



NEWS



Department of Surgery Faculty Recognized as Top Doctors

42 Department of Surgery faculty were named as "Top Doctors" for Atlanta magazine's 2025 list of the city's best doctors.

Emory's "Top Doctors" named this year include physicians representing Emory Healthcare, Emory Healthcare Network, Emory medical staff or faculty of Emory University School of Medicine. A list of named DOS faculty can be [found here](#).

Congratulations to all of our incredible faculty!



Emory Healthcare First in Georgia for Single Incision Robotic Procedures for Thoracic Care

Emory Healthcare has become the first health system in Georgia to offer the least invasive surgical option to treat certain thoracic or chest conditions. Using a small incision and new robotic technology, Dr. Manu Sancheti, director of robotic thoracic surgery at Emory Healthcare, is the only thoracic surgeon in Georgia trained to perform these procedures, completing the first two cases at Emory University Hospital Midtown.

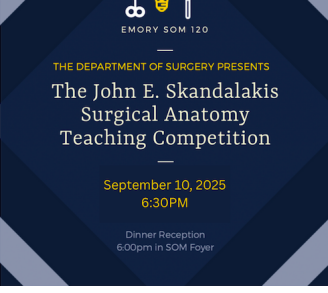
The da Vinci Single Port (SP) surgical system by Intuitive allows surgeons like Dr. Sancheti to perform thoracic surgeries involving organs in the chest less invasively, which can mean faster healing and shorter recovery times for patients.



Dr. Zachary Grady Manuscript Selected for Editor's Choice for JTACS August Issue

Zachary Grady, MD, published a manuscript in the Journal of Trauma and Acute Care Surgery (JTACS). The article, titled "Trauma: Filling the Tank: A Multi-center Investigation of Trauma Survival After Ultra-massive Transfusion," was also selected by Raul Coimbra, MD, Editor-in-Chief of JTACS, as the Editor's Choice and Best of Trauma for the August issue.

JTACS is designed to provide the scientific basis to optimize care of the severely injured and critically ill surgical patient.



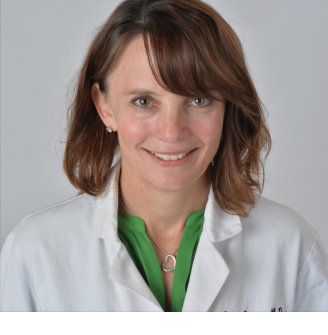
Department of Surgery John E. Skandalakis Surgical Anatomy Teaching Competition

After several years, the John Skandalakis Surgical Anatomy Teaching Competition will return this year, with an aim of holding it during Surgery Week, on the evening of Wednesday, September 10.

The SATC has not been held since the onset of the COVID pandemic. Students of any level can partner with surgeons of any specialty to present a case (6-8 minutes) that has a unique or innovative aspect of surgical anatomy. Cases in the past have come from general surgery and general surgery specialties, orthopaedic surgery, urology, ophthalmology, otolaryngology, urology, and obstetrics/gynecology.

If you are interested in being a faculty mentor for a student, please reach out to Dr. Barb Pettitt.

NEW FACULTY



Laura Garvey, MD
Assistant Professor, Division of Vascular Surgery, Department of Surgery

Dr. Garvey MD, RVT, FACS, is a board-certified vascular surgeon who has been caring for patients in the Atlanta area for over two decades. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Virginia where she studied from 1987 to 1991 as part of the Echols Scholar Program. Dr. Garvey received her medical degree from the University of California, Los Angeles in 1995. She completed a five-year general surgery residency followed by a Vascular surgery fellowship at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center.

Since completing training in 2001, Dr. Garvey has focused on helping patients with a wide range of vascular conditions, with a special interest in vein care. In 2006, she opened a dedicated vein clinic in Alpharetta, which she led until 2020. After working with a larger multi-specialty group, MetroDerm, Dr. Garvey joined the Emory Vein Center in 2024, where she continues to provide advanced, compassionate care for patients with venous disease.



Tari King, MD
Professor of Surgery, Division of Breast Surgery, Department of Surgery

Dr. Tari A. King is the newly appointed chief surgical officer for the Cancer Service Line at Winship Cancer Institute and Emory Healthcare. She also serves as chief of the newly formed Division of Breast Surgery in the Department of Surgery at Emory University and as Surgical Director of the Winship Glenn Family Breast Center. Dr. King served 10 years as the Anne E. Dyson Professor of Surgery in the Field of Women's Cancers at Harvard Medical School, the chief of the Division of Breast Surgery and the vice chair of multidisciplinary oncology in the Department of Surgery at Brigham and Women's Hospital, and the chief of breast surgery at Dana-Farber Brigham Cancer Center.

Dr. King received her medical degree from University of Colorado Health Sciences Center and completed a general surgery residency at Ochsner Clinic Foundation Hospital (now Ochsner Medical Center) in New Orleans. She completed both a surgical research fellowship and a breast surgery clinical fellowship at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. Dr. King's clinical and research interests span from breast cancer prevention to the molecular genetics of tumor progression while maintaining a focus on optimizing multidisciplinary treatment strategies to improve patient outcomes.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION



Dr. Felipe Maegawa Invited to Serve on ABS Board as Examination Consultant

Felipe A. Boff Maegawa, MD, MS, FACS, has been invited to serve as an examination consultant for the American Board of Surgery (ABS) Certifying Examination in the area of Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary (HPB).

