and professional development. Through a rigorous, multifaceted curriculum at NYU Langone Hospital—Long Island. We strive to exceed expectations by fostering an academic culture that is as diverse

and inclusive as our community—a place where people from different backgrounds and disciplines can collaborate with one another and achieve educational and career milestones.

Accepted residents are assigned a faculty mentor, and this serves as the initial framework for their professional development. By the end of their training, our residents easily complete the extensive requirements for certification by the American Board of Surgery.

Since the establishment of our program, our graduating residents had a 100 percent fellowship match rate, and all of our chief residents matched in their desired specialties. All of our graduating residents with specialty matches matched in their desired specialties, which include Cardiac Surgery, Plastic Surgery, Thoracic Surgery, Colorectal Surgery, Transplant Surgery, Hand/Microsurgery, Pediatric Surgery and Vascular Surgery.

In addition to the breadth of clinical material for hands-on experience, clinical and basic science research is available for those who wish to pursue these areas.

Curriculum

NYU Grossman Long Island School of Medicine's General Surgery Residency curriculum facilitates each resident's development into a highly competent, ethical, qualified general surgeon who excels in private practice or academic medicine in an urban, suburban, or rural setting. Our goal is for residents to become future leaders in surgery.

We have a diverse patient population that is reflected in the composition of our faculty and residents. We strive to create an atmosphere of mutual respect and camaraderie that typifies our training program and binds our faculty and residents together in the operating room, classroom, and outpatient offices. We do this by emphasizing our values of excellence, respect, safety, cooperation, trust, reliability, and honesty in providing excellent patient care, education, and research. We also encourage residents to find a balance between personal and professional life, and we value and foster a family-friendly environment that we're proud to be a part of.

Our residents receive an education in the broad field of general surgery with progressively increasing responsibility and autonomy. We provide didactic instruction in the basic and clinical sciences of surgical diseases and conditions and training in procedural skills and operative techniques. Our residency program includes rotations through a variety of services: Vascular Surgery, Surgical Oncology, ENT/Head and Neck, Minimally Invasive Surgery/Bariatrics, General Surgery, Burn Surgery, SICU, Cardiothoracic Surgery, Pediatric Surgery, Night Float, Consults, Community

Hospital Rotation, Colorectal Surgery, Trauma Surgery, and Transplant. We also offer elective rotation months. Additionally, we have an established research track that allows for two years of dedicated research following the completion of the PGY2 year.

General Surgery Residency program aims include the following:

- Provide a superb environment to train categorical and preliminary residents to be the next generation of surgeons
- Provide comprehensive knowledge of the pathophysiology and natural history of surgical diseases, as well as an outstanding understanding of general surgery, so that residents are prepared to pass the American Board of Surgery certifying exam
- Instill the clinical judgment needed to be adept at managing patients, including critically ill patients, and be able to provide compassionate, effective, high-quality care to a diverse group of patients
- Teach the technical skill, knowledge, judgment, and ability to perform emergency and elective surgical procedures safely, effectively, and independently
- Emphasize the capacity to communicate effectively with patients, their family members, and healthcare personnel, using written and oral means, during patient care, presentations, and in research
- Encourage an appreciation of the diversity of patients and colleagues, a respect for the cultural and religious needs of patients, and the ability to collaborate effectively with other healthcare professionals
- Train residents to advance knowledge of and proficiency in patient care and practice by applying the literature and scientific evidence
- Instill a commitment to lifelong learning and a willingness to understand and participate in teaching residents and students

Scholarly Activities

Our program offers a full range of conferences that take place at NYU Grossman Long Island School of Medicine. These scholarly activities include:

- Surgical Grand Rounds - At least quarterly, NYU Langone Hospital—Long Island brings in local and international visiting professors to provide our residents, staff, and other attendees the unique opportunity to enhance their clinical and academic practice in order to promote up-to-date knowledge of surgical

issues and awareness of current advances in the surgical field. We were honored with the presence of great speakers such as Dr. Patricia Turner, Executive Director and CEO, ACS.

