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Overview

The Mount Sinai Urology Residency Program admits three residents each year through the American Urological Association (AUA) Match. The selected candidates complete one year of preliminary training in general surgery (in Mount Sinai’s General Surgery Residency Program), before joining the four-year Urology Program in July of the following year. At the end of their five years at Mount Sinai, these residents emerge as well-rounded urologists, ready to embark upon careers in either private practice or academic medicine. In recent years, approximately 50% of the Program’s graduates have gone on to fellowships and/or positions at academic centers.

The curriculum is currently organized into the following rotations:

Urology 1

- Junior Resident, James J. Peters VA Medical Center – four months
- Junior Resident, Elmhurst Hospital Center – four months
- Junior Resident, Adult Service, The Mount Sinai Medical Center – four months

Urology 2

- Resident, Elmhurst Hospital Center and Queens Hospital – four months
- Resident, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center – four months
- Resident, The Mount Sinai Medical Center – four months

Urology 3

- Senior Resident, Adult Service, The Mount Sinai Medical Center – four months
- Senior Resident, Pediatric Urology/Infertility The Mount Sinai Medical Center – four months
- Chief Resident, Queens Hospital – four months

Urology 4

- Chief Resident, James J. Peters VA Medical Center – four months
- Chief Resident, The Mount Sinai Medical Center – four months
- Chief Resident, Elmhurst Hospital Center – four months
Core Faculty

Mount Sinai’s residents benefit from the instruction and supervision of both full-time and voluntary faculty at Mount Sinai and at the program’s other affiliated institutions. The faculty includes the following physicians.

Dr. Simon J. Hall holds the Kyung Hyun Kim, MD Chair in Urology, is Chairman of the Milton and Carol Petrie Department of Urology and Director of the Barbara and Maurice Deane Prostate Health and Research Center, and serves as Program Director of the Residency Program. Dr. Hall’s clinical and research focus is on urologic oncology, especially prostate cancer. A graduate of Columbia University’s College of Physicians and Surgeons, he completed his urology residency at Boston University and followed that with a uro-oncology fellowship at Baylor College of Medicine.

Dr. Michael J. Droller, Goldsmith Professor of Urology, is a renowned urologic oncologist with a special interest in bladder cancer. He is also the Editor in Chief of Urologic Oncology, Seminars and Original Investigations and Associate Editor of the Journal of Urology. Dr. Droller earned his MD at Harvard Medical School and completed his urology residency at Stanford. He was Associate Professor of Urology at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine before joining the staff of Mount Sinai in 1984. He served as Chairman of the Department of Urology for 19 years and as Program Director for 23.

Dr. Natan Bar-Chama is Associate Professor of Urology, Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Science. He leads the program on male infertility and sexual dysfunction. Dr. Bar-Chama is a graduate of Albert Einstein College of Medicine. He stayed on at Einstein for his urology residency and completed a fellowship in male reproductive health and surgery at Baylor College of Medicine.

Dr. Jeffrey Stock is Associate Professor of Urology and Pediatrics and serves as Director of Pediatric Urology. He earned his MD at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine before completing his urology residency at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey and going on to a pediatric urology fellowship at the University of California at San Diego. Dr. Stock has developed minimally-invasive alternatives to open surgery in pediatric urology and is one of the most experienced urologists in the region in robot-assisted pediatric surgery.

Dr. Michael Palese, Assistant Professor of Urology, is an endo-urologist and laparoscopist with expertise in complex stone disease, laparoscopy (including laparoscopic donor nephrectomy) and robotics. Dr. Palese earned his MD at Mount Sinai. His urology residency at the University of Maryland included a one-year urology research residency at the Johns Hopkins University. He went on to a laparoscopy fellowship at the Weill Cornell School of Medicine.
Dr. David Samadi, Associate Professor of Urology, is one of the nation’s foremost robotic surgeons. He serves as Chief of Robotics and Minimally-Invasive Surgery. A graduate of the State University of New York School of Medicine at Stony Brook, Dr. Samadi completed his urology residency at Albert Einstein College of Medicine. He received fellowships in urologic oncology from Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center and in robotics in radical prostatectomy from Henri Mondor Hospital in Creteil, France, where he studied under esteemed Professor Clément-Claude Abbou. He served as Director of Robotic Laparoscopic Surgery in the Department of Urology at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital before joining the Mount Sinai staff in 2007.

