

Stony Brook General Surgery Residency Program



Stony Brook **Medicine**



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COLLEGE OF SURGEONS

2019-2020 Chief of Residents attending American College of Surgeons Clinical Conference 2019.

Program Overview

Stony Brook's General Surgery Residency was established in 1974 and is fully accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME). The program offers a broad range of experience in general surgery and the surgical subspecialties to prepare graduates for a fulfilling and productive career in surgery.

The Stony Brook Department of Surgery is comprised of full-time faculty of the Renaissance School of Medicine with serious commitment to resident training. General surgery residents experience rotations that span the scope of conditions (Alimentary tract, Abdomen, Breast, Skin & Soft tissue, Endocrine, Acute Care & Trauma, and Surgical Oncology) managed by General Surgery. Additionally, our program offers comprehensive exposure in subspecialty services including vascular, cardiothoracic, pediatric, transplant, critical care and burns.

Stony Brook University Hospital is a tertiary care hospital and serves as the base of the academic program, providing care for the diverse communities of Long Island. The Northport Veterans Affairs Medical Center provides an invaluable surgical experience for the residency program serving those men and women who proudly served our nation. Additionally, residents gain experience in community settings with rotations to our other participating sites that include Stony Brook Southampton as well as Long Island Community Hospital.

Together, the clinical and academic strengths of the Department of Surgery form the foundation of our continued success in achieving excellence in patient care, education, research and community service.

OUR MISSION

Stony Brook Medicine delivers world-class, compassionate care to our patients, advances our understanding of the origins of human health and disease, and educates the healthcare professionals and biomedical investigators of the future, so they can bring the fruits of scientific discovery to our patients.

OUR VISION

Stony Brook Medicine will continue to strive for excellence as:

- A world-class institution, recognized for outstanding, compassionate patient care, biomedical research, and healthcare education
- The first choice of patients for their care and the care of their families
- An academic medical center that attracts educators and students with the desire and ability to provide and receive the highest quality, innovative education
- One of the top-ranked institutions for scientific research and training.

OUR VALUES

Integrity

We are honest and ethical in all our interactions.

Compassion

We provide empathic care with attentive listening and affirmation.

Accountability

We hold ourselves accountable to our community, to our organization and to each other for our performance and behaviors.

Respect

We foster an environment of mutual respect and trust, embracing diversity in people and thinking.

Excellence

We set the highest standards for safety, clinical outcomes and service.



Mark Talamini, MD, FACS

Professor of Surgery
Chair, Department of Surgery

A Message from the Chair

Welcome to the Department of Surgery at Stony Brook Medicine. As you will see during your visit here, Stony Brook Medicine is a rapidly growing academic medical center located in pleasant and scenic Long Island. The hallmarks of our program are innovation and excellence. Innovation means our team is always asking how surgical procedures can be improved in the future. Excellence means our standards for surgical care are high, both in terms of results and effort. Resident education is, in many ways, our reason for existing — to train and influence the next generation of surgeons.

Our residents benefit from broad-ranging clinical experiences, including training sites at Stony Brook Medicine, and the Northport Veterans Affairs Medical Center. Our commitment to resident education is reflected in our state-of-the-art Surgical Simulation Laboratory. Our residents are our partners in the academic life of our department, participating in a culture of asking and answering important questions and moving the field of surgery forward. We encourage you to take a close look at our department, which provides a progressive academic environment to deliver optimal care to our patients; to advance surgical knowledge on a local and national level, and to offer superb training and preparation for a rewarding career in surgery.

Stony Brook Surgery

MISSION

Provide the best surgical care while advancing surgery through education, discovery, and inspiration.

VISION

Stony Brook Surgery will be a world recognized leader in surgery and discovery while inspiring the leaders of tomorrow.

Program Director



Sherif R. Abdel-Misih, MD, FACS

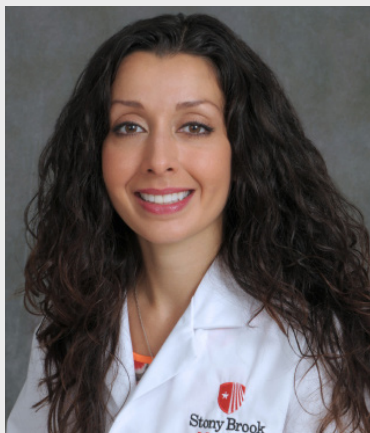
Associate Professor of Surgery,
Program Director, Division of Surgical
Oncology

A Message from the Program Director

We thank you for your interest in our general surgery residency training program. Many years of education have led you to this point. Choosing a place to train in general surgery is an important decision you make and is uniquely challenging this year due to the current COVID pandemic and the necessary virtual world in which recruitment will be conducted.

