

2019-2020 Newsletter



## Greetings from the Chairperson



I am pleased to call attention to the 5th edition of the newsletter from the Department of Surgery. These editions are timed to coincide with the graduation of our residents for each academic year. During the past year, we have faced significant challenges.

It is with great honor that this is my first newsletter as Interim Chair. During this time, we have witnessed unparalleled events of the COVID-19 Pandemic. In response, our residents and attending staff have served with resiliency, dedication, and great innovation, and have adapted and flourished in our new environment.

We have seen some of the lowest mortality rates in the nation, while seeing some of the largest volumes of patients with COVID-19, and worked collaboratively with other allied disciplines in the Spirit of Brotherhood.

Thank you to each and every one of you for your dedication, commitment, and caring during these challenging times.

## Dr. Radi Zaki appointed Interim Robert G. Somers, MD Chair, Department of Surgery

Radi Zaki, MD, FACS is currently the Co-Chairman of the Department of Digestive Disease and Transplantation, Section Chief, Liver Transplantation & Hepatobiliary Surgery, and Chairman, Division of Transplantation at Einstein Medical Center Philadelphia, and will continue in this role. He has led the growth of our transplant program for the past 20 years focusing on quality and outcomes by creating a multidisciplinary team approach. Einstein's transplant program is very well recognized locally and nationally for both patient and graft survival by the Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients.

Dr. Zaki is certified by the American Board of Surgery with sub-specialization in Transplant Surgery. He has a variety of clinical interests, including multiorgan transplantation, endocrine surgery, hepatobiliary, and pancreatic surgery.

He completed his surgery residency at New York Medical College and served as Chief Resident of General Surgery at Sound Shore Medical Center of Westchester. Dr. Zaki went on to complete his Multiorgan Transplant Surgery Fellowship at Einstein Medical Center Philadelphia. He stayed on at Einstein where he has subsequently held numerous appointments, including Section Chief of Renal Transplantation. Dr. Zaki sits on a variety of committees and is the Governing Board Leader of the Gift of Life Donor Program.

Dr. Zaki is a prolific author of clinical research and has published in numerous national publications, including the *Journal of Experimental and Clinical Transplantation*, *Journal of Nephrology and Transplantation*, *American Journal of Roentgenology*, *Annals of Transplantation*, and others.

## Graduating Chief Residents



**Dr. Cinthya Yabar Lowder** grew up in Houston, TX, after immigrating from Peru with her parents. Her father is a family physician and her mother a psychologist by training. She attended the University of Houston Honors College, earning a BA in Psychology (*summa cum laude*) in 2008. She graduated from the University of Texas (Houston) with an MD in 2013. After her PGY 1-2 years here at Einstein, she spent two years as a research fellow at Jefferson in the pancreatic tumor biology lab of Drs. Jonathan Brody and Jordan Winter. She was the first Einstein surgery resident to pursue a two-year extramural research fellowship (several others have followed her lead since).

She has produced 12 manuscripts and 11 presentations of noteworthy impact in *Cancer Discovery*, *Annals of Surgical Oncology*, *Surgical Oncology*, and *Molecular Cancer Research*. She is also an editorial reviewer for the *Journal of Pancreatic Surgery* and the *American Journal of Surgery*. She completed 1050 cases, including 60 as teaching assistant. After seven years in Philadelphia, Cinthya will be returning to Texas with her husband (Zac) and son (Theo) to pursue a breast oncology fellowship at UT Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas.

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**Dr. Nkem Nweze** was born at Einstein and raised in Philadelphia, the daughter of Nigerian immigrants. Her father is a college professor and her mother a nurse. After graduating from Central High School, she attended Temple University, earning a Bachelor of Science (*magna cum laude*) in 2008. She then matriculated at the University of Buffalo Medical School, graduating in 2012. She joined Einstein as preliminary PGY-2 resident in 2015, then pursued a one-year research fellowship at Fox Chase Cancer Center working with Dr. Jeffrey Farma. Thereafter, she rejoined us as a categorical PGY-3 resident in 2017.

Notable amongst her scholarly works is a recent paper in *Clinics in Surgery* describing molecular profiling in patients to determine resectability of metastatic colorectal cancer. She has several other publications, ASCRS presentations, and SCORE contributions to her credit. She completed 1150 cases, including 60 as teaching assistant. Nkem will be moving to Florida to start an MIS colorectal fellowship at AdventHealth in Orlando.

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**Dr. Eric Weiss** grew up in Pittsburgh, the son of an orthopedic surgeon and a social worker. He earned his BS (Psychology) from Duke in 2010, and then attended Temple University Medical School, where he earned his MD in 2014. He started at Einstein Surgery in 2015. He has consistently scored between the 88<sup>th</sup>–99<sup>th</sup> percentiles on his ABSITEs.

He has produced ten peer-reviewed publications in acute care and plastic surgery. He has multiple additional peer-reviewed oral and poster abstracts, and book chapters. He was awarded a \$10,000 intramural grant to study the effects of C-1 esterase inhibitor on TBI. He has authored outstanding work for SCORE—both quiz items and modules. He served as our Administrative Chief Resident this year. He completed 1050 cases, including 35 as teaching assistant. He and his wife Valerie (a family physician) will be remaining in Philadelphia as he starts a 3-year fellowship in Plastic Surgery at the University of Pennsylvania.

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## The Department of Surgery

Radi Zaki, MD, FACS, Interim Chair  
Ramsey Dallal, MD, FACS, FASMBS, Vice Chair  
Amit Joshi, MD, FACS, Vice Chair for Academic Affairs  
Mark Kaplan, MD, FACS, Associate Chair  
Joan Gramlich, MBA, Administrator

### Bariatric Surgery

\*Ramsey Dallal, MD, FACS, FASMBS  
Matthew Hubbard, MD, MS, FACS, FASMBS  
Alfred Trang, MD, FACS, FASMBS

### Breast Surgery

\*Lisa Jablon, MD, FACS  
Archit Naik, MD, MBA  
Sarah Walcott-Sapp, MD

### Transplant Surgery

\*Radi Zaki, MD, FACS  
Stalin Campos, MD, FACS  
Nikolaos Chandolias, MD, FACS  
Hitesh Kaul, MD, FACS  
Kamran Khanmoradi, MD

### General Surgery

Amit Joshi, MD, FACS  
Catherine Schermer, MD, FACS  
Robert Schiowitz, MD, FACS

### ENT

\*Seth Zwillenberg, MD, FACS  
Ray Lesser, MD

### Colorectal Surgery

\*Richard Greenberg, MD, FACS, FASCRS  
Michelle DeLeon, MD

### Vascular Surgery

\*Rashad Choudry, MD  
Nadia Awad, MD  
Evan Deutsch, MD  
Aaron Ilano, MD

### Trauma & Acute Care Surgery

\*Mark Kaplan, MD, FACS  
Pak Leung, MD, MS, MBA, FACS  
Jay Strain, MD, FACS  
Benjamin Moran, MD, MS

### Cardiac & Thoracic Surgery

\*Louis Samuels, MD, FACS  
\*Raymond Singer, MD, FACS  
Charles Bakhos, MD, MS, FACS  
Cherie Erkmen, MD, FACS  
Alexandra Tuluca, MD, FACS

### Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery

\*Jared Liebman, MD  
Sameer Patel, MD, FACS

### Neurosurgery

\*Mark Kotapka, MD  
Patrick Cooper, MD

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## The Department of Surgery's Training Programs

### General Surgery Leadership

Amit Joshi, MD, Program Director  
Benjamin Moran, MD, MS, Associate PD  
Matthew Hubbard, MD, MS, Assistant PD  
Pak Leung, MD, MS, MBA, Clerkship Director  
Karlie Wagner, MBA, Administrator  
Kenny McNeil, Coordinator

#### PGY 5

Cinthya Yabar Lowder, MD (Univ. of TX, Houston)

Nkem Nweze, MD (Univ. of Buffalo)

Eric Weiss, MD (Temple SOM), Administrative  
Chief Resident

#### PGY 4

Austin Goetz, MD (Ross SOM)

James Krupp, MD (Northwestern SOM)

Aitua Salami, MD, MPH (Univ. of Benin)

#### PGY 3

Kathryn Capasso, MD, MS (Albany Med. College)

Amrina Cheema, MD, MPH (V) (Ross SOM)

Teena Dhir, MD, MS (Ross SOM)

Murad Karadsheh, MD (Michigan State Univ.)

#### Research Residents

Daniel Chakhalian, MD (Univ. of Arkansas)

Roshan D'Cruz, MD (SDM Med. College)

### Vascular Surgery Leadership

Evan Deutsch, MD, Program Director  
Nadia Awad, MD, Associate PD  
Nicole Amrik, MS, Administrator

#### PGY 2

Gabi Barmettler, MD (Jefferson Med. College)

Ryan Cohen, MD (Boston Univ.)

Manda Malley, MD (V) (E. Carolina Univ.)

Samantha Olafson, MD (George Washington Univ.)

#### PGY 1

Sakib Adnan, MD (Univ. of Maryland)

William Ketchum, MD (Uniformed Services Univ.)

Alexander Lam, MD (V) (Univ. California, San Fran.)

Candace Ward, MD, MPH (Univ. of Miami)

#### PGY 2—Preliminary

Jorge Castro-Otero, MD (Univ. de Cartagena)

Thejas Hiremath, MD (Med. College of Georgia)

Usman Hyder, MD (Aga Khan Med. College)

#### PGY 1—Preliminary

Julia D'Souza, MD, MS (Univ. of Pennsylvania)

Leonardo Kozian, MD (Ross SOM)

Michelle (Keyin) Lu, MD (St. Louis Univ.)

Threshia Malcolm, MD (Univ. of Missouri)

Steve Mathew, MD (SUNY Stony Brook)

Frank Yuan, MD (Univ. California, Los Angeles)

## Visiting Professors



**Laurence R. Sands, MD, MBA, FACS**  
Professor of Clinical Surgery  
Chief of Division of Colorectal Surgery  
UT Health Colon and Rectal Surgery  
University of Miami Health System  
“Rectal Cancer: New Directions, New Approaches”

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**Eric Weiss, MD, FACS, FASCRS, FACG**  
Chairman of Graduate Medical Education & DIO  
Program Director, Colorectal Training Program, Cleveland Clinic Florida  
Assistant Professor of Surgery, Cleveland Clinic Florida  
Clinical Assistant Professor of Surgery, University of South Florida—Tampa  
“Re-operative Abdominal and Pelvic Surgery: Operative Strategies and Tips for Success”

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**Charles Yeo, MD, FACS**  
Samuel D. Gross Professor and Chair of Surgery  
Senior Vice President and Chair, Enterprise Surgery, Jefferson Health  
Co-Director, Pancreas, Biliary, and Related Cancer Center  
Jefferson University Hospital  
Samuel Levin Invited Lecture: “The New Faces of Pancreatic Cancer Treatment”

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**Grace Wang, MD, MSCE, FACS**  
Director, Vascular Laboratory, Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania  
Associate Professor of Surgery & Radiology  
University of Pennsylvania  
“Is Our Best Really Good Enough? Evaluation Outcomes Using the Vascular Quality Initiative (VQI)”

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## 2019-2020 Scholarly Activity

### Peer-reviewed Publications

1. Morrison JJ, Madurska MJ, Romagnoli A, Ottochian M, **Adnan SM**, Kuebler T, Teeter W, Hoehn MR, Brenner ML, Dubose JJ, Scalea TM. A Surgical Endovascular Trauma Service Increases Case Volume and Decreases Time to Hemostasis. *Ann Surg.* 2019 Oct;270(4):612-619. PMID: 31356265
2. **Adnan SM**, Romagnoli AN, Martinson JR, Madurska MJ, Dubose JJ, Scalea TM, Morrison JJ. A Comparison of Transradial and Transfemoral Access for Splenic Angio-Embolisation in Trauma: A Single-Centre Experience. *Eur J Vasc Endovasc Surg.* 2020 Mar;59(3):472-479. PMID:31865031
3. **Adnan SM**, Romagnoli AN, Madurska MJ, Dubose JJ, Scalea TM, Morrison JJ. Safety and Efficacy of Radial Access for the Management of Endovascular Trauma. *J Vasc Surg.* 2020 May;71(5):1564-1571. PMID: 31611111
4. Shockcor N, **Adnan SM**, Siegel A, Wise ES, Zafar SN, Kligman M. Marijuana Use Does Not Affect the Outcomes of Bariatric Surgery. *Surg Endosc.* March 2020. PMID: 32166550
5. **Adnan SM**, Romagnoli AN, Elansary NN, Martinson JR, Madurska MJ, DuBose JJ, Scalea TM, Morrison JJ. Radial Versus Femoral Arterial Access for Trauma Endovascular Interventions: A Non-Inferiority Study. *J Trauma Acute Care Surg.* April 2020. PMID: 32301885
6. Madurska MJ, Franklin C, Richmond M, **Adnan SM**, Stansby GP, White JM, Morrison JJ. Improving the safety of resuscitative endovascular balloon occlusion of the aorta – Compliant versus semi-compliant balloon systems. *Vascular.* May 2020. PMID:32356682
7. Liu Y, Prasad-Hayes M, Ganz EM, Poggio JL, Lenskaya V, **Malcolm T**, Deshmukh A, Zheng W, Sigel K, Gaisa MM. HIV-positive women with anal high-grade squamous intraepithelial lesions: a study of 153 cases with long-term anogenital surveillance. *Mod Pathol.* 2020 March. PMID: 30266292
8. Woodman R, Student J, **Malcolm T**, Miller C, Lockette W. Acetazolamide increases locomotion, exploratory behavior, and weight loss following social stress: A treatment for emotional eating? *J. Metop.* 2020 Jan; 5: 100023
9. Harvin JA, Sharpe JP, Croce MA, Goodman MD, Pritts TA, Dauer ED, **Moran BJ**, Rodriguez RD, Zarzaur BL, Kreiner LA, Claridge JA, Holcomb JB. Better understanding the utilization of damage control laparotomy: A multi-institutional quality improvement project. *J Trauma Acute Care Surg.* 2019 Jul;87(1):27-34. PMID: 31260424
10. Deane M, Galvagno SM Jr, **Moran B**, Stein DM, Scalea TM, O'Connor JV. Shock, not Blood Pressure or Shock Index, Determines the need for Thoracic Damage Control Following Penetrating Trauma. *Shock.* 2019 Nov 5. PMID: 31693631

