

New Faculty Information for Onboarding

Section website

Welcome to the Section's Faculty Affairs Office

Welcome from the Section Faculty Affairs Office team. It is our privilege to support the faculty in its many missions across all the Departments and Divisions within the Section of Surgical Sciences.

Our areas of responsibility and oversight include • new faculty employment • onboarding • provide assistance to Departmental and Division leadership with faculty appointments • moving/relocation • credentialing • payer enrollment • orientation and training • clinics and OR scheduling

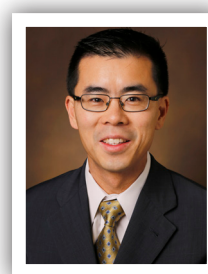
EXAMPLES

Doctor Directory

Print Find a Doctor

Find-a-Doc

Raeshell Sharawn Sweating, MD
 Benign and Malignant Breast Diseases, Breast Cancer, Breast Cancer Surgery, Surgical Oncology
 (615) 936-8422
 ★★★★★ 4.9



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APD (database)

Kent Kihyet Higdon, MD
 Associate Professor of Plastic Surgery - American Board of Surgery - American Board of Plastic Surgery
 ★★★★★ 4.8 379 ratings
 Insurance plans accepted
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Erin Alexis Gillaspie, M.D., M.P.H.
 Assistant Professor
 Department of Thoracic Surgery

Areas of Expertise
 Breast Reconstructive Surgery
 Cosmetic Plastic Surgery
 Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery
 Post Cancer Reconstructive Surgery
 Reconstructive Plastic Surgery

Board Certificates
 Plastic Surgery - American Board of Surgery - American Board of Plastic Surgery

Education
 MD - University of Mississippi
 Fellowship - University of Alabama
 Residency - Vanderbilt University
 Residency - University of Tennessee

Location(s)
 Vanderbilt Center for Cosmetic and Reconstructive Surgery
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 (map)

Department/Division & Section webpages

Erin Alexis Gillaspie, M.D., M.P.H.
 Assistant Professor
 Department of Thoracic Surgery

Dr. Gillaspie joins our surgical faculty in the Department of Thoracic Surgery after completing a fellowship at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. Her clinical areas of interest include surgical management and treatment of lung cancer, metastatic pulmonary nodules, mediastinal tumors, esophageal cancer, esophageal dysmotility, and paraesophageal hernias.

Dr. Gillaspie is board certified in General and Thoracic Surgery and is a Candidate Member of the Society of Thoracic Surgeons, General Thoracic Surgery Club, European Association for Cardio-Thoracic Surgery, and International Society for Heart and Lung Transplantation. She is also a member of the Organization of Resident Representatives for the Association of American Medical Colleges.

Research interest
 The focus of Dr. Gillaspie's research is on lung cancer treatments, development of novel technologies for minimally invasive approaches to surgery, robotic surgery and lung transplantation. She has recently published articles include Management of Stage IIIA (N2) Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer, Thoracic Surgery Clinics; From 3D Printing to 5D Printing: Enhancing Thoracic Surgical Planning and Resection of Complex Tumors, Annals of Thoracic Surgery, and Computed tomographic screening for lung cancer: the Mayo Clinic experience, Thoracic Surgery Clinics.

Education
 Dr. Gillaspie received her undergraduate degree, a B.S. Summa Cum Laude, from the University of Florida in Gainesville and her medical degree from the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine in Miami. She completed a residency at the Bassett Medical Center in Cooperstown, NY, and her fellowship in thoracic surgery at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. During her training she won the O.T. Clagett Travel Fellowship, the STS Advocacy Scholarship and the AATS Graham Foundation Intuitive Surgical Robotics Fellowship. In May 2018 she completed a Master's of Public Health at Vanderbilt University.

Dr. Gillaspie's Curriculum Vitae is available in PDF format.
 See Dr. Gillaspie's publications on PubMed

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Information you provide will be used for the following:

- Accurate Provider Database (APD) (clinic websites/Find-a-Doc, etc.)
- Schedule VUMC headshots there
- Section E-Announcement
- Department/Division/Section web
- Marketing/clinic .com pages
- Find-a-Doc Web
- Epic, E-Star
- Dragon Voice Dictation
- Many more

New Faculty Announcement

Department of Cardiac Surgery

R. Daniel Beauchamp, M.D., Ashish Shah, M.D., and the Section of Surgical Sciences are pleased to welcome

Melissa Marie Levack, MD Assistant Professor of Surgery Vanderbilt University Medical Center



Dr. Levack joins our surgical faculty in the Department of Cardiac Surgery after holding the position of Chief Cardiac Surgery Resident at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Cleveland, OH. She also served Chief Resident, General Surgery, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA. Dr. Levack's clinical areas of interest include bicuspid aortic valves, aortic dissections, minimally invasive cardiac surgery, aortic regurgitation and aortic valve repair.

Dr. Levack is certified by the American Board of Surgery in General Surgery and Critical Care and by the American Board of Thoracic Surgery. She is a member of the Society of Thoracic Surgeons, Women in Thoracic Surgery, American College of Surgeons and Association of Women in Surgery. Dr. Levack received the 20th Annual ISMRM Magna Cum Laude Merit Award in 2012, the Willard M. Daggett Scholarship Award for Cardiothoracic Research in 2011 and the 2011 Robert Linton Research Fellowship at Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA.

Research

Dr. Levack's research includes bicuspid aortic valves, 3D imaging and management of duplicated inferior vena cava in thoracoabdominal aortic aneurysm repair. Her recently published articles include: Management of a Duplicated Inferior Vena Cava in Thoracoabdominal Aortic Aneurysm Repair in the *Journal of Cardiovascular Surgery*; Outcomes of a Less Invasive Approach for Proximal Aortic Operations in *The Annals of Thoracic Surgery*; and The Value of Preoperative 3-dimensional Valve Analysis in Prediction Ischemic Mitral Regurgitation after Mitral Annuloplasty in the *Journal of Cardiovascular Surgery*.

Education

Dr. Levack received her undergraduate degree from Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH and her medical degree from Emory University, Atlanta, GA. She completed her internship and residency at Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, OH and a research fellowship at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA.

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