As you consider our program and others, we encourage you to choose an institution that best fits your needs and will give you a wide breadth of surgical experience, case volume, and collaborative faculty dedicated to your education. Thoughtful reflection on these features of our general surgery residency program and more importantly those with whom you will work (faculty and residents) will demonstrate why Stony Brook Medicine (Surgery) is an extraordinary place to train and to pursue your career as an exceptional surgeon.

Associate Program Directors



Angela A. Kokkosis, MD, FACS

Associate Professor of Surgery,
Associate Program Director, Division of
Vascular Surgery



Erica R. Gross, MD, FACS

Assistant Professor of Surgery,
Associate Program Director, Division of
Pediatric Surgery

Administrative Staff

General Surgery Residency Coordinator: Deborah Thornton



CURRENT GENERAL SURGERY RESIDENTS

Name	PGY	Med School (Grad Year)
John Campbell, MD	1	Boston U (2020)
Alisa Khomutova	1	Oakland U (2020)
Shanen Mulles, MD	1	Rutgers U (2020)
Michael Trentalage, MD	1	Florida Atlantic U (2020)
Sun Yu, MD	1	Tufts U (2020)
Kevin Duh, MD	2	Donald & Barbara Zucker School (2019)
Alex-Rae Pesce, MD	2	Drexel U (2019)
Zachary M Plona, MD	2	Sidney Kimmel Medical College (2019)
Danny Poon, MD	2	Drexel U (2019)
Tianyu Shang, MD	2	Rosalind Franklin U (2019)
Christine Ward, MD	2	Brody School of Medicine (2019)
Ryan Chan, MD	3	Albany Medical College (2018)
Joseph Obeid, MD	3	U of Balamand (2013)
Juyeon Park, MD	3	Virginia Tech (2018)
David Restle, MD	3	Stony Brook U (2018)
Bryan Robins, MD	3	Rush U (2017)
Heitham Wady, MD	3	SUNY Upstate Medical U (2018)
Ross Weller, MD	3	Loyal U Chicago (2017)
Jocellie Marquez, MD	4	Stony Brook U (2015)
Givi Basishvili, MD	4	Albert Einstein (2017)
Robert Connally, MD	4	U of Texas Southwestern (2017)
Kelsi Hirai, MD	4	U of Hawaii at Manoa (2017)
Panagiotis Volteas Sr., MD	4	Deomkritos U (2011)
Panagiotis Drakos, MD	4	U of Athens (2005)
Marie Fleury, MD	5	SUNY Upstate Medical U (2016)
Iliya Goldberg, MD	5	U of California (2016)
Carlos Guzman, MD	5	UCLA (2016)
Patrick Jasinski, MD	5	Medical U of Gdansk (2013)
Rajeev Masson, MD	5	Stony Brook U (2015)
Andrew Rabenstein, MD	5	New York Medical College (2016)
David Restle, MD	Research*	Stony Brook University, U (2018)
Khai Diep, MD	Research*	U of Minnesota (2017)
Hannah Thompson, MD	Research*	U of Minnesota (2017)



*Pediatric Division Chief,
Christopher Muratore, and
Resident Zachary Plona*



Bariatric and Metabolic Weight-loss Center
Bariatric Division Chief: Dr. Aurora D. Pryor
NP-C: Darragh Herlihy
Student: Jared Su



Residents: Jessica Simon (graduate 2020), Kelsi Hirai, Marie Fleury

General Surgery Residency Graduate Placements

Since 1975 when our first graduating residents entered the profession of surgery, several hundreds of physicians have completed their residency training in general surgery at Stony Brook. The table below shows the immediate post-Stony Brook placement of our program's recent graduates.

2020 Graduating Chiefs

Resident	Placement	Where
Anthony Ferrara, MD	Head and Neck Fellowship	Duke University, NC
Omar Kaymakcalan, MD	Plastic Surgery Fellowship	University of Illinois Chicago, IL
Roy Lacey, MD	Critical Care and Trauma	Cooper University Hospital, NJ
Anish Shah, MD	Minimally Invasive Surgery	Medical Center, East Carolina University, NC
Jessica Simon, MD	Colorectal Surgery (2021)	Oschner Clinic Foundation, LA
Suresh Yelika, MD	Colorectal Surgery (2021)	Stony Brook University Hospital, NY

2019 Graduating Chiefs

Resident	Placement	Where
Ryan Chiu, MD	Cardiothoracic Surgery Fellowship	Weill Cornell, NY
Carl Dickler, MD	Colorectal Surgery Residency	Mt. Sinai Medical Center, NY
Syed Ahsan Karim, MD	Minimally Invasive Surgery/Bariatrics Fellowship	University of Buffalo, NY
Robert Laskowski, MD	Trauma/Surgical Critical Care/Acute Care Surgery	University of Maryland Medical Center, MD
Christine Malino, MD	Assistant Professor-Acute Care Surgery	NYU Langone, NY
Owen Pyke, MD	Minimally Invasive Surgery/Bariatrics Fellowship	NYU Winthrop, NY