- Morbidity and Mortality Conferences (M&M) - The morbidity and mortality conference is held weekly. This is a multidisciplinary conference that fosters intercollegiate discussion between our trainees and faculty.
- Robotic Training - Residents complete a training curriculum and certification to understand the basic components of the robotic operating system and become comfortable with basic manipulation of robotic instruments. Training includes an online certification course followed by a hands-on portion that teaches docking and undocking, instrument exchange, troubleshooting, and console operation. Residents have the unique opportunity to graduate with robotic certification, a much-needed skill in a surgical environment that increasingly relies on minimally-invasive techniques.
- Weekly Didactics - Every Thursday morning is protected resident education time. The curriculum for didactics follows a two-year revolving schedule based on the SCORE curriculum. Journal clubs and article reviews are also included during these sessions.
- Service-Specific conferences - Each service hosts their own weekly conference, such as the vascular conference, hepatobiliary conference, acute care trauma surgery, general surgery, bariatric surgery, and others.
- Journal Club - Monthly journal club is held during resident protected time. Recent and old index publications are discussed with a faculty member to assess the power, integrity, and clinical significance of publications.
- Simulation Lab - Residents can participate in bi-monthly additional simulation lab experience to improve their hands-on skills in different surgical procedures, including basic suturing, placing lines and tubes, performing vascular anastomosis, laparoscopic techniques, and bowel anastomosis.

Surgery Research

Physician-investigators in the department lead pioneering studies designed to enhance our ability to care for patients. Our research encompasses basic, clinical, and translational projects, with focus areas ranging from predicting and preventing adverse outcomes in the emergency department to determining best practices for surgical procedures in patients with COVID-19.

Resident Wellness

Our residents are a diverse group of individuals who support each other both in and out of the operating room. Outside of work, we promote the health and wellbeing of our residents. This includes exploring local restaurants, playing soccer, or taking a break from the hospital and exploring the beautiful Long Island scenery or heading into the bustling scene that is New York City.

Every year the Department of Surgery host a series of annual events that both residents and faculty partake in. Some of these events include:

- The Evening of the Arts event showcasing many of our talented NYU employees in visual and performing arts both within the Department of Surgery and in other departments.



- The annual Softball picnic where the residents play against the faculty members.



- Program and Associate program directors host an annual rooftop welcome party for house staff.



General Surgery residents are involved in a number of initiatives within NYU Langone's Department of Surgery, including committees that focus on resident wellness and diversity and inclusion. Your input is valued and welcomed. By joining committees, you get an insider's perspective on different areas and initiatives of the hospital, and can participate in decision making that helps to guide hospital policy. Current residents are invited to take part in any of these committees:

1. Women in Surgery Collaborative - The woman in surgery group allows for quarterly meetings where female residents and attendings can engage on discussions regarding finances, family planning, building a practice, contract negotiation/wealth management, macroaggressions, goal setting and planning, leadership skills/styles, team management, and academic pathways. The faculty support and nurture the female residents to ensure growth in their professional and personal lives.

2. Patient Experience Committee - The Department of Surgery leads a hospital-wide Surgery Patient Experience Committee whose mission is to develop, effect and study interventions aimed at optimizing patient and family well-being. Through various projects, the Committee has been successful at improving Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems scores, most prominently for the "Communication with Doctors" domain. The results of the Committee's work has been featured at NYU Langone Health's Quality and Safety Day as well as a podium presentation for the American College of Surgeons Quality and Safety Conference.

3. Leadership Council - As a forum for discussion of present clinical service issues, the Chief Physician Assistants from all the surgical services (General Surgery, Trauma, Surgical ICU, and Robotic Surgery) along with a representative from each surgical resident class formed a formal group called The Leadership Council of Clinical Services, moderated by the Department's Administrator. Each year, the council appoints the new member from the intern year who stays on the council for the duration of their residency.

