

# Surgical Residency Program:

Brookdale Hospital  
Medical Center

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## Message from the Program Director:



Brookdale Hospital Medical Center

## **SURGICAL EDUCATION**

Ravi Kothuru, MD, MBA, FACS

Chairman of Surgery

Program Director

Chief, Division of Thoracic Surgery

Brookdale University Hospital is an institution that is steeped in a strong surgical tradition. There have been many decades of expert surgical clinicians, technicians, and innovators in our ranks and in our leadership. We would like to say that two main guideposts of all the decisions we make in our department are the patient and the trainee. When faced with a fork in the decision-making tree, what is best for the people we care for in our community always comes first. A close second is what is right for our residents. This thought process has guided us since the start of our residency in the early 1980's. Our residents are exposed to cutting-edge procedures of the highest acuity, from elective and emergent general surgery, to the most challenging penetrating trauma, to cancer care in every organ system. Because of the following ingredients-volume of cases, focus on education, a culture of empathy, and talented young, energetic as well as experienced faculty, our program generates excellent, thoughtful, and technically competent surgeons. Our culture of team building and social networking allows residents to develop lifelong friendships. Thank you for your interest in our program and feel free to contact us for more information.

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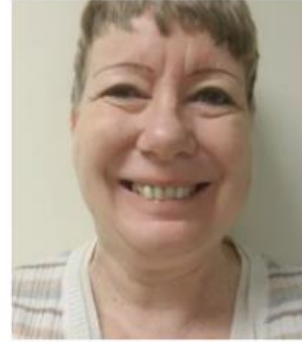
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## Faculty

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Hepatobiliary Surgery



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Surgical Oncology



**Zakir Sabry, MD**  
Plastic Surgery



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Nawaiz Ahmad, MD  
Plastic Surgery



Wendy-Ann Olivier, MD  
Plastic Surgery



Abdul Jahangir, MD  
Chief, General Surgery




Bernard Rimpel, MD  
General Surgery



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General and Robotic Surgery



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General and Robotic Surgery



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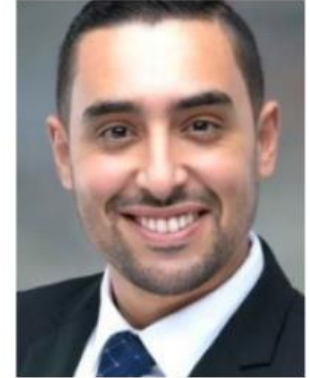
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**Boris Hristov, MD**  
Trauma & Critical Care



**Roy Lacey, MD**  
Trauma & Critical Care



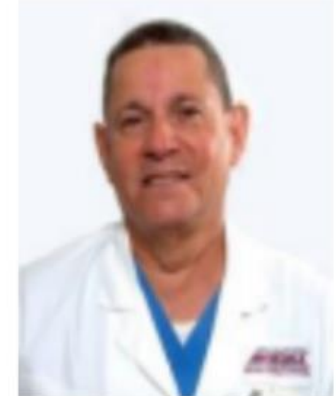
**Ramy Abdel-Naby, MD**  
Trauma & Critical Care




**Eimon Lee, MD**  
Trauma & Critical Care



**Esan Adebayo, MD, FCCP, FACP**  
Critical Care



**Ruben Toribio, MD**  
Trauma, General Surgery



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Theodore Hufford, MD  
Chief, Bariatric Surgery



Gary Stephens, MD  
Thoracic Surgery,  
Chief Medical Officer, OBH



Charles La Punzina, MD  
Thoracic Surgery



Simone Mays, MD  
Chief, Breast Surgery



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Head & Neck, Endocrine Surgery



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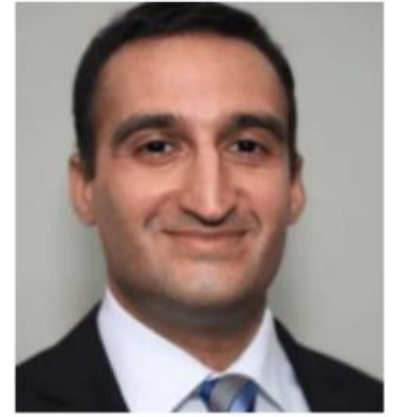
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**Adrian Ong, MD**  
Otolaryngology- Head & Neck Surgery