11. Davidson AJ, Madurska MJ, **Moran B**, Morrison JJ, DuBose JJ, Scalea TM. Direct site endovascular repair as salvage procedure after anastomotic breakdown of primary repair following trauma. *J Vasc Surg Cases Innov Tech*. 2019 Dec 7;5(4):597-601. PMID: 31872165
12. O'Connor JV, **Moran B**, Galvagno SM Jr, Deane M, Feliciano DV, Scalea TM. Admission Physiology vs Blood Pressure: Predicting the Need for Operating Room Thoracotomy after Penetrating Thoracic Trauma. *J Am Coll Surg*. 2020 Apr;230(4):494-500. PMID: 32007533
13. **DeLeon MF**, Hull TL. Treatment Strategies in Crohn's-Associated Rectovaginal Fistula. *Clin Colon Rectal Surg*. 2019 Jul;32(4):261-267. PMID: 31275072
14. **DeLeon MF**, Sapci I, Akeel NY, Holubar SD, Stocchi L, Hull TL. Diverticular Colovaginal Fistulas: What Factors Contribute to Successful Surgical Management? *Dis Colon Rectum*. 2019 Sep;62(9):1079-1084. PMID: 31318769
15. Lindholm EB, **D'Cruz R**, Fajardo R, et al. Admission of Pediatric Concussion Injury Patients: Is It Necessary? *J Surg Res*. 2019;244:107-110 PMID: 31279994
16. Friedman DT, Ghiassi S, **Hubbard MO**, Duffy AJ. Postoperative Opioid Prescribing Practices and Evidence-Based Guidelines in Bariatric Surgery. *Obes Surg*. 2019 Jul;29(7):2030-2036. PMID: 30903426
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19. **Dhir T**, Schultz CW, Jain A, Brown SZ, Haber A, **Goetz A**, Xi C, Su GH, Xu L, Posey J 3rd, Jiang W, Yeo CJ, Golan T, Pishvaian MJ, Brody JR. Abemaciclib Is Effective Against Pancreatic Cancer Cells and Synergizes with HuR and YAP1 Inhibition. *Mol Cancer Res*. 2019 Oct;17(10):2029-2041. PMID: 31383722
20. Schultz CW, Preet R, **Dhir T**, Dixon DA, Brody JR. Understanding and targeting the disease-related RNA binding protein human antigen R (HuR). *Wiley Interdiscip Rev RNA*. 2020 May;11(3):e1581. PMID: 31970930
21. A Jain, LC Agostini, GA McCarthy, SN Chand, AJ Ramirez, A Nevler, JA Cozzitorto, CW Schultz, **CY Lowder**, KM Smith, IA Waddell, M Raitses-Gurevich, C Stossel, YG Gorman, D Atias, CJ Yeo, JM Winter, KP Olive, T Golan, M Pishvaian, D Ogilvie, DI James, AM Jordan, JR Brody. Poly (ADP) ribose glycohydrolase can be effectively targeted in pancreatic cancer. *Cancer Research*. Sep 2019. PMID 31273064
22. **Weiss E**, **Dhir T**, Collett A, Reola M, **Kaplan M**, **Omert L**, **Leung P**. Complement Inhibition Mitigates Secondary Effects of Traumatic Brain Injury. *Clin Exp Emerg Med*. 2020.
23. **Bakhos CT**, Petrov RV, Parkman HP, Malik Z, Abbas AE. Role and safety of fundoplication in esophageal disease and dysmotility syndromes. *J Thorac Dis*. 2019 Aug;11(Suppl 12):S1610- S1617. PMID: 31489228



24. Petrov RV, Su S, **Bakhos CT**, Abbas AE. Surgical anatomy of paraesophageal hernias. *Thorac Surg Clin*. 2019 Nov;29(4):359-368. PMID: 31564392
25. **Bakhos CT**, Patel SP, Petrov RV, Abbas AE. Management of paraesophageal hernia in the morbidly obese patient. *Thorac Surg Clin*. 2019 Nov;29(4):379-386. PMID: 31564394
26. Cassidy DJ, Mullen JT, Gee DW, **Joshi ART**, Klingensmith ME, Petrusa E, Phitayakorn R. #SurgEdVidz: Using Social Media to Create a Supplemental Video-Based Surgery Didactic Curriculum. *J Surg Res*. 2020 May 14:S0022-4804(20)30213-4. PMID: 32418641
27. Terhune KP, **Joshi ART**, Choi J: Career Advancement in Surgical Education. *Surgery*. 2019 Oct 14. PMID: 31623854
28. Cassaro S, Goldman-Mellor S, Hope WW, Jarman BT, Johna S, **Joshi ART**, Kaufman T, Grannan KJ: Mid-year Medical Knowledge Milestones and ABSITE Scores in First-Year Surgery Residents. *J Surg Educ*. 2019 Sep 28. PMID: 31575488
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35. Fernandez LG, Sibaja Alvarez P, **Kaplan MJ**, Sanchez-Betancourt AA, Matthews MR, Cook A. Application of Negative Pressure Wound Therapy with Instillation and Dwell Time of the Open Abdomen: Initial Experience. *Cureus*. 2019 Sep 16;11(9):e5667. PMID: 31720143

36. Qin MY, Atwood RE, **Ketchum WA**, Kaba SA, Bradley MJ. Characterization of serum levels of testosterone and corticosterone in a blast and amputation rat model of heterotopic ossification. *Mol Cell Endocrinol*. 2020 Jun 1;509:110799. PMID: 32209352
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38. **Randhawa S**, Sferra SR, Das C, Kaiser LR, Ma GX, **Erkmen CP**. Examining Gender Differences in Lung Cancer Screening. *J Community Health*. 2020 Apr 22. PMID: 32323173
39. Greenspon A, **Samuels L**, Greenspon L. Extralobar Sequestration Complicated by a Cystic Hamartoma in an Adult. *Ann Thorac Surg*. 2019 Jul;108(1):e43-e44. PMID: 30529677
40. Bauer TM, Choi JH, Luc JGY, Weber MP, Moncho Escrivá E, Patel S, Maynes EJ, Boyle AJ, **Samuels LE**, Entwistle JW, Morris RJ, Massey HT, Tchanchaleishvili V. Device exchange versus nonexchange modalities in left ventricular assist device-specific infections: A systematic review and meta-analysis. *Artif Organs*. 2019 May;43(5):448-457. PMID: 30357880
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43. **Samuels LE**, Klodowski D. Sternal closure with a braided cable system: another word of caution. *Thorac Surg Res*. 2019; 1(2): 1007
44. Athar F, Snyder S, Mahmoud S, Husain M, Ramamoorthy S, **Samuels LE**. Successful use of indigo carmine for vasoplegic syndrome during coronary artery bypass grafting: a case report. *J of Heart Fail Cardiol Res*. 2019; 1(1):jhfc-201907003
45. **Tuluca A**, Athar F, Mahmoud S, **Samuels LE**, Husain M, Ramamoorthy S. Intraoperative embolization of a left ventricular apical thrombus to the innominate artery during coronary artery bypass grafting surgery: diagnosis and management. *Am J CV Surg*. 2019;1(1)
46. **Samuels L**, **Tuluca A**, Robbins T, Iobst A, **Dallal R**, Bonita R, Bozorgnia B. Left Ventricular Assist Device 'Pocket' Infection: Alternative Treatment Strategy. *Am J Cardiovasc Sur*. 2019;2(1):AJCVS-1-1002
47. Wood CT, O'Malley TJ, Maynes EJ, Vishnevsky A, Morris RJ, **Samuels LE**, Massey HT, Tchanchaleishvili V. Survival outcomes of stenting outflow graft stenosis in continuous-flow left ventricular assist devices: a systematic review. *Heart Fail Rev*. 2019 Dec 9. PMID: 31820204
48. Rizvi SSA, Challapalli J, Maynes EJ, Weber MP, Choi JH, O'Malley TJ, Entwistle JW, Morris RJ, **Samuels LE**, Massey HT, Tchanchaleishvili V. Indications and outcomes of combined heart-liver transplant: A systematic review and met-analysis. *Transplant Rev (Orlando)*. 2020 Apr;34(2):100517. PMID: 31831325