4. Friends of the Community - Our mission through this initiative is to improve lives, strengthen communities, and foster civic engagement through service and volunteering with the Department of Surgery's Leadership, Faculty, Trainees, Staff, and our Families. Through these initiatives, the department will also foster bonds through a shared goal of service. The goal is to fulfill a voluntary community service event once a quarter (ex. Habitat for Humanity, summer beach cleanup, plant trees, etc etc.)

Departmental Committees

Interview Process

1. Review applications as ERAS opens up for programs.

2. Interview Scheduling

a. Rachelle Akinyooye & Aikim Brown, Program Coordinators, will reach out to schedule your virtual interview with the Department team.

3. Formal Interview Process

- a. Formal virtual Interview with Department leadership & multiple senior faculty members
- b. On-Site Tour with Chief/senior residents

4. Match

- a. Residents will enter their rank list to the National Resident Matching Program (NRMP).
- b. Program will submit their rank list to the NRMP
- c. Results will be released on Match day
- d. Program coordinators will begin onboarding after match day.

Department Leadership

LEADERSHIP TEAM

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Vacation/ Time-Off Policies

This policy outlines the time-off benefits for Surgery Residents of NYU Grossman Long Island School of Medicine.

Paid Time Off (PTO)

Paid Time Off (PTO) 20 PTO per calendar year

Cultural Heritage Day

1 day per calendar year

Cultural Heritage Day can be requested to be used on any day that is culturally significant to the employee

- One “Cultural Heritage Day” of your choice per calendar year for purposes of celebrating cultural diversity. Utilizing the Cultural Heritage Day is subject to departmental approval.
- Cultural Heritage Day will be frontloaded at the beginning of each calendar year to be used during the calendar year. A Cultural Heritage Day may not be used during a paid or unpaid leave of absence. If Cultural Heritage Day is not used during any given calendar year, it does not carry over to the following calendar year.

Wellness Days

Each resident is provided with up to two (2) wellness days per academic year to attend to their self-care needs.

Sick Leave Days (in a 12 month period)

(in a 12 month period) Residents may be permitted up to (90) calendar days per year. If expected to be absent for more than 7 consecutive days, the resident must apply for a disability leave.

Additional PTO Residents are eligible for paid holidays, marriage days, bereavement days, and jury duty days

Conferences

Conference Days are included as part of PTO. Residents invited to present at conferences are not charged PTO days. Attendance at Conferences and/or meetings is considered to be an educational sabbatical. Residents may be permitted to take up to five (5) calendar days of paid educational sabbatical at the discretion of the Program Director.

Family Medical Leave (FML)

Family and Medical Leave Act is available to residents for their own serious health condition, the serious health condition of an eligible family member, and/or birth/adoption of a child. FMLA provides for up to 12 weeks of time off, after one year of service.

- Birth of a child – 6 weeks of paid sick time for the period you are disabled (8 weeks for c-section). During this time, house staff will be eligible to receive full pay from their available sick time. After the disability leave ends, the resident can apply for a Parental leave.

Benefits

NYU Langone Health's benefits program gives our House Staff the flexibility to choose the benefits and coverage levels that are right for their personal lifestyles and family situations. This program allows you to take an active role in determining and

selecting coverage by giving you the opportunity to buy the benefit options that best meet your needs. NYU Langone Health will pay part or all of the cost of certain benefits. These benefit plans are your “Core” benefits.

You can elect amongst the following Core benefits:

- Medical Plan option with Prescription Coverage.

Medical plan choices are:

- Anthem NYU Care Plan
- United Healthcare EPO Plan
- Anthem EPO Plan
- United Healthcare Plus plan

- Dental Plan option. Dental plan choices are:

- MetLife PPO Plus
- Delta Dental PPO Basic
- Cigna DHMO

- Core Life Insurance
- Core Short-Term Disability
- Core Long-Term Disability

There are optional benefits that you can elect at a full cost. These benefits are “Supplemental” benefits. Supplemental benefits include the following:

- Vision
- Enhanced Short-Term Disability
- Supplemental Life Insurance
- Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance
- Spousal/Domestic Partner Life Insurance
- Child Life Insurance

You are also eligible to enroll in a Healthcare Flexible Spending Account and/or a Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account.