2018 Graduating Chiefs

Resident	Placement	Where
Maria Altieri, MD	Minimally Invasive Surgery Fellowship	Washington University, MO
Chanak Chantachote, MD	Critical Care Fellowship	University of Arizona, AZ
Taher Gulamhusein, MD	Minimally Invasive Surgery/Bariatric Fellowship	Cleveland Clinic, OH
Anthony Hesketh, MD	Minimally Invasive Surgery/Bariatric Fellowship	Stony Brook University, NY
Ayesha Nzeribe, MD	Vascular Surgery Fellowship	Montefiore Medical Center, NY
Amanda Sosulski, MD	Critical Care Fellowship	University of California, CA
Richa Verma, MD	Burn Care Fellowship	Jacobi Medical Center, NY
Michael Svestka, MD	Minimally Invasive Surgery/Advanced GI /Abdominal Wall Reconstruction Fellowship	Cleveland Clinic, OH

Stony Brook Medicine at a Glance

Long Island's Only

- **Accredited Chest Pain Center with PCI** (Percutaneous Coronary Intervention and Resuscitation)
- **ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) Association Certified Center of Excellence**
- **State-designated Center of Excellence for Alzheimer's Disease**
- **State-designated Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Program**
- **Celiac Disease/Gluten Sensitivity Center**
- **Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy Center**

Suffolk County's Only

- **Level 1 Regional Trauma Center** (highest designation for New York State Trauma Centers)
- **Tertiary Care Center**
- **Regional Perinatal Center** (highest designation for New York State Perinatal Centers)
- **Children's Hospital**
- **State-designated AIDS Center**
- **State-designated Burn Center**
- **Accredited Heart Failure Center**
- **Accredited Ventricular Assist Device Program**
- **Aortic Center**
- **Kidney Transplantation Program**
- **Bone Marrow and Blood Stem Cell Transplantation Program**
- **University-based Level 4 Epilepsy Center**

Suffolk County's First

- **Open Heart Surgery Program**
- **320-slice CT scanner** for better quality and faster imaging
- **PET-MRI scanner** (Positron Emission Tomography – Magnetic Resonance Imaging)
- **da Vinci® Robotic Surgical System**
- **Sensei® Robotic Catheter System** for irregular heartbeats
- **Siemens Artis zee® Biplane Angiography Suite** for neuroendovascular diagnosis and treatment



