



#### Virginia Commonwealth Health (VCU) Neurosurgery



# **Residents – 2 per year**





# Faculty

- 14 Faculty Members + 3 joining this fall!
- Covering the Following Specialties:
  - General Neurosurgery
  - Neuro-trauma
  - Neuro-oncology
  - Vascular
  - Functional
  - Complex Spine
  - Peripheral Nerve
  - Pediatrics

























#### PGY1 Block Schedule

Block Start Date	Ehsaun Heydari	Brandon Toll	
1 7/1/23	Neurosurgery Ward – M11W	Neurosurgery Clinic	
2 7/31/23	Neurosurgery Clinic	Neurosurgery Ward – M11W	
3 8/28/23	Neurosurgery – VAMC 1	STICU/Trauma	
4 9/25/23	STICU/Trauma	Neurosurgery – VAMC 1	
5 10/23/23	Neuroscience CC – CCH11	Neurosurgery ICU	
6 11/20/23	Neurosurgery ICU	Neuroscience CC – CCH11	
7 12/18/23	Neuropathology/ Step 3	Thoracic Surgery	
8 1/15/24	Thoracic Surgery	Neuropathology/ Step 3	
9 2/12/24	Neurology EMG, EEG	Neuro-Ophthalmology and Movement Disorders	
10 3/11/24	Neuro-Ophthalmology and Movement Disorders	Neurology EMG, EEG	
11 4/8/24	Neurology Consults	Neuro-interventional	
12 5/6/24	Neuro-interventional	Neuroradiology	
13 6/3/24	Neuroradiology	Neurology Consults	

#### **Rotations**

- PGY 2: Consults and ICU
- PGY 3: Pediatrics & Veteran's Hospital (VA)
- PGY 4: VCU OR and Research
- PGY 5: Vascular Chief and VA Chief
- PGY 6: Chief Resident
- PGY 7: Enfolded Fellowship/Elective



- Graduated experience
- Use of intraoperative navigation, robots, and multiple bi-plane suites
- Case log example

# **Operative Experience**



**Neurological Surgery Minimum** 

Virginia Commonwealth University Health System Program - 1605121089 Primary Procedures Resident: Whitaker-Lea Wittstatt As of 10/4/2022

Category	Lead Resident Surgeon	Senior Resident Surgeon	Lead and Senior Total	Lead Minimum	Lead and Senior Minimum
ALL DEFINED CASE PROCEDURES					
Cranial					
Cranial: Tumor General	67	33	100	30	60
Cranial: Tumor Sellar/Parasellar	13	7	20	10	20
Cranial: Trauma/Other	73	17	90	30	60
Cranial: Vascular Open	23	29	52	0	10
Cranial: Vascular Endovascular	105	95	200	0	10
Cranial: Vascular Total	128	124	252	30	60
Cranial: CSF Diversion/ETV/Other	95	15	110	10	20
Cranial/Extracranial: Pain	16	4	20	5	10
Cranial/Extracranial: Functional Disorders	33	6	39	5	10
Cranial/Extracranial: Epilepsy	39	4	43	5	10
Total Cranial	464	210	674	150	300



# **Enfolded Fellowships**

- Functional with Dr. Holloway and Dr. Koch
- Endovascular with Dr. Reavey-Cantwell, Dr. Rivet, and Dr. Roy
- Spine with Dr. Cameron, Dr. Graham, and Dr. Mathern
- CAST Accredited





# **Research and Didactics**

- Dedicated time during PGY 4 year
- All residents have ongoing projects throughout their training
- Yearly quality improvement projects

- "Summer School" every weekday in July
- Program Director Conference -Monday evenings
- Grand Rounds Thursday morning
- Journal Club and Resident Conference - Friday morning



# **Mission Trips**

- St. Vincent
- Honduras
- Craniosynostosis with Plastic Surgery







### **Sites**

- VCU Medical Center
  - Children's Hospital of Richmond
  - Short Pump Pavillion (NOW Center)
- Central Virginia VA Health Care System









## **Richmond**

- Lots of fun breweries and restaurants ۲
- James River rafting/floating! ۲
- **Historic Areas** •
- Ton of outdoor escapes from city life! ۲
- Affordable cost of living •









# **Questions?**

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