

Chadi Abouassaly, MD has been announced as the new Program Director for the MedStar Health/Georgetown-Washington Hospital Center General Surgery Program, effective October 1<sup>st</sup>. Dr. Abouassaly steps into the role after serving as the Associate Program Director since 2015.

Dr. Abouassaly takes over after Dr. Patrick Jackson stepped down from the position for personal reasons. Dr. Jackson has guided this program since it's inception and was also the Program Director for the Georgetown General Surgery Residency prior to its merger with the Washington Hospital Center program. He will continue his work with residents as faculty in the Division of Surgical Oncology.

Dr. Abouassaly, an Associate Professor of Surgery in the section of Trauma/Acute Care Surgery and Surgical Critical Care is a graduate of the University of Iowa College of Medicine. He finished his General Surgery training at the Washington Hospital Center in 2008. He joined the faculty in 2010 after completing his Trauma/Surgical Critical Care Fellowship at Vanderbilt University Medical Center.

In his time as resident and faculty, Dr. Abouassaly has won multiple awards for education and patient care. He has considerable experience in working with residents that he gained in his role as APD overseeing resident scheduling and being part of the team that helped guide the general surgery residency throughout it's beginning. He also served in the role of Program Director for the Surgical Critical Care Fellowship at Medstar Washington Hospital Center.

Dr. Abouassaly takes over a program that under Dr. Jackson's leadership has become nationally recognized as a premier program for training future leaders in surgery. MedStar and the Department of Surgery are excited to witness the continued evolution of the program under Dr. Abouassaly's leadership.

Please take the opportunity to thank Dr. Jackson for his remarkable achievements as Program Director and welcome Dr. Abouassaly as the new Program Director in General Surgery.