

General Surgery Residency Program Leadership



Chady Atallah, MD **Program Director**

Chady Atallah is a clinical associate professor in the Department of Surgery, in the Colorectal Surgery Division. Dr. Atallah received his medical degree from Université Saint-Joseph (USJ) in Beirut, Lebanon, and completed his surgical residency at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland, before pursuing a colorectal surgery fellowship at Washington University, Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri. Before coming to NYU Langone Health, he served as the Assistant Program Director of the General Surgery Residency at Johns Hopkins.

Dr. Atallah has been captivated by the history of surgical education in the U.S., particularly the contributions of pioneers like Dr. William Stewart Halsted and Dr. Samuel D. Gross. Early in residency, he committed to shaping a career in surgical education. During his time at Johns Hopkins, he gained extensive insight into the surgical education team, focusing on curriculum development, skills lab sessions, quality improvement projects, clinical competency meetings, and applicant recruitment.

At NYU Langone, Dr. Atallah has continued his dedication to surgical education. As Program Director of the Manhattan General Surgery Residency, he aims to uphold the program's legacy of producing outstanding surgeons and clinicians. Dr. Atallah intends to leverage institutional resources and the expertise of mentors to cultivate future leaders in the field, working diligently with the associate program directors and the administrative education team to help residents achieve their full potential.



Megan Jenkins, MD **Associate Program Director**

Megan Jenkins is a clinical assistant professor in the Department of Surgery, in the Bariatric Surgery Division. She is a native New Yorker who grew up in Syracuse, NY. She studied biomedical engineering at the University of Rochester before moving to New York City to pursue her medical degree at NYU School of Medicine. Following her general surgery residency at NYU, she completed a fellowship in minimally invasive surgery at Hackensack Meridian Hospital in New Jersey. Dr. Jenkins then rejoined NYU Langone Health, where she established the robotic bariatric program. Specializing in robotic and minimally invasive surgery, she focuses on general and bariatric surgery while actively promoting safety, quality, and efficiency in the operating room.

In addition to her clinical work, Dr. Jenkins is committed to surgical education as Associate Program Director for the General Surgery Residency. She has played a key role in developing a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion curriculum, as well as a robotic surgery curriculum for residents. Passionate about mentoring, she fosters a supportive educational community at NYU Langone, hoping that all residents have the outstanding clinical and personal experiences she enjoyed during her training.



Derek Freitas, MD, MSPH

Associate Program Director

Derek Freitas is a clinical assistant professor in the Department of Surgery, in the Minimally Invasive Surgery Division at Bellevue Hospital and the VA. He earned his medical degree from NYU School of Medicine and holds a Master of Science in Public Health from the University of Miami. Dr. Freitas completed both his residency and minimally invasive surgery fellowship at NYU. His clinical research focuses on surgical training and capacity building in low-resource settings, having previously worked in Zambia to evaluate surgical training programs and mentor surgical registrars.

Currently, he is involved with NYU's partnership with Tamale Teaching Hospital and the University for Development Studies in Northern Ghana through AMPATH-Ghana, where he is dedicated to enhancing surgical training and laparoscopic surgery. Dr. Freitas also played a key role in establishing NYU's first global surgery rotation. As Associate Program Director of the General Surgery Residency, he aims to expand the residency's and department's engagement with AMPATH, creating unique opportunities for residents interested in global surgery while enhancing their overall educational experience.



Ana Velez-Rosborough, MD

Associate Program Director

Ana M. Velez-Rosborough is a clinical assistant professor in the Department of Surgery. She is a trauma surgeon and a surgical intensivist at Bellevue Hospital dedicated to surgical education. Dr. Velez-Rosborough earned her MD from the University of Florida College of Medicine and completed her general surgery residency training at NYU, followed by fellowship training in trauma and acute care surgery, as well as surgical critical care at the Ryder Trauma Center at Jackson Health System.

Throughout her career, Dr. Velez-Rosborough has been recognized for her commitment to medical education. In her role as Associate Program Director, she focuses on fostering an inclusive learning environment that reflects diverse perspectives and experiences. Her goal is to cultivate a residency program that excels in both technical and clinical training while ensuring equitable opportunities for all trainees. Dr. Velez-Rosborough is dedicated to creating a supportive and challenging educational atmosphere that prepares residents to excel in their careers and address the evolving needs of the surgical field and the diverse communities they serve.