Work/Life Assistance Program

NYU Langone Health provides you resources to help support your emotional well-being. You and your family have access to confidential counseling services through Corporate Counseling Associates (CCA) at no cost to you. CCA's Team of Experienced Professionals Can Help With:

- Managing stress and anxiety
- Coping with grief and loss
- Relationship concerns
- Caregiver burnout
- Child and eldercare referral
- Acquiring skills to enhance resilience
- Improving interpersonal communication

Wellness Program

NYU Langone Health's employee wellness program provides a range of interventions to support multiple aspects of the health of our House Staff which include: mental well-being, physical wellness, nutritional wellness, sleep health, financial well-being, social wellbeing and preventive care. Together with a culture of support and empowerment, these pillars represent whole body wellness. House Staff are encouraged to take advantage of the wellness offerings from NYU Langone Health, including WeightWatchers (WW), Student Loan Forgiveness, Virtual Counseling, and more! Explore our Wellness Hub upon hire by visiting www.atnyulmc.org and clicking on Human Resources > Wellness Program> Wellness Hub.

Wellbeats

Wellbeats NYU Langone Health provides you complimentary access to Wellbeats, a virtual platform with 1,000+ on-demand, expert-led fitness, nutrition, and mindfulness classes to help you live a healthier life. Wellbeats gives people of every age, interest, body type, and ability level the opportunity to stay active with a variety of workouts led by a team of friendly, credentialed instructors. New classes are added regularly to the platform.

Some fitness programs include:

- Yoga
- Pilates
- HIIT
- Strength Training 9
- Running & Walking
- Circuits
- Kickboxing
- Dance
- Work Breaks
- Stretching, and much more.

The Friends and Family feature allows you to invite others to join Wellbeats with you and stay healthy together – whether a spouse, friend, family member, or neighbor!

Housing

NYU Grossman Long Island School of Medicine has a housing lottery available to incoming house staff to provide subsidized living accommodations in attractive apartments and a limited number of individual homes, all within close proximity to the hospital.

Priority for housing is given to PGY 1s and 2s. All other PGY levels are eligible to apply but will not receive priority consideration. Priority consideration does not guarantee a housing offer as availability is limited. We recommend planning back up options.

All matched applicants will receive an email from their academic coordinator with the housing application information in mid-March after the main residency match has been completed.

Current rent rates range from \$959-\$1754 per month, based on unit size and location. There are modest increases to rental rates yearly that are below market rates in the area.

Upon graduation, all Long Island House Staff are required to vacate NYU housing by noon on June 25th of their graduating year.



