

## Colon & Rectal Clinic of Orlando Orlando Regional Healthcare System

### Colon & Rectal PGY VI Residency Program

- Residency Program
  - [Overview](#)
  - [Faculty](#)
  - [Program Features](#)
  - [Academic Curriculum](#)
  - [Clinical Research](#)
  - [Areas of Research](#)
  - [Clinical Rotations](#)
  - [Interview/Application](#)
  - [Publications](#)
- [Current Residents](#)
- [Alumni Residents](#)

## Colon & Rectal Clinic of Orlando Orlando Regional Healthcare System

### Overview

The Colon & Rectal Clinic of Orlando has over 15 years of training surgeons in the specialty of colon and rectal surgery. Currently, a one-year postgraduate residency training program in the field of colon and rectal surgery is offered and the program meets the requirements of the American Board of Colon and Rectal Surgery. The program participates in the National Residency Matching Program and offers three (3) clinical residency positions each academic year. The program offers a broad exposure to the full breadth of colon and rectal surgery. Many of the graduates of the program have started a colon & rectal surgery practice throughout the United States.

Each candidate must have completed a minimum of five (5) years training in an approved general surgical training program. In general, only those candidates who are certified or eligible for certification by the American Board of Surgery are accepted. All candidates must be eligible for full licensure in the State of Florida.

### Program Goals

By the end of the training year, the resident should be able to:

- The resident must acquire an extensive, sound knowledge base in the clinical science of colon and rectal surgery and should become especially well versed in the diagnosis and management of diseases and disorders of the colon, rectum and anus.
- The resident must acquire a fundamental knowledge base in the basic sciences applicable to colon and rectal surgery.
- The resident must develop, through technical training and operative experience, competence to execute the operative and non-operative procedures intrinsic to the practice of colon and rectal surgery
- The resident must develop the necessary skill in clinical decision-making to become a safe and effective practitioner of colon and rectal surgery
- The resident must demonstrate the desire and ability to care for his or her patients in a competent, responsible, compassionate and ethical manner and to serve society by always demonstrating professional integrity, intellectual honesty and social responsibility.
- The resident must be competent in the six areas listed to the level expected of a new practitioner:
  - Patient Care
  - Medical Knowledge
  - Interpersonal Communication Skills
  - Practice-Based Learning and Improvement
  - Professionalism
  - System-Based Practice

The Colon & Rectal program must define the specific knowledge, skills, behaviors and attitudes required and provide educational experiences as needed in order for the resident to demonstrate:

## Colon & Rectal Clinic of Orlando Orlando Regional Healthcare System

### Faculty

- Thomas Blake, MD
- Samuel DeJesus, MD
- Andrea Ferrara, MD
- Joseph T. Gallagher, MD
- Sergio W. Larach, MD
- Renee Mueller, MD
- Harvey Shub, MD
- Paul R. Williamson, MD

## Colon & Rectal Clinic of Orlando Orlando Regional Healthcare System

### Program Features

- **Operative caseload (per resident each year)**
  - 190 – 240 major abdominal procedures
  - 250 - 300 anorectal procedures
- **Colonoscopy (per resident each year)**
  - 135 – 150 colonoscopies
  - 50 – 100 polypectomies
- **Center for Pelvic Floor Disorders**

The resident experience includes patient interviews, anal physiology testing, anal and rectal ultrasound and interpretation of anal physiology tests. Patients are evaluated in the Center for Pelvic Floor Disorders. Dr. Ferrara is the Director of the Pelvic Floor Disorders.
- **Endorectal Ultrasound**

Each year, 1,800 endorectal ultrasound examinations are performed by Dr. Ferrara, Dr. DeJesus, Dr. Gallagher, and Dr. Williamson for staging of rectal cancer or evaluation of incontinence and other anorectal disorders. Hands-on experience in performing this procedure and interpreting the images is structured into the program.

## Colon & Rectal Clinic of Orlando Orlando Regional Healthcare System

### Academic Curriculum

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>7:30 am – 8:30 am</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday Case Review  2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday Topic Review  3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday M & M  4 <sup>th</sup> Monday Research Project  <b>9:00 am – 10:00 am</b> Outpatient Center for Surgery  <b>10:00 am–11:00 am</b> Endoscopy –blocked booking	No conference	<b>7:30 am – 8:30 am</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday Colon & Rectal Tumor Board	<b>7:30 am – 8:30 am</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday Topic Review  2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday Pathology  3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday every other month Radiology Meeting/ CARSEP Questions  4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday Pelvic Floor Conference  5 <sup>th</sup> Thursday every other month Colon & Rectal Grand Round Review  <b>6:00 pm – 8:00 pm</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday Journal Club	<b>7:00 am – 8:00 am</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Friday every other month Colon & Rectal Grand Rounds  2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> Friday of every month ORHS Surgical Grand Rounds

## Colon & Rectal Clinic of Orlando Orlando Regional Healthcare System

### Clinical Research

There is ongoing clinical and basic science research at the Colon & Rectal Clinic of Orlando. Each resident is assigned a research topic and expected to prepare an abstract for submission to the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgery. These topics are typically retrospective studies of a particular condition. There are many other opportunities to co-author chapters or participate in other research projects.