49. Lopez-Soler RI, Patel SK, Lyubarova R, Pashkovetsky E, Wang S, Schuster D, **Chandolias N**, Conti D. Pericardial Effusion Associated With Sirolimus Use After Renal Transplantation: A Single-Center Case Series. *Transplant Proc.* 2019 Jul-Aug;51(6):1739-1743. PMID: 31204020

### Peer-reviewed Grants

**Dr. Chakhalian:** NIH T-32 National Research Service Award for postdoctoral training in translational research in regenerative medicine, New Jersey Center for Biomaterials, Rutgers State University of NJ.

**Dr. Awad:** Utilizing skin perfusion pressure to determine wound healing/level of amputation to reduce hospital readmission in patients with critical limb ischemia (\$10,000), Albert Einstein Society QI Grant.

**Dr. Erkmen:** Regional Comprehensive Cancer Health Disparities Partnership (U54), NIH/NCI for multi-institutional, multidisciplinary study looking at contributors of cancer risk and enhancing cancer care for minority and underserved populations.

**Dr. Erkmen:** Optimizing Tobacco Treatment for Smokers Seeking Lung Cancer Screening, Site PI, National Cancer Institute.

### Peer-reviewed Oral Presentations

1. Madurska MJ, Richmond M, **Adnan S**, Franklin C, Morrison JJ. Overinflation in Aortic Balloon Occlusion – An Ex Vivo Study. Poster Presentation at the 2nd Pan-American Endovascular Resuscitation and Trauma Management Symposium. Denver, CO. November 2019.
2. Herrold J, **Adnan S**, Romagnoli A, Madurska M, Betzold R, DuBose J, Scalea T, Morrison J. Certification in Endovascular Hemostasis for Trauma Surgeons: Possible and Practical? Podium Presentation at the 50th Annual Meeting for Western Trauma Association. Sun Valley, ID. February 2020.
3. **Moran B**, Major E, Nguyen A, Kufera J, Tisherman S, Diaz J. Preoperative Resuscitation in the Emergency General Surgery Septic Patient: Does it Really Matter?. Society of Critical Care Medicine. Feb 2020.
4. **D’Cruz RJ**, Linden AF, Devin C, Reichard K, Savage J, Choudhary A, Berman L. A Standardized Diagnostic Pathway for Emergency Room Appendicitis Evaluation Reduces Unnecessary Imaging. ASC Clinical Congress, Orlando, FL, February 2020.
5. **D’Cruz RJ**, MacDonald L, Zisa N, Zomorodi A, Murren-Boezem J, Atanda A, Hirschfeld F, Berman L. Institution-initiated Text Messaging Can Reduce Unplanned Emergency Department Visits After Appendectomy. APSA, May 2020.
6. **Olafson S, Leung P, Maley M, Drevik J, Lowder C, Deutsch E.** Recurrent Tracheoinnominate Fistula: A Multidisciplinary Approach Leads to Survival Against the Odds. Albert Einstein Medical Center Case Report Competition Finalist, Philadelphia PA, 2020.

7. Heskell M, Siena N, **Olafson S**, **Leung PS**, Miller B. General Surgery and Emergency Medicine Residents' Perception of the Gun Violence Issue. Annual Academic Surgical Congress, Orlando, 2020.
8. Heskell M, Siena N, **Olafson S**, Abeshouse M, Gouchoe D, Bahat D, Wilson R, **Leung PS**, Miller SB. Medical Student Attitudes Regarding Experiences Treating Victims of Trauma. Annual Academic Surgical Congress, Orlando, 2020.
9. Katsnelson J, Tyrell R, Manstein E, **Karadsheh, MJ**, Deng M, Egleston BL, Shafqat MS, **Patel SA**. Postoperative Complications Associated With Choice of Reconstruction in Head and Neck Cancer: An Outcome Analysis of 4,712 Patients From the ACS-NSQIP Database. Robert H. Ivy Pennsylvania Plastic Surgery Society 66th Annual Scientific Meeting. Hershey, PA. November 7th, 2020.
10. **Karadsheh MJ**, Tyrell R, Deng M, Egleston BL, **Krupp JC**, Shafqat MS, **Patel SA**. Early Postoperative Outcomes in Implant, Pedicled, and Free Flap Reconstruction for Breast Cancer: An Analysis of 23,834 Patients From the ACS-NSQIP Datasets. Robert H. Ivy Pennsylvania Plastic Surgery Society 66th Annual Scientific Meeting. Hershey, PA. November 7th, 2020.
11. **Karadsheh MJ**, Patel SA, Bleicher SJ, **Weiss ES**, Katsnelson J, **Krupp JC**, Sigurdson ER, Ng M, Ruth K, Shafqat MS. Breast Reconstruction in Inflammatory Breast Cancer: An Analysis of Predictors, Trends, and Survival from the National Cancer Database. Plastic Surgery the Meeting 89th Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA. October 16th-19th, 2020.
12. Katsnelson JY, Tyrell R, Manstein E, **Karadsheh MJ**, Egleston B, Deng M, **Patel SA**. Postoperative Complications Associated With Choice Of Reconstruction In Head And Neck Cancer: An Outcome Analysis Of 4,712 Patients From The ACS-NSQIP Database. Plastic Surgery the Meeting 89th Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA. October 16th-19th, 2020.
13. Poggio, JL, **Malcolm, TM**, Katakwar, A, Donahoe, A, Thakar, A, Komeil, MB. Anoscopy Surveillance for Anal Dysplasia in Patients Living with HIV Disease is a Safe and Cost-Effective Approach. IANS Scientific Meeting 2019.
14. **Randhawa S**, Quintos A, Sharma B, **Bakhos C**. Thoracoscopic lobectomy for congenital bronchial atresia in an adult. American College of Chest Physicians meeting, Oct 2019.
15. **Bakhos C**, Petrov R, Shapiro W, Abbas A. Surgical tracheobronchoplasty for tracheobronchomegaly (Mounier-Kuhn Syndrome). Eastern Cardiothoracic Surgical Society meeting, October 2019.
16. **Walcott-Sapp S**, Srour MK, Lee MK, Luu M, Amersi F, Giuliano A, Chung A. Can Radiologic Tumor Size Following Neoadjuvant Therapy Reliably Guide Tissue Resection in Breast Conserving Surgery in Patients with Invasive Breast Cancer? Southern California Chapter of the American College of Surgeons, Santa Barbara, CA, January 2020.
17. **Salami A**, Abbas EA, Petrov RV, Kaiser, LR, **Bakhos CT**. Thymic Neuroendocrine Tumors versus Thymic Carcinoma: Demographics, Treatment, and Survival. The Society of Thoracic Surgeons Annual Meeting, 2019.