The American Board of Surgery (ABS) is an independent, nonprofit organization founded in 1937 to provide board certification to individuals who have met a defined standard of education, training and knowledge in the field of surgery. The ABS is one of 24 medical specialty boards that make up the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS).



Dr. Chrystal Paulos Awarded 2025 All-Star Translational Award Program Grant

Chrystal Paulos, PhD, has been awarded the V Foundation's 2025 All-Star Translational Award Program grant for her study "Harnessing the inducible costimulator in Th17 TIL to treat ICB-resistant tumors." The grant will provide \$1,000,000 in funding over five years.

The V Foundation was founded in 1993 by ESPN and the late Jim Valvano, legendary North Carolina State University basketball coach, ESPN commentator and member of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. Its mission is to fund game-changing research and all-star scientists to accelerate victory over cancer and save lives.



Dr. Kenneth Cardona Appointed to National Cancer Institute Sarcoma Steering Committee

Ken Cardona, MD, FACS, has been appointed to the National Cancer Institute (NCI) Sarcoma Steering Committee, effective June 4, 2025.

The National Cancer Institute (NCI) is the federal government's principal agency for cancer research and training. The Coordinating Center for Clinical Trials (CCCT) plays a key role in supporting NCI's clinical and translational research programs to advance science and patient care.



Dr. Steven Kim Awarded 2025 Emory National Primate Research Center Pilot Grant

Steven Kim, MD, was awarded the 2025 Emory National Primate Research Center Pilot Grant. Dr. Kim's research proposal is titled "Investigating the Spatial Transcriptome of Archived Nonhuman Primate Xenotransplantation Specimens using the 10x Visium HD Platform." The award is for one or two years and provides up to \$70,000 for direct costs.

Emory National Primate Research Center's vision is people across generations and the world living longer, healthier lives. In partnership with the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and others, the NPRCs conduct and enable studies that make breakthrough discoveries of causes, preventions, treatments and cures possible.



Dr. Felix Fernandez Elected as Director at Large to Board of Directors of the Society of Thoracic Surgeons

Felix Fernandez, MD, MSC, has been elected as a director at large to the Board of Directors for the Society of Thoracic Surgeons (STS). This position is a three-year term. Dr. Fernandez has been an STS member since 2010 and was previously the director of the STS National Database and STS Research Program, in addition to being appointed the Thoracic Surgery Program Chair for the 2027 STS Annual Meeting.

The STS represents surgeons, researchers, and allied health care professionals who are dedicated to ensuring the best possible outcomes for surgeries of the heart, lungs, and esophagus, as well as other surgical procedures within the chest.



Dr. Seth Concors Named as "Emerging Leader" by North American NeuroEndocrine Tumor Society

Seth Concors, MD, was named as an Emerging Leader in the field by the North American NeuroEndocrine Tumor Society (NANETS).

NANETS's mission is to improve outcomes for patients with neuroendocrine tumors through multidisciplinary medical education, NET related medical research, publication of guidelines and the exchange of knowledge and innovation.



Chan Lab Student Joshua Preston Selected as Finalist for 2025 Early Career Scientist Award

Joshua Preston, BS, was selected as a finalist for the International Society for Heart and Lung Transplantation (ISHLT) Annual Conference 2025 Early Career Scientist Award. Joshua is an MD/PhD student and part of the Joshua Chan Laboratory.

The presentation was titled "Recipient Plasma Metabolome as a Predictor of Primary Graft Dysfunction in Orthotopic Heart Transplantation." The ISHLT Annual Conference took place April 27-30, 2025 in Boston, MA.

ISHLT unites a global, multidisciplinary community to advance research, education, and innovation in the care of patients with advanced heart and lung disease.



Dr. Stephanie Tom Wins First Place for Presentation at Resident Research Day

Stephanie Tom, MD, was awarded the first place award for presentations at the 9th Annual Mr. William E. Booth and Dr. James Zaidan Resident Research Day at Grady. Dr. Tom's presentation was titled "Factors Influencing Observed-to-Expected Mortality Following Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting: A Contemporary Assessment of STS Risk Score."

The Mr. William E. Booth and Dr. James Zaidan Resident Research Day is hosted in collaboration with Morehouse School of Medicine and Grady Health System. It promotes scholarly activity and engagement, strengthens graduate medical education, and advances research in the clinical sciences.



Dr. Zachary Grady Awarded Surgical Infection Society Resident Mini Oral Award

Zachary Grady, MD, was awarded the Surgical Infection Society (SIS) Second Best Resident Mini Oral Award during the 44th Annual Meeting held May 13-14, 2025. The meeting took place in Philadelphia, PA.

The SIS is a professional organization dedicated to the study, prevention, and management of infections in surgical patients. Established to advance the science of surgical infections, the society promotes research, education, and collaboration among healthcare professionals to improve patient outcomes.

THE DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY CENTENNIAL



The William C. Wood Endowed Fund

The William C. Wood Endowed Fund has been established as part of the 100th anniversary of the Department of Surgery, and to honor Dr. Wood.

In honoring Dr. Wood's passion for surgical education, with this fund, we support the next generation of surgeons on their way to excellence. We invite you to join the leadership of the Emory Department of Surgery in commemorating the remarkable impact he had on the world of surgery, both locally, nationally, and internationally.

For more details or any questions, please reach out to Tom Lawley from our surgery alumni team [here](#). If you'd like to make a contribution, please click the button below.

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