## **Colon & Rectal Clinic of Orlando Orlando Regional Healthcare System**

### **Areas of Research**

- Transsphincteric Approach to Difficult Rectal Pathology
- Comparison of lymph node harvest following neoadjuvant therapy in rectal cancer: complete pathologic response vs. non-responders
- Stapled Hemorrhoidectomy (PPH): Role of Concomitant Excision of External Disease
- Hand-Assisted Laparoscopic Colectomy for Colon Cancer: Early Clinical and Oncologic Outcomes Comparison with Case-Matched Open Colectomies
- Initial Follow up Results for the Stapled Transanal Rectal Resection (STARR) Procedure for obstructed defecation
- Developing a small animal model for the study of laparoscopic colon surgery
- A Comparison of Hand Assisted Laparoscopic (HAL) and Laparoscopic Colectomy for the Treatment of Diverticular Disease
- Review of 15 year experience comparing laparoscopic treated rectal cancer with case matched open Procedures
- Hand-Assisted Laparoscopic surgery (HALS) and Lighted Ureteral Stents (LUS) for Complicated Sigmoid Diverticulitis: A Combination of Technologies with Decrease Surgeon Stress and Increase Patient Safety
- C3H Mice Animal Model Investigation - A novel approach to creating orthotopic colon cancer in mice

## **Colon & Rectal Clinic of Orlando Orlando Regional Healthcare System**

### **Clinical Rotations**

The PGY VI Colon & Rectal Residency Program is under the auspice of Orlando Regional Medical Center, Department of Graduate Medical Education but is based at the private practice of the Colon & Rectal Clinic of Orlando. Andrea Ferrara, M.D is the Program Director. Primary full-time teaching responsibilities are shared by attending physicians Paul Williamson, M.D., Joseph Gallagher, M.D., Samuel DeJesus, M.D and Rene Mueller, M.D.. Part-time faculty include Sergio Larach, M.D., Harvey Shub, M.D. and Thomas Blake, M.D. All faculty members are board certified in the specialty of colon and rectal surgery. Residents participate directly in surgical cases at Orlando Regional Medical Center and Florida Hospital Medical Center under the immediate direction and supervision of their assigned attending for the month. Rotations are delineated by the residents assigned faculty member rather than by institution.

The resident rotation functions as a preceptorship with their assigned attending who provide adequate supervision of the residents' activities. Residents are scheduled to see office patients on an average of twelve hours per week based on their assigned attendings patient office schedule. The residents consult with patients on first evaluation, subsequent pre-operative evaluation, surgery, post-operative care, and management of complications. Together the resident and attending perform the physical exam, endoscopy and if needed, office surgery. After surgery, the residents provide post-operative care and the management of complications.

# Colon & Rectal Clinic of Orlando Orlando Regional Healthcare System

## Interview/Application Information

***Interviews are by invitation only.***

The interview process at the Colon & Rectal Clinic of Orlando consists of one full day. We recommend Hotel options located downtown near the Colon & Rectal Clinic of Orlando, 110 W. Underwood St., Orlando, FL 32806-1132, telephone: (407) 422-3790 x 3021. You will receive the discount rate when you identify yourself as being here for Orlando Regional Healthcare related business upon making your reservation. You can rent a car or cab to our clinic.

## Residency Application Process

ERAS®—the Electronic Residency Application Service—is a service that transmits residency applications, letters of recommendation, Dean's Letters/MSPE, transcripts, and other supporting credentials from applicants and medical schools to residency programs using the Internet via [www.aamc.org](http://www.aamc.org). The Colon & Rectal Clinic of Orlando/ Orlando Regional Healthcare System requests a completed online application, a personal statement, curriculum vitae, a letter of recommendation from the Program Director of your general surgery residency program, two additional letters of recommendation, and a wallet size photo.

The deadline for applications is August 15. Our interview committee will meet to determine which applicants will be invited for an interview. Invitations to interview will begin the end of August. Interviews will be held in September and will conclude the last week of October.