18. **Cheema A, Awad N, Ilano A, Deutsch E, Choudry RG.** Surgical Treatment of a Thoracic Aortic Aneurysm in a Patient with Loeys-Dietz Syndrome. 42nd Annual Delaware Valley Vascular Society Meeting. Philadelphia, PA. April 30th, 2020.
19. **Maley M, Awad N, Deutsch E, Ilano A, Manis G, Choudry R.** Complex Repair of Complicated Acute Type B Aortic Dissection with Visceral and Peripheral Ischemia. Delaware Valley Vascular Society, Fall Meeting, Philadelphia, PA September 2019.
20. **Maley M, Awad N, Deutsch E, Singer R, Choudry R.** Multidisciplinary Hybrid Management of Recurrent Tracheo-Innominate Artery Fistula After Open Ligation of the Innominate Artery. Society of Clinical Vascular Surgery, Huntington Beach, California, March 2020.\*\*
21. **Erkmen C.** Mitigating Unconscious Bias in Recruitment and Promotions. Society of Thoracic Surgeons, New Orleans, January, 2020.

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#### Peer-reviewed Poster Abstracts

1. Madurska MJ, Richmond M, **Adnan S**, Franklin C, Morrison JJ. Overinflation in Aortic Balloon Occlusion – An Ex Vivo Study. Endovascular Resuscitation and Trauma Management Society. September 2019.
2. Herrold J, **Adnan S**, Romagnoli A, Madurska M, Betzold R, DuBose J, Scalea T, Morrison J. Certification in Endovascular Hemostasis for Trauma Surgeons: Possible and Practical? Western Trauma Association. November 2019.
3. **Lam A**, Deutsch E, Choudry R, Ilano A, Manis G, Awad N. Multimodal treatment of persistent chronic venous ulceration with normal non-invasive studies. *American Venous Forum*. March 2020.
4. **Lu K**, Barron J, Israel H and Cannada L. Doc, I can't sleep! (How Prevalent Are Sleep Disturbances in Orthopaedic Trauma Patients). Orthopaedic Trauma Association Annual Meeting 2019; September 25- 28, 2019; Denver, Colorado.
5. **Cohen RB**, Chandolias N, Khanmoradi K, Campos S, Kaul H, Walter J, Rossi S, Navarro V, Zaki R: Utilization of Hepatitis C Viremic Donors In Liver Transplantation: A Single Center Experience. American Transplant Congress (ATC), Philadelphia, 2020.
6. **D'Cruz R**, Devin C, Linden AF, Savage J, Reichard K, Choudhary A, Berman L. Acute Appendicitis in Children: Time to Change the Diagnostic Pathway? ACS Quality and Safety Conference, Washington DC, July 2019.
7. Linden AF, **D'Cruz R**, Golecki M, Philips M, Froehlich C, Reichard K, Berman L, Dirnberger D. Utilization of the 13 French Avalon® Bicaval Dual Lumen Catheter for Venovenous Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation in young infants with respiratory failure. APSA, May 2020.

8. **Cohen RB, Chandolias N, Khanmoradi K, Campos S, Kaul H**, Walter J, Rossi S, Navarro V, **Zaki R**: Utilization of Hepatitis C Viremic Donors In Liver Transplantation: A Single Center Experience. American Transplant Congress (ATC), Philadelphia, June, 2020.
9. Jordan S, Petrov R, **Bakhos C**, Abbas A. Robotic-assisted repair of delayed presentation of traumatic diaphragmatic hernia. American College of Surgeons Clinical Congress, October 2019.
10. Gritsiuta A, Abbas A, **Bakhos C**, Petrov R. Robotic-assisted right upper bilobectomy with pericardial resection. Eastern Cardiothoracic Surgical Society meeting, October 2019.
11. Kus N, **Bakhos C**, Petrov V, Abbas A. Robotic repair of a giant paraesophageal hiatal hernia. Eastern Cardiothoracic Surgical Society meeting, October 2019.
12. Onufer EJ, Trolard A, Hickey M, Lyons W, Klingensmith ME, Malangoni MA, **Joshi ART**: SCORE – Leveling the Playing Field for Surgical Training Programs. Annual Meeting of the Society of University Surgeons, Orlando, 2019.
13. Rome C, Shaikh M, **Joshi A**, Maser C, **Karipineni F**: Voice and Dermatologic Quality of Life After Transoral Thyroid and Parathyroid Surgery. Southwestern Surgical Congress, Ojai, 2020.
14. Ritter KA, Anand R, Beard K, Edelman DA, Huth L, Namm J, Allen S, **Joshi ART**, Hildreth A, Tu C, Seavey C, Vilchez V, Lipman JM: Impact of Surgery Program Characteristics on Fate of Non- Designated Preliminary Surgery Interns. Annual Meeting of the Association of Program Directors in Surgery (APDS), Seattle, 2020.
15. **Walcott-Sapp S**, Lee M, Srour M, Kim S, Amersi F, Giuliano A, Chung A. Alterations in Breast Cancer Biomarkers Following Neoadjuvant Therapy. Chinese Society of Clinical Oncology Annual Meeting, Xiamen, China, September 2019.
16. **Cheema A**, Syal A, Ahuja R, **Awad N**, **Choudry RG**, **Deutsch E**. Multidisciplinary Treatment of Phlegmasia Cerulea Dolens with Pharmacomechanical Intervention. 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual American Venous Forum Meeting. Amelia Island, FL. March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020.
17. Knorr J, Kallis C, Portley D, Jeyarajasingam Alai P, Bradauskite G, **Khanmoradi K**. Comparison of 1-year incidence of *de novo* DSA between Alemtuzumab and Thymoglobulin induction in kidney transplantation. American Transplant Congress 2020, Philadelphia.
18. **Lam A**, **Deutsch E**, **Choudry R**, **Ilano A**, **Manis G**, **Awad N**. Multimodal Treatment of Persistent Chronic Venous Ulceration with Normal Non-Invasive Studies. American Venous Forum, Amelia Island, Florida, March, 2020.



