Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in Georgetown University's general surgery residency program. Since the program's inception in 1851, the Georgetown University Medical Center's leadership has included remarkable surgeons who have created a legacy of surgical education that continues today. The long-standing surgical apprenticeship training at Georgetown was formalized into a surgical residency in 1941. Each year, we accept five students for a categorical spot in our training program.

A defining strength of our program is the commitment that our faculty has to resident education. The graduated responsibility afforded to residents as they advance through the program builds a solid foundation of both operative skill and evidence-based perioperative management. In addition, our rigorous clinical exposure demands development of advanced surgical skills. This experience includes working with complex abdominal, breast and thoracic surgical oncology through the hospital's Lombardi Cancer Center, Washington DC's only NCI designated cancer center. Further, we have the largest regional transplantation department, and we are the only center performing hepatic and small bowel transplantation in the DC metro area. In addition, our hernia center is a referral center that enables the development of our advanced laparoscopic skills. Our rotations at a variety of regional hospitals supplement the tertiary care experience we receive at Georgetown. These affiliate hospitals include: Washington Hospital Center, a level I trauma center, for trauma and burn; Children's National Medical Center for pediatric surgery; the Veteran's Administration Hospital for a broad spectrum of general and vascular surgery; and the Virginia Hospital Center for private general and colorectal surgery.

An integral part of our academic development is our commitment to research. Residents generally take two years during training to pursue a variety of academic interests. These include: bench research at Georgetown and a variety of national basic science laboratories, clinical outcomes research, international research fellowships, and advanced degrees. Our program's long history with a broad spectrum of world-renowned research institutions opens the door for virtually any experience that a resident needs in order to advance their academic goals. This is reflected in our program's alumns; 90% of graduates over the preceding decade have matriculated into prestigious fellowships in virtually every sub-specialty in surgery.

In addition to the academic merits of this program, we are all quite proud of the camaraderie that exists within this residency. We strive to create a collegial environment that fosters a sense of shared ownership over the program. This collegial environment is ideal for our professional and personal development. We are all immensely satisfied with the training that we have received at Georgetown.
and with the close relationships that we have developed with each other and with our faculty. We are fortunate to be able to train at an excellent program within a city that provides us with an incredible amount of variety, both at work and outside of the hospital. It has been an honor to train here, and we look forward to welcoming future surgeons who will undoubtedly continue to build on the incredible tradition of Georgetown University's Department of Surgery.

Sincerely,

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