**Gregory Dibelius, MD**  
Otolaryngology- Head & Neck Surgery



**Jonathan Harounian, MD**  
Otolaryngology- Head & Neck Surgery





## SURGICAL EDUCATION

Partner Institutions: Brookdale Hospital Medical Center,  
Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center,  
Mount Sinai Medical Center, and Maimonides Medical Center

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**The Department of Surgery** offers an ACGME approved five year residency program in General surgery that fulfills the training requirement for certification by the American Board of Surgery. In addition all residents are required to complete a salaried mandatory year of research between their PGY-2 and PGY-3 year. The program is clinically focused and fosters the development of general surgical skills as well as extensive consultative skills.

The residency program is approved for 3 categorical positions per year. All applications are accepted through ERAS and filled through the match. We have a great mix of seasoned, young, and newly graduated fellowship-trained and experienced faculty that is dedicated to residency training and clinical development. Residents work under close supervision with a large variety of clinical material to permit progressive development of surgical maturity.

In addition to general surgery, the department includes active subspecialty services in Trauma and Critical care, Minimally Invasive & Robotic Surgery, Bariatric Surgery, Colon and Rectal Surgery, Surgical Oncology, Hepatobiliary and Pancreatic Surgery, Neurosurgery, Vascular Surgery, Breast Surgery, Otorhinolaryngology, Head and Neck, Hand and Plastic surgery. Brookdale is an ACS designated Level II Trauma center with more than 100,000 emergency visits of which more than 20,000 are trauma visits. We have a high volume of penetrating trauma therefore our residents gain extensive experience in the management of major trauma including being in the 95th percentile for operative trauma.

Our General Surgery residents are exposed to all subspecialty services without any designated fellows. We have a Surgical Skills Lab/Simulation Center with three laparoscopic stations, endoscopy training and open surgical skills training. The Simulation Center is capable of doing patient care scenarios, ACLS training, central line, chest tube and other bedside procedure workshops. Brookdale also has a DaVinci robot along with simulation capabilities.





**Program Mission**

The Department of Surgical Services is committed to providing the highest quality patient care, conducting innovative medical research, and providing the best training and education to our students, residents, and physicians in the art and science of surgery.

We will recruit, support and retain faculty with high academic standards, which are committed to surgical education and excellent role models to younger generations of surgeons.

We will maintain and foster a research environment that contributes to medical knowledge and stimulates innovative thinking in our residents and faculty.

We will foster an educational environment in which the mission of Brookdale University Hospital and Medical Center is emphasized not only in the care of our patients but also by helping our residents to become excellent surgeons while they continue to cultivate their cultural, social and spiritual life.

**Introduction**

1. History: General surgery residency program at Brookdale University Hospital has been in existence since 1984. It is one of the largest hospitals in East Brooklyn and provides a comprehensive surgical training as outlined by ACGME to its residents. Every year three (3) residents graduate from the program.
2. Duration: General surgery residency program at Brookdale Hospital is comprised of six (6) years of training. The program consists of 5 years of clinical training and one (1) year of research. Residents perform their research after completing two (2) years of clinical training.
3. Prerequisite Training/Selection Criteria: All residents are expected to have completed their core clinical rotations, USMLE step 1 and 2, Comlex 1 & 2 (if applicable) obtained ECFMG certificate (if applicable) prior to starting residency program. Selection of the applicants is based on merit. Interviews are offered to applicants who apply through ERAS and fulfill the requirements.

The General surgery residency program is focused on providing an environment that is conducive to learning for all its residents. The Program is structured by parameters and guidelines provided by ACGME. Residents are promoted based on achievement of set goals and responsibilities are added in a graduated fashion. Residents are expected to participate in research projects inside the program and are required to pursue a dedicated research year in specialty of their choice. At the end of each year, residents are evaluated and promoted based on requirements guided by ACGME.