### **Invited Speaker, Panelist, or Moderator at National/International Scientific Meetings**

1. **Kaplan MJ:** “Proliferation of Trauma Centers: Solution vs. Dilution” Trauma Critical Care, and Acute Care Surgery (Mattox Trauma Conference), Las Vegas, Nevada 2020.\*\*
2. **Kaplan MJ:** “Vasopressors- Use and Misuse” Trauma Critical Care, and Acute Care Surgery (Mattox Trauma Conference), Las Vegas, Nevada 2020.\*\*
3. **Joshi ART:** “SCORE—Best Practices for Program Administrators,” Annual Meeting of the Association of Residency Administrators in Surgery (ARAS), Seattle, 2020.\*\*
4. **Joshi ART:** “Residency Closure: It’s a Hard Knock Life by the Sun Will Come Out Tomorrow,” Annual Meeting of the Association of Residency Administrators in Surgery (ARAS), Seattle, 2020.\*\*
5. **Joshi ART:** “What’s New in SCORE? Increased Customization and Enhanced Assessment,” Annual Meeting of the Association of Residency Administrators in Surgery (ARAS), Seattle, 2020.\*\*
6. **Joshi ART:** APDS Paper Session II Moderator, Annual Meeting of the Association of Program Directors in Surgery (APDS), Seattle, 2020.\*\*
7. **Erkmen CP.** Moderator, Mitigating Unconscious Bias in Recruitment and Promotions, Society of Thoracic Surgeons, New Orleans, January, 2020.
8. **Erkmen CP.** Moderator, Cardiothoracic Surgical Education and Professional Development, Society of Thoracic Surgeons, New Orleans, January, 2020.

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### **Book Chapters & SCORE Contributions**

1. **Nweze N, DeLeon MF.** Anorectal Fistulae Repair. *The SCORE Portal*, September, 2018.
2. **Lowder CY, Anderson C.** Breast reconstruction post-mastectomy. *The SCORE Portal*, November, 2018.
3. Scalea TM, **Moran B**, Tesoriero R. Glucose Control in the Post-Operative Period. *Current Surgical Therapy*, 13<sup>th</sup> Edition. ISBN: 9780323376914. 11-29-2019..
4. **Kaplan M**, Demetriades D: Damage Control Surgery, *Volume II in Atlas of Surgical Techniques in Trauma*, Cambridge University Press, 2020.
5. **Olafson S:** SCORE “TWIS” quiz item contributor.
6. Nweze N, DeLeon MF. Anorectal Fistulae Repair. *The SCORE Portal*, September, 2018.
7. Bruns B, **Moran B.** Preparation, Initial Resuscitation, and Management of the Patient for Emergency Operation. *The Trauma Manual: Trauma and Acute Surgery*, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition. Edited by Peitzman A, Yealy D. 9-18-2019. ISBN-10: 1975113047.
8. **Randhawa S, Erkmen CP.** Superior Vena Cava Syndrome. *The SCORE Portal*, April 2020.

## Visiting Professorships, Extra-mural Grand Rounds, and Course Faculty

1. **Joshi ART:** “General Surgery Training at Independent Medical Centers—Opportunities and Threats,” Visiting Professor, Department of Surgery, The Iowa Methodist Medical Center, Des Moines, October, 2019.
2. **Joshi ART:** “General Surgery Training at Independent Medical Centers—Opportunities and Threats,” Visiting Professor, Department of Surgery, New Hanover Regional Medical Center, Wilmington, November, 2019.
3. **Joshi ART:** “General Surgery Training in 2019—Opportunities and Threats,” Visiting Professor, Department of Surgery, Temple University Medical Center, Philadelphia, November, 2019.
4. **Joshi ART:** “General Surgery Training at Independent Medical Centers—Opportunities and Threats,” Visiting Professor, Department of Surgery, Beth Israel-West, New York, December, 2019.
5. **Joshi ART:** “General Surgery Training in 2020—Opportunities and Threats,” Visiting Professor, Department of Surgery, Cooper University Medical Center, Camden, January, 2020.
6. **Joshi ART:** “General Surgery Training in 2020—Recruitment, Curriculum, and Outcomes,” Keynote Speaker, Philadelphia Surgery Symposium, Gibbon Surgical Society, Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, February, 2020.
7. **Kaplan MJ:** 24<sup>th</sup> Annual USC Trauma, Emergency Surgery, and Surgical Critical Care Symposium, Pasadena, May, 2020\*\*
8. **Kaplan MJ:** 51<sup>st</sup> Trauma, Critical Care Surgery, Acute Care Surgery, 10<sup>th</sup> Medical Disaster Response, Las Vegas, March-April 2020\*\*

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## Notable Accomplishments

### ARMED FORCES APPOINTMENTS

1. **Ketchum WA:** Captain, Medical Corps, US Army
2. **Ward CL:** Lieutenant, Medical Corps, US Navy Reserve

### PRELIMINARY RESIDENTS' NEXT APPOINTMENTS

1. **Castro Otero, JH:** MIS Thoracic Fellowship, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School
2. **D'Souza JC:** PGY-2, Interventional Radiology, University of Pennsylvania
3. **Hiremath T:** PGY-2, Anesthesiology, Reading Hospital
4. **Kozian L:** PGY-1, General Surgery, Einstein Healthcare Network
5. **Malcolm T:** PGY-1, General Surgery, Einstein Healthcare Network
6. **Mathew S:** PGY-2, Diagnostic Radiology, Creighton School of Medicine
7. **Yuan F:** Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, NIH T-32 Grant, Vascular and Interventional Radiology, Johns Hopkins University / PGY-2, Diagnostic Radiology Residency, West Virginia University



## PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL EDITORIAL REVIEWERS

1. **Bakhos CT:** *Annals of Thoracic Surgery, OncoTargets and Therapy, Minerva Chirurgica, International Journal of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, Current Challenges in Thoracic Surgery* (Editorial Board)
2. **Erkmen CP:** *Journal of Thoracic Oncology, European Journal of Cardio-Thoracic Surgery, BMC Cancer, BMC Surgery, PCORI, Journal of Surgical Research*
3. **Hubbard MO:** *Frontiers in Surgery, SOJ Surgery*
4. **Joshi ART:** *Annals of Surgery, Journal of Surgical Research, Surgery, Journal of Surgical Education, Journal of Graduate Medical Education, Surgical Council on Resident Education* (Associate Editor)
5. **Karadsheh MJ:** *Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Global Open*
6. **Kaplan MJ:** *World Journal of Surgery, International Journal of Abdominal Research* (US Editor)
7. **Lowder CY:** *Journal of Pancreatic Cancer, The American Journal of Surgery*
8. **Patel SA:** *The Breast Journal* (Editorial Board)
9. **Samuels LE:** *Annals of Thoracic Surgery, Journal of Thoracic & Cardiovascular Surgery*
10. **Singer RL:** *American Health and Drug Benefits* (Editorial Board)
11. **Ward CL:** *American Journal of Surgery*