Dr. Neil Grafstein, Assistant Professor of Urology, serves as Director of Reconstructive and Female Urology. He completed his MD at the University of the State of New York Downstate Medical Center, staying on for his urology residency before completing a fellowship in Reconstructive Urology at Duke University.

Dr. Courtney Phillips, Assistant Professor of Urology, is a uro-oncologist with a particular interest in minimally-invasive surgery. She serves as Director of Urologic Oncology at Mount Sinai and at Queens Hospital Center. Dr. Phillips is a graduate of New Jersey Medical School. She completed a urology residency at NYU before going on to a fellowship in urology/oncology at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center.

Dr. Grace Hyun is an Assistant Professor of Urology and Pediatrics. She received her MD at Cornell University Medical College, completed her residency training at Columbia University and went on to a pediatric urology fellowship at Childrens Hospital of Philadelphia.

Dr. Glen McWilliams, Clinical Assistant Professor of Urology, is Chief of Urology at the James J. Peters VA Medical Center. He completed both his MD and his urology residency at Columbia University before going on to a urologic oncology fellowship with the National Institutes of Health.

Dr. Alfred Winkler, Clinical Assistant Professor of Urology, is Regional Director of Urology for the Queens Health Network of the New York Health and Hospitals Corporation. In that capacity, he oversees the residency program at Elmhurst Hospital Center and at Queens Hospital. Dr. Winkler earned his MD at the State University of New York at Stony Brook and completed his urology residency at Albert Einstein.
Affiliated Institutions

**The Mount Sinai Medical Center** is a 1,181 bed tertiary-care hospital drawing patients from the surrounding communities, the entire nation, and many foreign countries. Since its founding in 1852, the Mount Sinai Hospital has had a tradition of excellence based on dedication to research and patient care. With the incorporation of the School of Medicine in 1963, the School and the Hospital became known as The Mount Sinai Medical Center. The staff of over 1,500 physicians treats nearly 38,000 in-patients annually. The Medical Center occupies a four-block area on Fifth Avenue across from Central Park between East 98th and 102nd Streets. It is centered around the Guggenheim Pavilion, a unique eleven story state-of-the-art facility designed by the architect I. M. Pei, and the Annenberg Building, which contains research laboratories, offices of instructional departments of the School of Medicine, and first and second year teaching facilities. The Annenberg Pavilion also contains the Gustave L. and Janet W. Levy Library, which serves the medical information needs of the Medical Center.

In addition to the full-time faculty in urology, there are 24 voluntary faculty who practice urology at The Mount Sinai Hospital. As a result, residents have a broad exposure to every aspect of urology, including oncology, stone disease, female urology, neuro-urology, impotence and infertility, prostatic diseases, and state-of-the-art endo-urologic and laparoscopic procedures during their rotations at The Mount Sinai Hospital.

**The Elmhurst Hospital Center** is a 615 bed hospital that is part of the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation. It is one of the borough’s most comprehensive health care providers and serves as the main trauma center for the area. Located in a very diverse ethnic neighborhood in the northwest section of Queens, Elmhurst offers residents experience in treating a great variety of urological diseases, as well as the opportunity to interact with patients from around the world. Resident activity is supervised by Dr. Alfred Winkler, Assistant Professor of Urology, and by four attendings who are well versed in general and specialty Urology.
The Bronx Veterans Affairs Medical Center is a 500 bed hospital, offering general hospital services to Veterans from the Bronx, New York City, Long Island, Westchester, Rockland County and Eastern New Jersey. Patients from more distant points are referred for extracorporeal shock wave lithotripsy (ESWL). The VA Hospital has a complete range of services, with a wide range of urological pathology which focuses on stone disease, oncology, and BPH. There is also a 90 bed spinal injury unit which provides residents educational opportunities in the assessment and management of neuro-urologic problems, infections, and stone disease in these patients. Resident work is supervised by three full-time urologists, headed by Dr. Glen McWilliams, Assistant Professor of Urology.