Stony Brook Hospital Main Entrance

2019 Fast Stats

Beds:
624

Inpatient Discharges (excluding newborns):
31,454

Emergency Department Visits:
103,992

Outpatient Visits:
1,063,495

Births:
3,878

Surgeries (cases):
24,953

Imaging Studies:
328,854

Laboratory Tests:
7,851,962

Research Expenditures:
\$96,186,224

Employees:
7,331

Physicians:
1,449

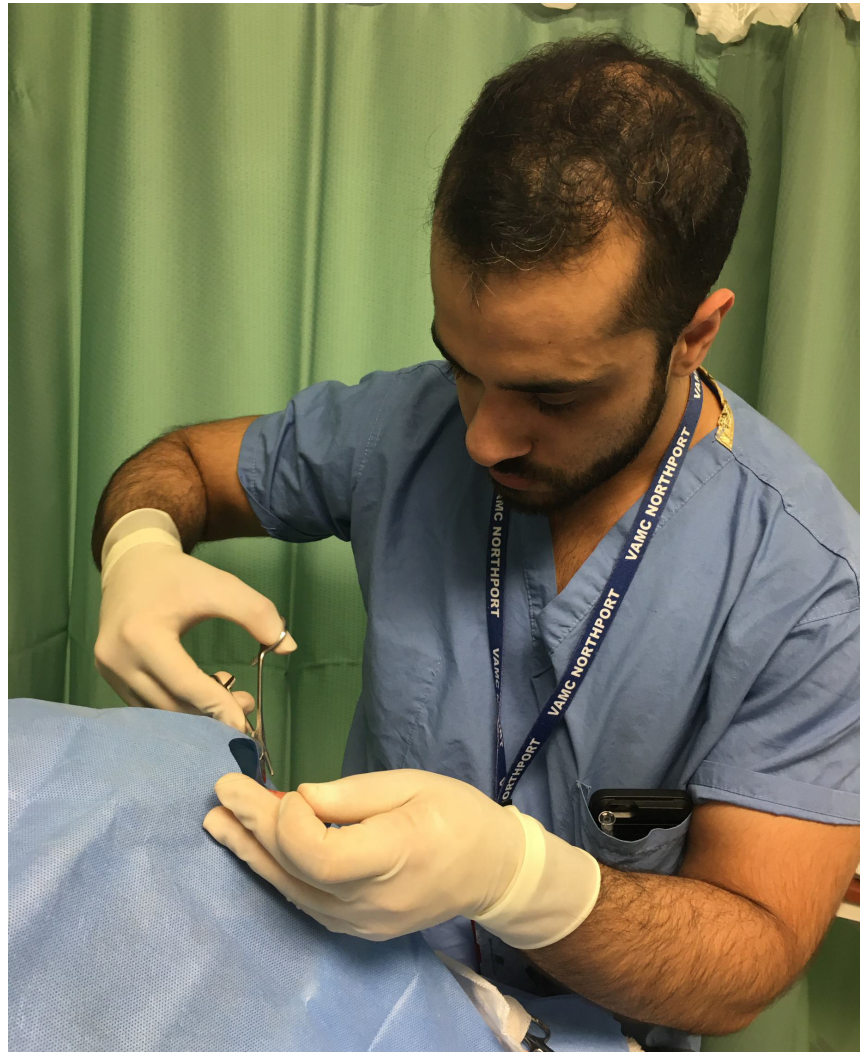
Volunteers:
1,308

PROGRAM TRAINING SITES

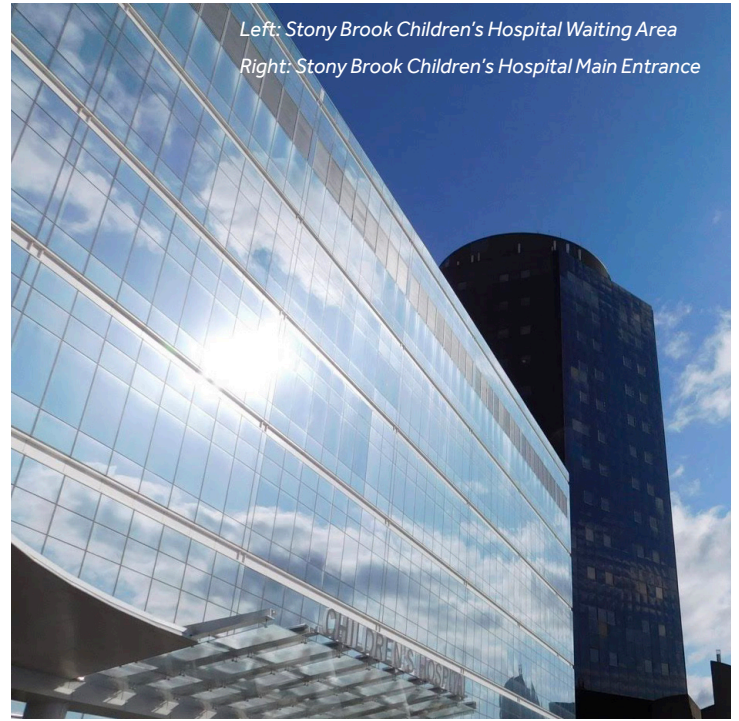
Training Sites

Stony Brook University Hospital serves as the main teaching site for the General Surgery Residency program. Residents will gain experience not only in general surgery, but will also complete rotations in cardiothoracic, neurosurgical, pediatric, transplantation, trauma, head and neck, plastic surgery, and vascular surgical services. Additionally, residents will gain experience performing rotations in our surgical and cardiovascular intensive care units as well as the Burn Center and VA Medical Center.

Northport Veterans Affairs Medical Center (NVAMC) plays an invaluable role as a major teaching affiliate for residency training. Attended by the full-time Stony Brook Medicine and NVAMC-affiliated surgical faculty, residents gain experience during their time at NVAMC in general surgery, vascular surgery and thoracic surgery.



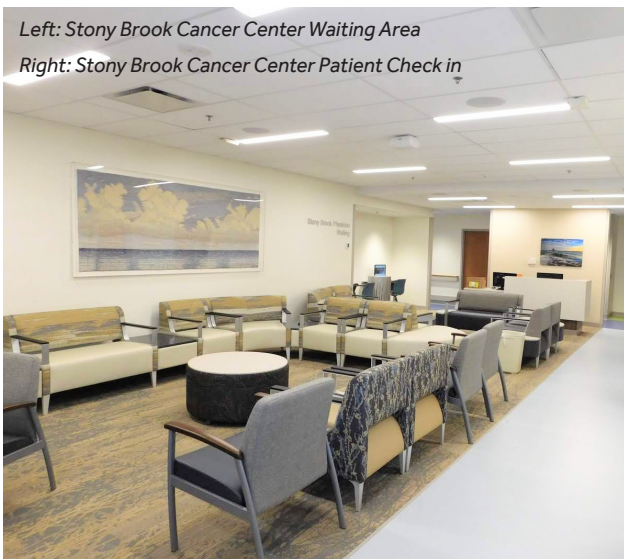
Resident Rajeev Masson at Northport Veterans Affairs Medical Center



Left: Stony Brook Children's Hospital Waiting Area
Right: Stony Brook Children's Hospital Main Entrance



Left: Entrance to the Children's Hospital and the MART
Right: Stony Brook Children's Hospital Front Desk



Left: Stony Brook Cancer Center Waiting Area
Right: Stony Brook Cancer Center Patient Check in

Stony Brook Medicine and Research Translation

Devoted to imaging, neurosciences, cancer care and cancer research, the eight-level 240,000-square-foot Medicine and Research Translation (MART) Building and 225,000-square-foot new Bed Tower will enable scientists and physicians to work side by side to advance cancer research and imaging diagnostics.