Meet Our Current Residents

PGY-1



Cynthia Andrade, MD



Jesse Asiedu, MD



Christine Ortiz, MD



Dhara Patel, MD



Isaac Wendler, MD



João Gonçalves
Kasakewitch, MD



Kian Niknam, MD



Matthew Schaefer, MD



Aala Zakir, MD

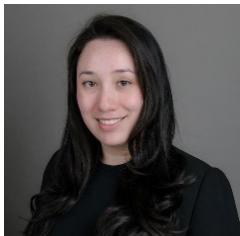


Garcia Findlay, MD

PGY-2



Jasmine Brite, MD



Anna Jacobs, MD



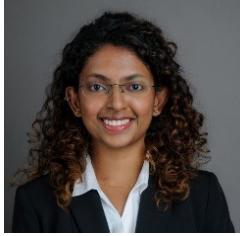
Abaan Khurshid, DO



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Kenya Thrasher, MD



Anna Jacob, MB, BS



Aniket Agrawal, MB, BS



Taurah Dizadare, MD



Aleah Marks, MD



John Rezkalla, MD

PGY-3



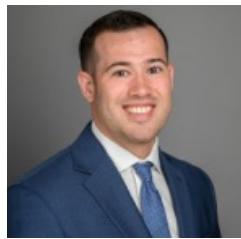
Amanda Beneat, MD



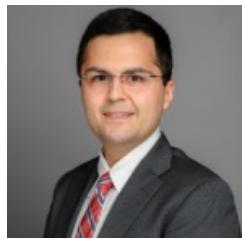
Daniel Halpern, MD



Diana Luong, MD



Boris Joutovsky, DO



Sorin Shadaloey, MD

PGY-4



Destiny Aighobahi, MD



Michael Garcia, MD



Samantha LaFontaine, MD



Sally Tan, MD



Ivan Ye, MD

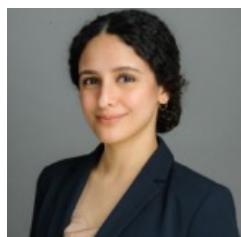
Chief Residents



Nancy Lopez, MD



Tania Gennell, MD

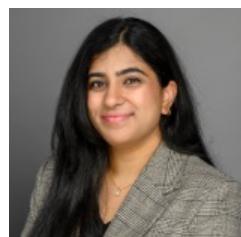


Meher Oberoi, MB, BS



Jennifer Pan, MD

Out on Research. Returning July 1, 2027 as PGY-3



Haarika Chalasani, MD

Graduates and their Match Status

Resident	Fellowship	Institution
2021		
Oren Michaeli	Hand and Microvascular Surgery	University of Louisville
Desponia (Daisy) Daskalaki	Transplant Surgery	Lahey Clinic
2022		
Hana Ajouz	Thoracic Surgery	University of Miami
Randi Harris	Vascular Surgery	Mayo Clinic
Hassan Hashmi	Colorectal Surgery	Lehigh Valley
Jackson Hunt	Plastic Surgery	University of Nebraska
Christine Kolwitz	Transplant Surgery	Oregon Health and Science University
Myriam Martinez	Cardiothoracic Surgery	Mayo Clinic
2023		
Rose Gooding	Vascular Surgery	University of Buffalo
Raelina Howell	Pediatric Surgery/ Pediatric critical care	Washington University Medical Center/Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center
Jeffrey Silverstein	MIS/Bariatric	Quebec Heart and Lung Institute
Amir Sohail	Surgical Oncology	University of New Mexico
2024		
Leo Amodu	Minimally invasive surgery and Foregut Fellowship	Cleveland Medical Center
Hazim Hakmi	Minimally invasive surgery	Unity Health University of Toronto, St. Joseph Hospital
Yesha Maniar	Trauma/Critical care	Rutgers- New Jersey Medical School
Marlon Torres	Faculty Member of MIS and ACS Division	Brookdale Hospital
Tirajeh Zohourian	Vascular Surgery	Medical College of Wisconsin
2025		
Helen Liu	Surgical Critical Care Surgical Oncology	Maimonides Medical Center Rutgers Medical School
Sueده Ranjbar	Endocrine Surgery research fellowship/assistant clinical professor for Division of emergency medicine	University of California, Los Angeles
Matthew Krell	Hepatobiliary Surgery	NYU Grossman School of Medicine
Tulio Brasileiro Pacheco	Advanced GI/MIS Bariatric Surgery	Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai
Matthew Morris	Plastic Surgery	Stonybrook University
Alyssa Scheiner	Vascular Surgery	Baylor College of Medicine

Graduate Board Pass Rates

Qualifying Examination (QE) First Attempt Results

	Total # Examined	# passed	# failed	% pass
Our program	15	14	1	93%
National summary	4549	4317	232	95%

Certifying Examination (CE) First Attempt Results

	Total # Examined	# passed	# failed	% pass
Our program	13	10	3	77%
National summary	4290	3761	529	88%

For more information, please contact our program coordinators:

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