



NEWS



Dr. Keith Delman Named to 2026 SSO Board of Directors

Keith Delman, MD, was named to the Society of Surgical Oncology (SSO) 2026 Board of Directors as treasurer for the 2026-2029 term. Dr. Delman currently serves as professor of surgery and associate chair of the Department of Surgery and surgeon-in-chief for Emory at Grady Memorial Hospital.

Dr. Delman was nominated by members of the SSO and selected by the nominating committee and current board of directors.

The mission of the SSO is to improve multidisciplinary patient care by advancing the science, education and practice of cancer surgery worldwide.

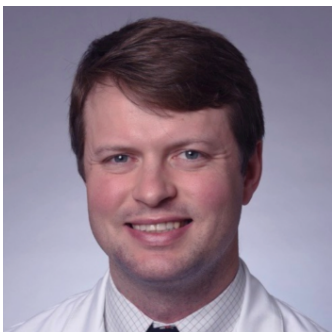


EJC Hospital Showcases New ION Non-Surgical Robot for Detection of Lung Cancer

Emory Johns Creek Hospital recently introduced its newest non-surgical robot, called ION. The ION bronchoscopy system by Intuitive uses minimally invasive fiberoptic technology to allow clinicians to biopsy lung nodules that may be suspicious for lung cancer.

Rachel Medbery, MD, an assistant professor for the Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery, stated that early detection is key to improving patient outcomes. "The ION allows doctors to safely and accurately biopsy small nodules from within the airways of the lung. If lung cancer can be caught early and then removed, many patients do not need chemotherapy and will remain cancer free for a long time."

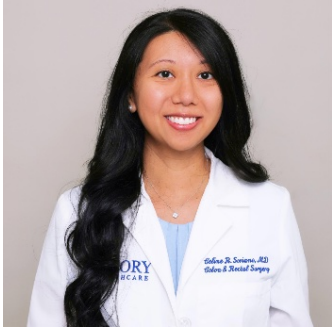
NEW FACULTY



James Walker, MD
Assistant Professor, Surgery at Grady Memorial Hospital, Department of Surgery

James Walker, MD is an assistant professor of surgery practicing trauma, burn, acute care surgery, and critical care at Grady Memorial Hospital. He received his MD degree from the Medical College of Georgia, completed general surgery residency at University of Texas Southwestern in Dallas, TX., and did his fellowship in trauma and surgical critical care at Emory University School of Medicine and Grady.

In addition to his clinical activities, Dr. Walker is committed to improving rural trauma and burn care in his home state of Georgia. He is actively developing rural telehealth programs and teaching rural trauma courses. Additionally, he participates in research regarding combined trauma and burn injuries.



Celine Soriano, MD
Assistant Professor, Division of Colorectal Surgery, Department of Surgery

Celine R. Soriano, MD, is an assistant professor of surgery in the Division of Colorectal Surgery at Emory. She received her MD from Northeast Ohio Medical University and completed her general surgery residency at Virginia Mason Medical Center in Seattle, WA, followed by a colorectal surgery fellowship at Emory University.

Dr. Soriano's clinical focus includes the treatment of both benign and malignant diseases of the colon, rectum, and anus. rectal surgery. Dr. Soriano is an active member of several national surgical societies, including the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons. Her research is focused on improving the quality of care for patients with colorectal disease and enhancing outcomes in minimally invasive colorectal surgery. She is also deeply committed to surgical education.



Nick Koullas, MD
Assistant Professor, Division of General & GI Surgery, Department of Surgery

Nicholas Koullas, MD obtained his medical degree from the Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine in 2019. Since then, he completed a general surgery internship at Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System in 2020 and general surgery residency at Atrium Health Navicent in Macon, GA, in 2025.

He has joined Emory University as a member of the emergency general surgery team. His primary clinical location is Emory Decatur Hospital.



Zachary Fang, MD
Assistant Professor, Division of Vascular Surgery, Department of Surgery

Zachary B. Fang, MD is a Board-certified vascular surgeon. He received his undergraduate degree from Tufts University and his master's and medical degrees at Emory University.

Dr. Fang completed his integrated vascular surgery residency at the University of Massachusetts Medical School in Worcester and practiced in Massachusetts prior to joining Emory Healthcare. He holds a variety of certifications including registered physician in vascular interpretation and advanced cardiac life support.

Dr. Fang has authored numerous peer-reviewed publications and has been the speaker for multiple national presentations. He is a member of professional organizations such as the Society for Clinical Vascular Surgery, the New England Society for Vascular Surgery, and the Society for Vascular Surgery.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION



Dr. Lauren Postlewait Awarded 2026-2027 James IV Traveling Fellowship Award

Lauren Postlewait, MD, was awarded a 2026-2027 Traveling Fellowship Award by the James IV Association of Surgeons at the annual meeting held on October 5, 2025. Dr. Postlewait is an assistant professor for the Division of Breast Surgery.

The James IV Traveling Fellowship is designed to promote communication and collaboration in the surgical community. Travelers are both ambassadors representing their home countries, and conduits for the dissemination of knowledge. The fellowship covers a four-week period and provides a flat stipend of \$15,000.



Department of Surgery Staff Award Winners Announced

Congratulations to the Department of Surgery Staff Nominated Award Winners! The Unsung Hero Award has been awarded to Tongrui Liu and the Outstanding Service Award has been presented to Grisel Rivera.

The Unsung Hero Award is presented to staff who goes above and beyond the routine call of duty and exhibit a high level of commitment, initiative, cooperation, and dedication in their job responsibilities.



The Outstanding Service Award recognizes a staff member who provides consistent and sustained excellence, exceptional performance, and service to the Division, Department of Surgery, and Emory University.

Congratulations Tongrui and Grisel!

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.

Donate to the Wood Fund