The MART will include cancer biology oriented wet laboratories for cell, tissue, and other cancer biology research, dry labs for statistical research, biomedical informatics, and clinical study, a chemistry research lab, conference center and educational space. As the site of the new outpatient Cancer Center, the MART will allow Stony Brook to deliver cutting-edge cancer care more efficiently and effectively, while doubling its capacity to provide cancer treatment to the people of Long Island. The outpatient Cancer Center will include multi-disciplinary exam space for medical and surgical oncology, infusion center with private and open bays, pediatric hematology and oncology including pediatric infusion, as well as patient amenities and support. There will be an investment in new faculty, fellowships, merit-based scholarships and need-based aid. The building will also contain a 300-seat auditorium for conferences, lectures and other events.

The new Bed Tower, consisting of 10 levels and 150 beds, will house Stony Brook Children's Hospital. It will include a newly built pediatric intensive care unit; an adolescent unit; a procedure suite; a hematology/oncology unit; medical/surgical units and modern patient and family amenities; new adult critical care and cardiac care units; an expanded imaging department, and increased support space throughout.

Stony Brook Children's Hospital

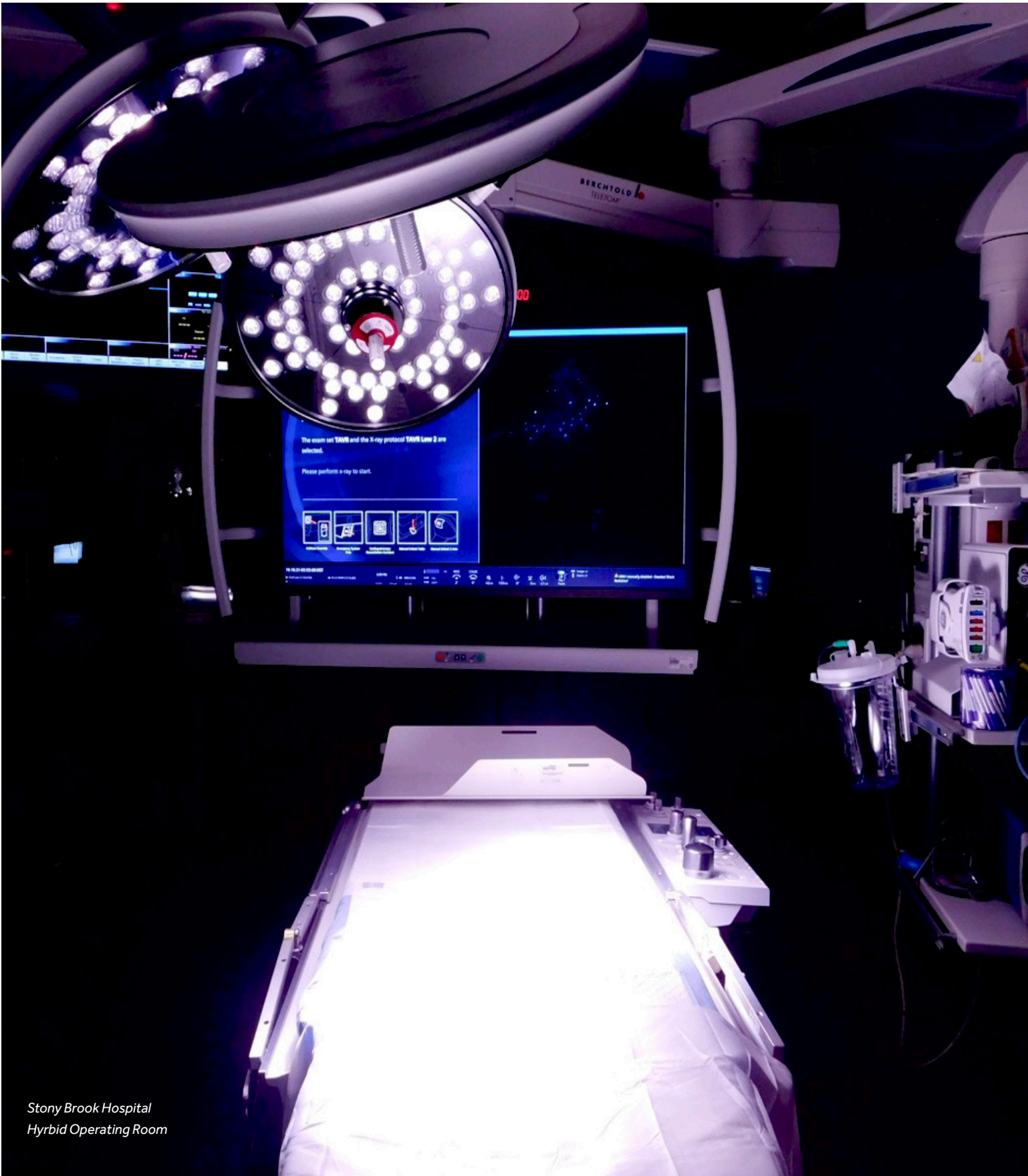
On Oct. 17, Stony Brook University commemorated the latest advancement in medical care for children with the completion of the new Stony Brook Children's Hospital.