## REGIONAL, NATIONAL, INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE/SOCIETY APPOINTMENTS

1. **Awad N:** Councilor-at-Large, Executive Committee, Delaware Valley Vascular Society
2. **Bakhos CT:** Chair, Research Innovations Committee, Eastern CardioThoracic Surgical society (ECTSS)
3. **Bakhos CT:** Member, Bylaws Committee, ECTSS
4. **Bakhos CT:** Member, Membership Committee, ECTSS
5. **Deutsch ER:** Councilor-at-Large, Executive Committee, Delaware Valley Vascular Society
6. **Deutsch ER:** Recruitment of Surgical Residents and Students Committee, Association of Program Directors in Vascular Surgery
7. **Erkmen CP:** Chair, In-Training Examination Committee, Thoracic Surgery Directors' Association
8. **Erkmen CP:** Task Force on Lung Cancer Screening, Society of Thoracic Surgeons (STS)
9. **Erkmen CP:** Workforce on Media Relations and Communications; Chair, Committee on Diversity and Inclusion; Annual Meeting Reviewer; Annual Scholarships Reviewer; Foundation Research Committee, STS

10. **Erkmen CP:** Guest Examiner, American Board of Thoracic Surgery
11. **Erkmen CP:** Associate Certifying Examiner, American Board of Surgery
12. **Erkmen CP:** Publications Committee, International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer
13. **Hubbard MO:** Member, General and Foregut Surgery Committee, ASMBS
14. **Hubbard MO:** Member, Program Committee, ASMBS
15. **Hubbard MO:** Member, Educational Resources Committee, ASMBS
16. **Joshi ART:** Vice-Chair, SCORE Advisory Council
17. **Joshi ART:** Board of Directors, American Board of Surgery
18. **Joshi ART:** Member, Audit Committee, American Board of Surgery
19. **Joshi ART:** Board of Directors and Executive Committee, Association of Program Directors in Surgery
20. **Joshi ART:** Director, Education Division, Association of Program Directors in Surgery
21. **Joshi ART:** Board of Governors, American College of Surgeons
22. **Joshi ART:** President, Metropolitan Philadelphia Chapter, American College of Surgeons
23. **Joshi ART:** Co-Chair, Planning committee for the Coalition for Physician Accountability
24. **Karadsheh MJ:** Chair, Resident Associate Society Committee, Metropolitan Philadelphia Chapter, ACS
25. **Karadsheh MJ:** Member, Advocacy & Issues Committee, American College of Surgeons
26. **Leung PS:** Consultant, Doctors without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières
27. **Patel SA:** Immediate Past-President, Metropolitan Philadelphia Chapter, American College of Surgeons

#### EINSTEIN MEDICAL STAFF BOARD

1. **Awad N:** Member at Large
2. **Kaplan MJ:** Executive Committee
3. **Leung PS:** Member at Large
4. **Strain JJ:** Vice-President

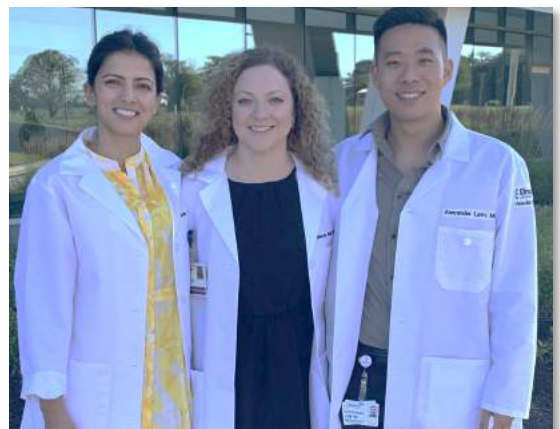
## AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

1. **Drs. Dallal, Deutsch, Erkmen, Greenberg, Jablon, Kaplan Kotapka, Lesser, Zwillenberg, Samuels, Schermer, Simms, Singer, and Zaki** were selected as “Top Docs” by *Philadelphia* Magazine in 2020.
2. **Dr. Chakhalian** is a Postdoctoral Research Fellow in, New Jersey Center for Biomaterials, Rutgers University.
3. **Dr. D’Cruz** is a Clinical Research Fellow, Department of Pediatric General Surgery, Nemours Alfred I. DuPont Hospital for Children, Wilmington, DE.
4. **Dr. Hubbard** was elected a Fellow of the American Society of Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery in 2019.
5. **Dr. Leung** received the Blockley-Osler Dean’s Teaching Award for Excellence in Teaching from the Sidney Kimmel Medical College—Thomas Jefferson University in 2020.
6. **Dr. Patel** was appointed as Interim Chief of the Division of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at Temple University Hospital and Fox Chase Cancer Center.
7. **Dr. Zaki** was appointed as Interim Chair of the Department of Surgery, Einstein Healthcare Network in 2020.



The 2019-2020 academic year was the inaugural year for Einstein’s Integrated Vascular Surgery Residency Program. After years of growth under the leadership of Division Chief, Rashad Choudry, MD, the Division of Vascular Surgery achieved one of its primary goals—to have a 5-year training program.

Across the country, there are only fifty-nine ACGME-accredited integrated vascular programs. Einstein’s is now one of 3 programs in the greater Philadelphia area. The residency began on July 1, 2019 with three residents, Amrina Cheema, MD, Manda Maley, MD, Alexander Lam, MD.



## Medical School Teaching Appointments

**Professor**

**Cherie Erkmen, MD (Temple)**

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**Clinical Professor**

**Mark Kaplan, MD (TJU)**  
**Mark Kotapka, MD (TJU)**

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**Associate Professor**

**Charles Bakhos, MD (Temple)**  
**Ramsey Dallal, MD (TJU)**  
**Amit Joshi, MD (TJU)**

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**Associate Clinical Professor**

**Sameer Patel, MD (Temple)**

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**Assistant Professor**

**Michelle DeLeon, MD (TJU)**  
**Pak Leung, MD (TJU)**

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**Clinical Assistant Professor**

**Richard Greenberg, MD (TJU)**  
**Lisa Jablon, MD (TJU)**  
**Jay Strain, MD (TJU)**  
**Alfred Trang, MD (TJU)**  
**Sarah Walcott-Sapp, MD (TJU)**

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## 2018-2019 Departmental Awards

The Intern of the Year Award for 2019 was presented to **Dr. Samantha Olafson** in recognition of outstanding performance as a resident in General Surgery as chosen by the attending surgical staff and residents.

The Robert G. Somers Award for 2019 was presented to **Dr. Simran K. Randhawa** in recognition of outstanding Resident Educator in General Surgery as chosen by the attending surgical staff and residents.

The Mohan B. Das Award for 2019 was presented to **Dr. Simran K. Randhawa** in recognition of outstanding performance as Chief Resident in General Surgery as chosen by the attending surgical staff and residents.

The Outstanding Clinical Teacher Award for 2019 was presented to **Dr. Nadia Awad** in recognition of outstanding performance as a clinical teacher in General Surgery as chosen by the surgical residents.

The Outstanding Teaching in the Operating Room Award for 2019 was presented to **Dr. Ramsey Dallal** in recognition of outstanding performance as a teacher in the Operating Room as chosen by the surgical residents.