Queens Hospital, a new 200-bed facility, serves as a Center of Excellence for Cancer Care for Health and Hospitals Corporation. The Urology Department at Queens is directed by Dr Alfred Winkler who oversees the residents’ training in general urology while Dr. Courtney Phillips supervises their experience in GU oncology.

Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center is the premier cancer hospital in the greater New York area, with a superb faculty and large volume of surgical activity in all aspects of urologic oncology. Under the leadership of Dr. Joel Sheinfeld, our residents proceed through an intensive exposure to urologic oncology in a 4-month rotation during their PGY 3 year.
Current Residents

**Urology 4**
- Kadi-Ann Bryan: Duke University School of Medicine
- Matthew Hall: University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey
- Stephen Mock: Jefferson Medical College

**Urology 3**
- Michael Gildener-Leapman: University of Maryland School of Medicine
- Joshua Gonzalez: Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons
- Steven Weissbart: George Washington University School of Medicine

**Urology 2**
- Karl Coutinho: UMDNJ/New Jersey Medical School
- Greg Gin: Albany Medical College
- Vincent Olorunnisomo: University of Texas Southwestern Medical School

**Urology 1**
- Amita Kulkarni: UMDNJ/Robert Wood Johnson Medical School
- Jorge Pereira: Mount Sinai School of Medicine
- Allison Polland: Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons

**Pre-Urology (PGY 1)**
- Katherine Brewer: University at Buffalo SUNY School of Med. & Biomedical Sci.
- Kathleen Kan: Mount Sinai School of Medicine
### Recent Program Graduates

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Name</th>
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<td>2012</td>
<td>Ardavan Akhavan, MD</td>
<td>Pediatric Urology Fellowship, Seattle Children’s Hospital University of Washington School of Medicine</td>
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<td>2012</td>
<td>Boback Berookhim, MD</td>
<td>Male Sexual/Reproductive Medicine Fellowship, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center</td>
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<td>2012</td>
<td>Daryl McLeod, MD</td>
<td>Pediatric Urology Fellowship, Nationwide Children’s Hospital, Ohio State University School of Medicine</td>
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<td>Oluyemi Akin-Olugbade, MD</td>
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<td>2011</td>
<td>Clay Lyddane, MD</td>
<td>Private Practice, Kansas</td>
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<td>2011</td>
<td>Sherwin Zargaroff, MD</td>
<td>Infertility Fellowship, Northwestern University School of Medicine, now in private practice in New York City</td>
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<td>2010</td>
<td>Benjamin Dillon, MD</td>
<td>Pelvic Floor Reconstruction and Incontinence Fellowship, Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, now in private practice in Houston</td>
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<td>2010</td>
<td>Daniel Simon, MD</td>
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<td>Alexei Wedmid, MD</td>
<td>Robotics Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania, Currently in private practice in Pennsylvania</td>
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<td>Antonio Otero, MD</td>
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<td>Zamip Patel, MD</td>
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<td>Doron Stember, MD</td>
<td>Sexual Health Fellowship, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, Currently on the faculty of Beth Israel Medical Center, New York</td>
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<td>Jimena Cubillos, MD</td>
<td>Pediatric Urology Fellowship, Long Island Jewish Medical Center, Currently on the faculty of the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry</td>
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<td>Matthew Stanizzi, MD</td>
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<td>Grant Disick, MD</td>
<td>Minimally Invasive Urology Fellowship, University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, Currently in private practice in Florida</td>
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<td>2007</td>
<td>Diana Hurewitz, MD</td>
<td>Queens Hospital Center, New York</td>
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<td>Christopher Ip, MD</td>
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