Each room of the new hospital includes patient, family and healthcare provider areas. State-of-the-art hospital beds will capture and download patient information directly into the patients' charts. Every room contains a proprietary security system, with interactive televisions, in-room refrigerators and kid-focused menus.

The hospital has separate child and teen playrooms, as well as common areas, including an outdoor garden, and a classroom with wi-fi so students can keep up with their studies.

For family members and visitors, the hospital provides a new Ronald McDonald Family Room, courtesy of the Ronald McDonald House of Long Island, to offer a welcoming place for family respite, comfort and support.

The hospital's design and amenities are supported by research that shows that a child-friendly environment contributes to better outcomes for children. Patient rooms include multi-colored wall lights controlled by patients, to give them a greater sense of control over their environment during what can be a frightening time for them and their families.



*Stony Brook Hospital
Hybrid Operating Room*

Bariatric Surgery

Division Chief

Aurora D. Pryor, MD, FACS

Breast Surgery

Division Chief

Brian O'Hea, MD

Burn Care

Director

Steven Sandoval, MD

Cardiac Surgery

Division Chief

Henry J. Tannous, MD, FACS

Center for Vein Care

Director

Antonios P. Gasparis, MD, FACS

Colon and Rectal Surgery

Division Chief

Deborah Nagle, MD, FACS

General/Gastrointestinal
Surgery

Division Chief

Aurora D. Pryor, MD, FACS

Hernia Center

Otolaryngology - Head
and Neck Surgery (ENT)

Division Chief

David A. Schessel, MD, PhD

Pediatric Surgery

Division Chief

Christopher S. Muratore, MD

Plastic and Reconstructive
Surgery

Division Chief

Alexander B. Dagum, MD

Podiatric Surgery

Division Chief

Valerie A. Brunetti, DPM, FACFAS

Surgical Oncology

Division Chief

Aaron R. Sasson, MD, FACS

Thoracic Surgery

Director

Thomas V. Bilfinger, MD, ScD

Trauma/ Surgical Critical
Care

Division Chief

James A. Vosswinkel, MD, FACS

Vascular Surgery

Division Chief

Apostolos K. Tassiopoulos, MD, FACS



*da Vinci Robotic
Surgical System*

Surgical Skills Lab

The Department of Surgery created a skills lab for the purposes of trainee utilization for technical skill experience and refinement. This lab resides in very close proximity to both patient care areas and the department administrative offices to allow easy lab access (24/7 with badge access to surgical trainees and faculty only) to surgical personnel.

The lab contains various training resources necessary for both traditional and minimally invasive techniques. Resources range from those applicable to basic open skills (knot tying, suturing, IV access, central line, tube thoracostomy), advanced open skills (hernia anatomy/repair, anastomoses, endarterectomy, aneurysm repair), and minimally invasive skills.

Resources directed at minimally invasive techniques range from basic trainers to complex simulators directed at the development of basic and advanced minimally invasive skills, respectively. This includes laparoscopic trainers aimed to develop the basic skill competencies required for the Fundamentals of Laparoscopic Surgery (FLS) program. Similarly, endoscopy simulators are available for the development of the endoscopic knowledge and skills required by the Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgery (SAGES) Fundamentals of Endoscopic Surgery (FES) program. With the advancements of minimally invasive surgery across disciplines, simulators in general surgery and vascular surgery are available to hone basic, advanced, and endovascular (catheters, angioplasty, stenting) skills.

Most recently with the increasing incorporation of robotic approaches to general surgery, a da Vinci simulator has been added to the surgical skills lab to allow residents increasing exposure to the technology to hone their skills learned in the lab to be able to incorporate this safely into their patient care surgical experiences.

With the expansion of knowledge and technical skills in general surgery, the Department of Surgery believes it essential to provide the environment and resources to facilitate resident skill development in order to optimize both surgical resident education and the quality of the surgical care for our patients.