## Alumni Spotlight

### Luanne Force, MD

Dr. Force finished her general surgery training at Einstein in 2016. She is certified by the American Board of Surgery and . Prior to her training in Philadelphia, she earned her MD at Weill Cornell Medical School. She moved to Weston, Florida to complete a fellowship in colorectal surgery under the mentorship of Dr. Steven Wexner at the Cleveland Clinic. She was invited to spend an additional year as a clinical associate. She obtained expertise in advanced laparoscopic colorectal surgery, redo surgery, advanced IBD, and fistula disease.

Thereafter, she was recruited to join the faculty at the University of Miami as an assistant professor. There, the division of colorectal surgery comprises five surgeons, including, Dr. Laurence Sands, another alumnus of Einstein Surgery. Dr. Force writes, “my practice is split between the University of Miami Hospital and Jackson Memorial Hospital. My work is 100% colorectal, with more than 50% consisting of laparoscopic/robotic surgery. I enjoy the mix where the the university hospital has more of a private practice feel, while Jackson Memorial is more of a county hospital experience.” She treats the breadth of colorectal disease including rectal cancer, diverticulitis, colon cancer, and perianal disease.



She has also developed a particular interest in fecal incontinence and does much of the pelvic floor work at the University of Miami. She teaches a wide variety of medical students and residents, as UM has about 8 residents per year. She writes, “Einstein has definitely been invaluable to me, as the majority of my patients have advanced disease and multiple comorbidities which I did not experience in my fellowship. I would say that the surgeries I perform at Jackson and UM have been some of the more challenging cases of my life and Einstein has definitely prepared me for that. I am forever grateful and proud of my training that I received at Einstein.”

“At UM, I have been working on several projects, with special interest in rectal cancer. I have been spearheading a new program for rectal cancer, with a goal to designate UM as a ‘Center of Excellence’ through the ACS’s Commission on Cancer. This has included establishing a separate tumor board and registry (with funding) for rectal cancer.”

“I am also proud to announce that I recently had a baby boy, Jaxon, born in April, 2020. I live in Miami with my husband and we are both very happy.”

## Alumni Spotlight

### Farah Karipineni, MD, MPH, FACS

Dr. Karipineni finished her general surgery training at Einstein in 2016. She is certified by the American Board of Surgery. She came to Einstein after earning her MD at the University of California, Irvine. After general surgery residency, she completed a fellowship in endocrine surgery at Johns Hopkins Hospital. She and her husband (Mohammad Shaikh, also a surgeon) moved to the central valley of California where she became an Assistant Professor at the University of California, Fresno.

Now in her third year as an attending at UCSF Fresno, she has built a thriving endocrine and general surgery practice. She writes, “For the past year and a half, I have been performing scarless thyroid surgery on select patients. My research focuses on quality of life after thyroid surgery, and two of my research submissions were accepted for oral presentations at AAES and SWS this year.”

She holds leadership positions in the American Association of Endocrine Surgeons and the Fresno-Madera Medical Society. She has published peer-reviewed manuscripts in *Surgery* and authored a chapter on Adrenal Incidentaloma in *Surgical Decision-Making*.



“I am continually grateful for the training Einstein gave me, particularly in my general surgery practice. Three years in, I can see from my outcomes that the skill set I learned from my attendings in residency was solid. I also often find myself passing on key lessons learned inside the OR and bedside at Einstein to my own residents—things I will never forget.”

“I am involved in creative activities, including my role as editor of the *Central Valley Physicians* magazine, in which I have also published several narrative medicine articles, one of which won the Writing Contest in 2018. I have also contributed articles on humanity in *Medicine Online* at KevinMD and at *Women in White Coats*. I am also involved in the nonprofit organization Live Again Fresno which aims to uplift families of sex workers in Fresno.”

“Our family is finding Fresno to be a wonderful place to live. We welcomed twins last year. We are enjoying our proximity to the national parks and have been introducing our children to camping, biking and hiking in our free time.”

## Career Paths of our Recent Graduates

Year	Name	Fellowship(s)	Current Position
2019	Simran Randhawa, MD	Thoracic, Washington Univ., MO	
	Eric Veilleux, MD	MIS, Masonic Hospital, Chicago, IL	
	Thaer Obaid, MD	Colorectal, Cleveland Clinic, FL	<i>Colorectal Surgery, Jefferson Healthcare, Cherry Hill, NJ</i>
2018	Alisan Fathalizadeh, MD, MPH	MIS, Cleveland Clinic, OH	MIS/General Surgery, Cleveland Clinic, OH
	Aimal Khan, MD	MIS, University of Alabama Colorectal, Baylor, Dallas, TX	<i>Colorectal Surgery, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN</i>
	Kevin Nguyen, MD	Vascular Surgery, Jefferson University Hospital, PA	<i>Vascular Surgery, Riverside Community Hospital, Riverside, CA</i>
2017	Talitha Brown, MD	Transition to Practice, Wake Forest, NC	General Surgery, Duke LifePoint Healthcare, Henderson, NC
	L. Nicholas Cetrulo, MD	MIS, Carolinas Medical Center, NC	MIS/General Surgery, University of Washington, Seattle, WA
	Katarzyna Wolanin, MD		General Surgery, North Platte, NE
2016	Luanne Force, MD	Colorectal Surgery, Cleveland Clinic, FL	Colorectal Surgery, University of Miami, FL
	Farah Karipineni, MD	Endocrine Surgery, Johns Hopkins Hospital, MD	Endocrine Surgery, UCSF, Fresno, CA
2015	Susan Kartiko, MD, PhD	Critical Care, Boston Medical Center, MA	Acute Care Surgery, George Washington University, Washington, DC
	Heidi Miller, MD	MIS, Case Western, OH	University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM
	John Pang, MD	Plastic Surgery, Univ. Pittsburgh Transgender Surgery, Mt. Sinai, NY	Plastic Surgery, Mt. Sinai, NY
	Stephanie Sea, MD	Critical Care, USC, CA	Trauma Surgery, PeaceHealth, Vancouver, BC
2014	Flora Lee, MD		General Surgery, Miami, FL
	Nadia Awad, MD	Vascular, Cooper University Hospital, NJ	Vascular Surgery, Einstein Healthcare Network, Philadelphia, PA
2013	Shelby Stewart, MD	Thoracic, BI Deaconess/Harvard, MA	Thoracic Surgery, University of Maryland, Baltimore, MD
	Jason Andre, MD	Vascular, University of Southern Illinois	Vascular Surgery, Bon Secours Hampton Roads Health System, VA
	Jose Moreno, MD	Colorectal, Houston Colorectal Surgical Associates, TX	General Surgery, Community Physician Network, Indianapolis, IN
2012	Matthew Thomas, MD	CT, Allegheny General Hospital, PA	Cardiac Surgery, Main Line Health System, Philadelphia, PA
	Amanda Woodworth, MD	Breast, University of Southern California, CA	Breast Surgery, Chestnut Hill Hospital, Philadelphia, PA
	Allison Tanck, MD		General Surgery, Peoria, Illinois
2011	Kathryn Wheel, MD	Acute Care Surgery, Wake Forest	General Surgery, Pocono Medical Center, PA
	Rajeev Puri, MD		General Surgery, Central Maine Medical Center
	Susan Sees, MD		General Surgery, Coatesville, PA