Fellows must be able to apply for and receive a Florida license to practice medicine upon acceptance into the program. Florida requires that applicants show they have obtained a passing score on the FLEX/National Board of USMLE examination Step I, Step II, & Step III, provided that said examination should have been taken within the ten (10) years immediately preceding the filing of the application for your license. An application for medical staff privileges at 3 hospitals will also need to be completed.

For more information, please contact:

Colon & Rectal Clinic of Orlando  
110 W. Underwood St. #A  
Orlando, Florida 32806

email: [NJoiner@CRCOrlando.com](mailto:NJoiner@CRCOrlando.com)

Program Manager, Colon & Rectal PGY VI Residency Program  
(407) 422-3790 x 3021

## Colon & Rectal Clinic of Orlando Orlando Regional Healthcare System

### Publications

Campbell RA, Ferrara A, Williamson PR, Gallagher JT, DeJesus S, Muller JC. Lack of Correlation Between Pudendal Neuropathy, Reinnervation Injury, and Grade of Paradoxical Puborectalis Contraction in Patients with Pelvic Floor Dysfunction, **Dis Colon Rectum** 2004; 47: 614.

Muller, JC, Larach SW, Ferrara A, Williamson PR, Gallagher JT, DeJesus S, Campbell RA. Risk of postoperative small bowel obstruction following open versus laparoscopic colectomy with no history of prior abdominal surgery. **Dis Colon Rectum** 2004; 47: 624.

Campbell RA, Ferrara A, Joiner, NA, Gallagher JT, Larach SW, DeJesus S, Williamson PR, Muller JC. A 10-Year Study of Laparoscopic Surgery Experience in U.S. - Accredited Fellowship Programs in Colorectal Surgery. **Dis Colon Rectum** 2004; 47: 624.

Garcia AI, Murday ME, Gallo M, Parker A, Ferrara A,, Gallagher JT, DeJesus S, Williamson PR. Stapled Hemorrhoidectomy: Outcomes of the First 100 Patients  
**Surgical Endoscopy, 2006: 20: S319**

Garcia AI, Ferrara A, Murday ME, Gallagher JT, DeJesus S, Williamson PR, Krajewski E. What can Hand-Assisted Laparoscopy (HALS) offer to experienced laparoscopic surgeons.  
**Surgical Endoscopy, 2006: 20: S319**

Garcia AI, Murday ME, Gallo M, Parker A, Ferrara A, Gallagher JT, DeJesus S, Williamson PR. Stapled Hemorrhoidectomy: Outcomes of the First 100 Patients.  
**Surgical Endoscopy, 2006: 20: S319**

Aversa J, Ferrara A, Williamson PW, Gallagher JT, DeJesus S. A Comparison of Hand-Assisted Laparoscopic (HAL) and Laparoscopic Colectomy for the . Treatment of Diverticular Disease. **Surgical Endoscopy, 2007: In press**

Charron P, Ferrara A, Campbell R, Gallagher JT, DeJesus S, Williamson PW. The Gap in Laparoscopic Colorectal Experience between U.S. General Surgery and Colon & Rectal Residency Training Programs. **Dis Col Rectum 2007; In Press**

**Colon & Rectal Clinic of Orlando  
Orlando Regional Healthcare System**

**Current Residents**

**Julie Lorber, M.D.**  
**PGY VI Colon & Rectal Resident**



Medical School: Medical College of Ohio, Toledo, Ohio  
Surgical Resident: Boston Medical Center, Boston, MA

**Nicolas Robinson, M.D.**  
**PGY VI Colon & Rectal Resident**



Medical School: University of Kentucky, College of Medicine,  
Lexington, KY  
Surgical Resident: Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center,  
Winston-Salem, NC

**Waleed Lutfiyya, M.D.**  
**PGY VI Colon & Rectal Resident**



Medical School: University of Nebraska College of Medicine, Omaha,  
NE

Surgical Resident: Exempla Saint Joseph Hospital, Denver, CO

**John Aversa, D.O.**

**Minimally Invasive Colon & Rectal Surgical Fellow**



Medical School: Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine,  
Philadelphia, PA

Surgical Resident: Hospital of Saint Raphael, New Haven, CT

## **Colon & Rectal Clinic of Orlando Orlando Regional Healthcare System**

### **Alumni Residents**

Frank J. Sheppard, M.D.                      1990-1991  
William Beaumont Army Medical Center  
1225 E. Cliff Dr. #2B  
El Paso, TX 79902

---

Elsa Goldstein, M.D.                              1991-1992  
24 Computer Drive West  
Albany, NY 12205

---

Arthur Vayer, Jr., M.D.                              1992-1993  
2296 Opitz Blvd #260  
Woodbridge, VA 22191