### **Educational Program**

1. Clinical and research components: Residents rotate through different specialties through the academic year. The rotations are designed to enhance the learning experience and provide a comprehensive general surgery experience. Each year residents are evaluated based on ACGME guidelines for their clinical progression. Residents share increasing responsibilities as they get promoted. Residents participate in scholarly activities and take a research year in a discipline of their choice in the New York Metro area.
2. Trainee's supervisory and patient care responsibilities: A senior member of the team supervises all residents. As residents promote to senior levels with more patient care responsibilities are shared as they also supervise junior residents in certain procedural and non-procedural tasks. An in-house attending is always available to supervise and assist in patient care responsibilities.
3. Clinical procedural requirements: Residents are required to achieve minimum number of cases in each category defined by ACGME for graduation. Each year residents are evaluated for the quality and quantity of their procedure volume.
4. Didactic sessions and teaching methods are used to ensure program goals and objectives are met: Residents are allocated protected educational time each week for dedicated didactic sessions. Conferences include – Core Curriculum, M&M, Combined ER-Surgery Trauma Conference, Journal Club, Controversial Topic Debate, Junior Resident Case Presentation, Exam Question Review, Research Committee Meeting, Faculty Grand Rounds, Visiting Lecturers, Tumor Board, Jeopardy, Mock Oral Boards, and Mock ABSITE. Residents are evaluated each month by their rotation attending and are given a chance to discuss the feedback with attending.



**Research Year**

Resident will do a mandatory year of research in their interested specialty of surgery at any chosen site within the metropolitan New York area, fully funded by the program.

**PGY-3**

In the third year, the resident will provide consults to patients in other departments. Opportunities for independent responsibility will also increase substantially. Third-year residents:

- Function as the primary consult resident on most services, and staff consults with the chief resident or directly with the attending.
- Share the responsibility of running the service with the chief resident on the Trauma service.
- Take on operative cases of increased complexity. Operative volume increases significantly.
- The resident will spend one (1) month at the Mt. Sinai Transplant Service
- The resident will function as SICU Chief for two (2) months, as such also run the quality improvement initiatives in the SICU.

**PGY-4**

Fourth-year residents are responsible for all aspects of clinical management of the service, as well as team leadership. The resident's responsibilities increase substantially both in the operating room and on the service. Fourth-year residents:

- Function as the chief of the Trauma service , leading and managing all areas of the trauma service independently. They also direct and supervise all care delivered during trauma resuscitations under the supervision of the trauma attendings.
- The resident will spend to (2) months at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (MSKCC).

**PGY-5**

The Fifth-year resident will act as Chief on all services, leading the team in every aspect. Fifth-year residents:

- Direct every aspect of clinical care, including pre- and post-operative management, and manage patients with attendings on a daily basis.
- Fulfill all administrative responsibilities of the service to ensure the team functions smoothly by coordinating schedules to ensure all clinics and operating rooms are



# PGY 1: INTERNS



## CURRENT RESIDENTS

### PGY1 Preliminary:



Triana Fernandez, MD



Jorge Kim, MD



Sara Linza-Moscato, DO



Abenezer Tedia, MD



Naureen Rashid, MD



Christian Kassiech, DO



Ashitha Pathrose, MD



Mohjevanjeet Lail, MD



Reshma Pydi, MD

### PGY1 Categorical:



Aparna Radhakrishna, MD



Matthew Brett, DO



Grahya Guntur, MD



# PGY 2: INTERNS

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# **CURRENT RESIDENTS**

**PGY2 Research Residents:**



Amrisha Musunuru, MD



Georgia Syrnioti, MD

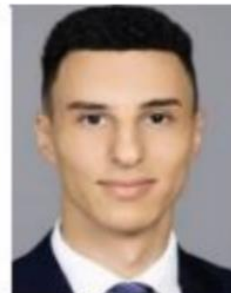


Talal Al Zghari, MD

**PGY2:**



Christian Hadeed, MD



Mahdi Khattabi, MD



Pranav Hinduja, MD



PGY 3, 4 & 5: INTERNS





# CURRENT RESIDENTS

**PGY5:**



Alharith Abdullah, MD  
Fellowship 2023 -  
Surgical Critical Care  
Staten Island University Hospital



