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Dear Applicants,

Congratulations for completing medical school and choosing to pursue a career in general surgery! We welcome your interest in the MedStar Georgetown University-Washington Hospital Center surgical residency program. Both surgical departments at MedStar Georgetown University Hospital and MedStar Washington Hospital Center have a long tradition of excellence. Each has trained hundreds of surgeons over the past 150 years who have become department chairs, presidents of national surgical societies, and leaders in Research, Global Surgery, Surgical Education, and Health Policy.

Our residency matches ten categorical residents each year to rotate between MedStar Georgetown University Hospital, MedStar Washington Hospital Center, Virginia Hospital Center, and Children's National Medical Center. The process of educating a surgical resident is given the greatest priority. Residents are exposed to the operating room early on in their intern year and consistently throughout their training with graduated levels of autonomy. As a PGY-2, you will learn to care for critically ill patients in the surgical ICU and you will have in-depth training in the care of burn patients, a unique aspect of our program. As a PGY-3, you will develop your confidence and acumen in evaluating surgical consults and performing increasingly complex operations. Your PGY-4 and Chief years of residency will focus on developing your independence in and out of the operating room, operative skills, and leadership skills. Chief residents function as junior attendings.

The quality of a surgical residency is best measured by its product - the graduated residents. We are proud that our residents have entered some of the most prestigious fellowships in the country. The diverse training offered here allows our residents to have a rich exposure to multiple fields, including Trauma, Burn, Endocrine, Pediatric, Surgical Oncology, Vascular, Plastic, Cardiothoracic, Minimally Invasive/Bariatric, Transplant and Colorectal surgery. Residents in this program can be assured their experience will prepare them for whatever they wish to pursue.

While great training may exist at a multitude of places in the country, some things that set our program apart from others include: the curriculum, the people, and the location. We have incorporated a flexible training program with additional elective time to allow residents to tailor their training to their goals. Our program is also proud to have nurturing and inclusive faculty who not only educate but mentor. It is also unparalleled in its location in the nation's capital with no shortage of monumental events. Lastly, we are truly a resident-centric program in which the chief residents govern the residency jointly with the program director.

We are all proud to train here and wholeheartedly recommend this program to you. We hope you will strongly consider us going forward and wish you all the best as you embark on the next phase in your medical career!

Sincerely,

The Chiefs Class of 2025