Clinical Skills Center

The Clinical Skills Center (CSC) at Stony Brook Medicine provides participants with opportunities for hands-on training in a safe environment.

It is a state-of-the-art training center that is used as a resource for specialized training of physicians and other healthcare professionals. Participants evaluate and diagnose patients through teaching modules that incorporate the use of actor patients and computerized mannequins that simulate disease.

This 6,000-square-foot facility features:

- Clinical scenario rooms, a simulated operating room and 10 exam rooms
- A simulated trauma/emergency room
- Audio/visual monitoring for each exam room and for the simulated ER/OR
- High-fidelity computerized mannequins (Laerdal SimMen and SimBaby)
- Clinical stations/partial trainers (TraumaMan, central line trainers, adult and pediatric IV and PICC arms and torso training, arterial arms, lumbar puncture backs, intubating heads, airway management trainer, foley trainers, birthing trainer)
- The B-Line Medical Skills System and Sim Center System, comprehensive systems used for simultaneous monitoring, testing and assessment
- Open vascular and endovascular simulators

The CSC provides a range of outcome assessment activities, including Objective Standardized Clinical Exercises (OSCE) for medical students, residents, faculty and other healthcare professionals. These include standardized patient encounters, high-fidelity mannequin scenarios and clinical skills stations. The Clinical Skills Center is fully digitized, allowing for videotaping, streaming, remote viewing and scoring of simulated patient encounters.



The Department of Surgery is committed to excellence in research, and to advancing scientific knowledge in order to improve patient care and population health. We conduct a broad range of basic science research and clinical trials. In line with the academic mission, we aim for surgical trainees to pursue research opportunities to enhance their training and career development

Surgical Oncology Analysis Research

Our Surgical Outcomes Analysis Research (SOAR) Collaborative is dedicated to investigating diseases treated with surgery, analyzing factors that affect the outcomes, and providing innovative interventions.

Our research is supported by grants from the National Institutes of Health, in addition to other public sources — and also private sources — of funds for basic and translational research.

“The establishment of SOAR in the Department of Surgery here at Stony Brook provides a means for participants at all levels, medical students to full professors, to have an impact. We all know and have heard of the impact of ‘big data’ on modern life.

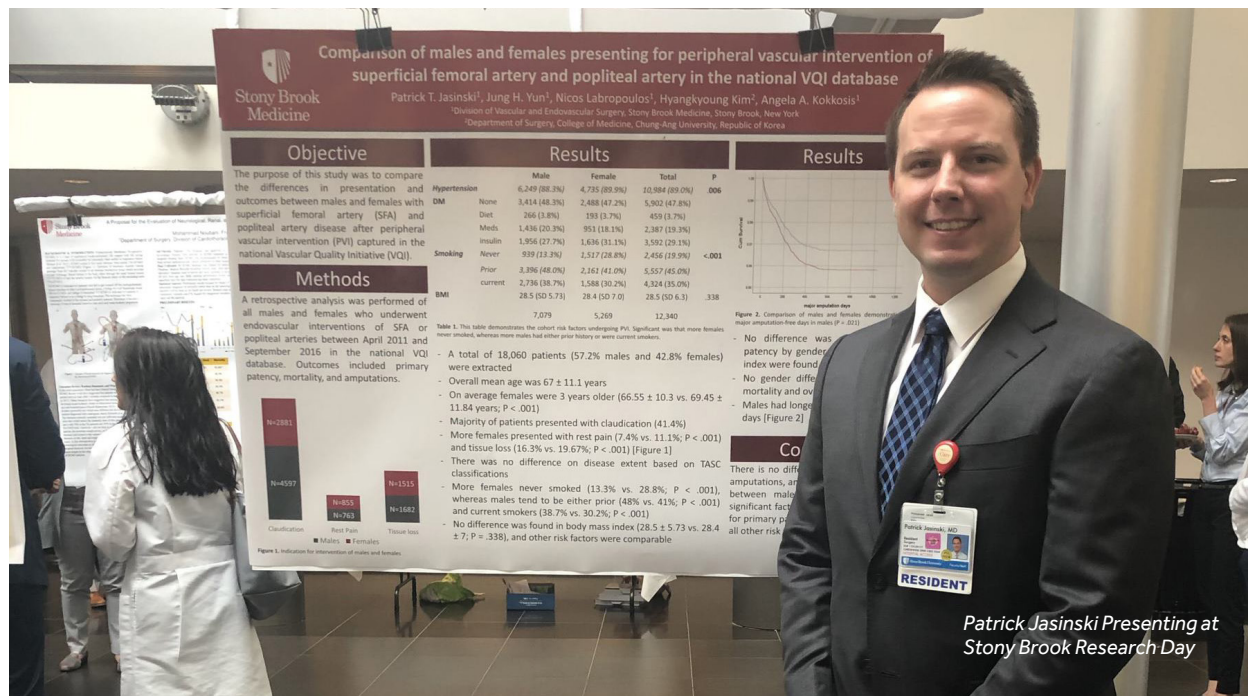
“SOAR seeks to leverage large data sets to answer questions that cannot be answered easily with other research methods.