Ghayth Al Awwa, MD  
Fellowship 2023-  
Cardiothoracic Surgery  
Oregon Health & Science Institute



Mathangi Chandramouli, MD  
Fellowship 2023-  
Complex Surgical Oncology  
Allegheny Health Network Cancer Institute

**PGY4:**



Elmira Emini, MD



Muhammad Aman, MD



Mumen Ayyat, MD

**PGY3:**



David Chadow, MD



Hani Nasr, MD



Yanni Hedjar, MD

# SAMPLE SCHEDULE

## 2022-2023 ANNUAL RESIDENT SCHEDULE

	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
PGY 5	Chandramouli	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue VAC
	Abdullah	Blue	Blue	Blue	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	VACATION
	Al Awwa	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Green	Green	Green	VACATION
PGY 4	Emini	Blue	VAC	Green	Green	Blue	MSK TH	MSK CR	VAC	Green	Blue	Blue
	Ayyat	Green	Green	Blue	VAC	Green	Green	Blue	VAC	MSK TH	MSK CR	Green
	Aman	Green	Blue	Green	Green	VAC	Blue	Blue	MSK TH	MSK CR	VAC	Blue
PGY 3	Chadow	SICU	Transplant	Blue	Green	VAC	Green	Green	Green	VAC	Green	Blue
	Hedjar	Green	SICU	SICU	SICU	VAC	SICU	Transplant	Blue	Green	Green	VAC
	Nasr	Blue	Green	SICU	Transplant	SICU	VAC	Green	Green	VAC	Green	Transplant
PGY 2	Hadeed	Peds	Peds	Green	Blue	Green	Blue	VAC	SICU	GI	Green	SICU
	Hinduja	Blue	Green	Blue	VAC	Green	Peds	Peds	GI	Blue	SICU	VAC
	Khatabi	Green	Blue	Peds	Peds	Blue	SICU	SICU	VAC	GI	Blue	VAC
PGY 1	Tadla	Blue	Green	Blue	VAC	Blue	SICU	Blue	SICU	February	Blue	VAC
	Radhakrishna	SICU	Green	Green	VAC	Green	SICU	VAC	Green	Transplant	SICU	Green
	Pathrose	Green	Blue	SICU	Transplant	Green	VAC	Transplant	SICU	Green	VAC	Blue
	Kassiech	Transplant	SICU	Blue	Green	Transplant	VAC	Green	Blue	SICU	Transplant	SICU
	Guntur	SICU	Blue	Green	Transplant	VAC	SICU	VAC	Green	Transplant	SICU	Green
	Kim	Blue	Green	Transplant	SICU	Blue	SICU	VAC	Blue	Green	VAC	Blue
	Brett	Green	Transplant	SICU	Blue	VAC	Green	Transplant	Blue	Green	VAC	SICU
	Lail	Transplant	SICU	Transplant	VAC	SICU	Transplant	SICU	Blue	Green	VAC	SICU
	Rashid	SICU	Blue	Green	Transplant	VAC	SICU	Blue	Green	Transplant	VAC	Blue
Pydi	Blue	Green	VAC	Blue	SICU	Blue	Green	VAC	SICU	Blue	Green	
Linza-Moscato	Green	Transplant	SICU	VAC	Blue	Green	Transplant	SICU	Blue	VAC	Green	
Fernandez	Transplant	SICU	Blue	VAC	Transplant	SICU	Blue	Green	Transplant	SICU	VAC	
OMFS	Transplant	Transplant	Green	Green			Green	Green	Transplant	Transplant		
	Irene Shuman, MD (646) 673-2197				Andrew Rizkalla, MD (347) 756-1985							
ED SICU Coverage	Coverage from 6/27 to 9/18 See schedule below				Coverage from 12/12 to 2/5				Coverage from 3/8 to 6/11			

Sample Monthly Academic Schedule –

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