“Beyond that, SOAR will not have fully reached its potential until our findings are used to drive improvements in medical care through healthcare policy changes and changes in care. The SOAR moniker will appear on many important papers from Stony Brook.”

— **Mark A. Talamini, MD, MBA, Chair of Surgery and Co-Director of SOAR**



*Mark A. Talamini, MD, MBA
Chair, Department of Surgery*



Patrick Jasinski Presenting at Stony Brook Research Day

GENERAL SURGERY RESIDENCY CONFERENCES AND ROUNDS

Surgical Conferences and teaching rounds provide formal instruction at Stony Brook University Hospital and the Northport Veterans Affairs Medical Center..

In addition to the breadth of surgical education conferences, there are many other valuable and informative medical and multi-disciplinary teaching conferences held each week at the medical center, school of medicine and the Stony Brook University itself.

Journal Clubs
 General Surgery, Colorectal, Head & Neck, Plastics, Cardiothoracic, SESAP

Conferences
 Morbidity & Mortality, Department of Surgery Grand Rounds, Chairman Resident, IBD, Vascular Surgery, Plastic Surgery, Pediatric Surgery Walk Rounds, ICU, Thoracic

Disease-site specific Multi-disciplinary Tumor Boards
 Breast, Colorectal, Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD), Upper Gastrointestinal, Sarcoma, Head & Neck, Pediatric, Thoracic (Lung), Melanomas

I-PASS (Morning Handoff Conference)
 Daily morning residency meeting/conference adopted in response to Joint Commission and National Quality Forum initiative to teach, evaluate and improve provider communication in handoff of patient care.

Grand Rounds
 Of special interest to surgical residents is the Department of Surgery Grand Rounds lecture series program which invites local, regional, and nationally recognized surgeons as visiting professors to provide perspectives and insights on the past, present, and future of surgery,

Stony Brook University Hospital Salary Scale

Salary includes \$2,500 resident stipend and \$3,026 location stipend.

Pay Level	2019-2020 Salary	2020-2021 Salary	2021-2022 Salary
PGY 1	\$65,413	\$66,611	\$67,833
PGY 2	\$69,616	\$70,898	\$72,205
PGY 3	\$73,458	\$74,817	\$76,203
PGY 4	\$77,303	\$78,739	\$80,203
PGY 5	\$81,143	\$82,655	\$84,198
PGY 6	\$84,979	\$86,568	\$88,189
PGY 7	\$93,570	\$95,331	\$97,127

2017–2018 Average Graduating Chief Resident Operative Experience

Category	SBU Cases
Total Major Cases	1104
Total Major (Chief)	216
Total Major (Teach Assistant)	35
Skin & Soft Tissue	141
Head & Neck	94
Alimentary Tract	226
Abdominal	504
Vascular	61
Endocrine	35
Liver	16
Pancreas	20
Operative Trauma	10

Based on recent years surgical resident operative experiences, each resident can reasonably expect to be actively involved and appropriately supervised at all times by a member of the surgical faculty to meet the American Board of Surgery operative experience requirements. Residents maintain an up-to-date record of their own operative experience on the ACGME case log system and monitored by the Department of Surgery education team. Cases are tabulated and kept as part of their permanent academic record to assure ABS requirements are fulfilled. The table below summarizes the average operative experience of the 2018 graduating surgical chief residents by ACGME defined categories (minimums). during 2017–18 for our residents at each postgraduate year (PGY) level

Life on Long Island

Long Island is considered a haven for residents and visitors alike. The longest and largest island in the United States, Long Island stretches over 100 miles from New York City to Montauk Point, offering pristine Atlantic Ocean beaches on its famous South Shore and quaint towns on its North Shore.

Though a well-known summer destination for celebrities, as well as singles, couples and families, Long Island is also home to several million residents who enjoy the island's unique beauty and a myriad of recreational opportunities. Whether you enjoy fabulous art galleries and museums, exceptional fishing spots, pristine golf courses, great restaurants, amazing wineries, beautiful bike trails or spectacular white sandy beaches, there's virtually something for everyone.

Located in the northern center of the island, Stony Brook is also close to the excitement of Manhattan where an easy commute places you at the doorsteps of world-famous museums, professional and college sporting and concert events, and restaurants of every cuisine.

Find out more about what makes Long Island special at: medicine.stonybrookmedicine.edu/longisland





*Stony Brook University Campus
and Long Island Sound*



Stony Brook **Medicine**