---

Sean C. O'Donovan, M.D.                              1992-1993  
Colon & Rectal Specialists  
7605 Forest Ave. #308  
Richmond, VA 23229

---

Michael D. Hellinger, M.D.                              1993-1994  
University of Miami  
**Program Director, Colon & Rectal PGY VI Residency Program**  
Assistant Professor of Clinical Surgery  
Division of Colon & Rectal Surgery

Miami, FL 33101

---

Thomas Blake, M.D. 1993-1994  
331 N. Maitland Ave. #A  
Maitland, FL 32751

---

S. Alan Lord, M.D. 1994-1995  
Savannah Surgical Group  
4750 Waters Ave. #103  
Savannah, GA 31404

---

Charles P. Lago, Sr., M.D. 1994-1995  
Bennett Medical Plaza  
201 N.W. 82nd Ave. #302  
Plantation, FL 33324

---

Jackie Levy-Kaiser, M.D. 1995-1996  
255 N. Lakemont #100  
Winter Park, FL 32792

---

Martin T. Kreckler, M.D. 1995-1996  
2051 Hamill Rd, Ste 101  
Chattanooga, TN 37343

---

Henry J. Lujan, M.D. 1996-1997  
Placencia, Viamonte & Hartmann, M.D., P.A.  
9195 Sunset Dr. #230  
Miami, FL 33173

---

Andrew Kassir, M.D. 1996-1997  
Maricopa Med Ctr, Dept Surg  
2601 E. Roosevelt  
Phoenix, AZ 85008

---

Graham Sellers, M.D. 1997-1998  
Joseph Greer, M.D. & Graham Sellers, M.D.  
2005 Franklin St.  
Denver, CO 80205

---

Steven H. Brown, M.D. 1997-1998  
Drs. Banerjee, Brown, Cherry, Pennoyer, Walters  
6 Northwestern Dr. #305  
Bloomfield, CT 06002

---

Joseph T. Gallagher, M.D. 1998-1999  
Colon & Rectal Clinic of Orlando  
110 W. Underwood St.  
Orlando, FL 32806

---

Anthony Macaluso, M.D. 1998-1999

Colon & Rectal Specialists  
7777 Forest Lane #A-321  
Dallas, TX 75230

---

Samuel DeJesus, M.D. 1999-2000  
Colon & Rectal Clinic of Orlando  
110 W. Underwood St.  
Orlando, FL 32806

---

Dean Pappas, M.D. 1999-2000  
Colon & Rectal Surgery  
520 Franklin Ave. #212  
Garden City, NY 11530

---

Cary L. Gentry, M.D. 2000-2001  
Colon & Rectal Specialists  
7605 Forest Ave.  
Richmond, VA 23229

---

David K.A. Magee, M.D. 2000-2001  
William Nowlin & David Magee, M.D.  
3000 Market Ave. #D  
Fayetteville, AR 72703

---

Sanjiv K. Patankar, M.D. 2001-2002  
Lewis Zinkin, M.D. & Sanjiv Patankar, M.D.  
Brier Hill Court, B-3  
East Brunswick, NJ 08816

---

Shekhar Narayanan, M.D. 2001-2002  
Colon & Rectal Care  
7430 N. Shadeland #200  
Indianapolis, IN 46250

---

John A. Griffin, M.D. 2002 - 2003  
Center for Colon & Rectal Disease  
1140 E 3900 S #340  
Salt Lake City, UT 84124

---

Frank Wessels, M.D. 2002 - 2003  
Saleeby, Saleeby, & Wessels, M.D.  
3814 Browning Place #100  
Raleigh, NC 27609

---

Joseph C. Muller, M.D. 2003-2004  
Colon & Rectal Care  
7430 N. Shadeland #200  
Indianapolis, IN 46250-2036

---

Robert A. Campbell, M.D. 2003 - 2004

David Larson, M.D. , Karukurichi Venkatesh, M.D. & Robert Campbell, M.D.  
1500 S. Dobson Rd. #313  
Mesa, AZ 85202

---

Michael V. Gallo, M.D.                      2004 - 2005  
Victor Gallo, M.D. & Michael V. Gallo, M.D.  
1075 Franklin Ave.  
Garden City, NY 11530

---

Michelle E. Murday, M.D.                2004 - 2005  
1140 E 3900 S #340  
Salt Lake City, UT 84124

---

Mark A. Parker, M.D.                      2004 - 2005  
Alabama Colon & Rectal Institute  
1317 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. S  
Birmingham, AL 35233

---

David A Chismark, M.D.                2005 - 2006  
Core Physician Services  
Exeter Hospital  
3 Alumni Drive #201  
Exeter, NH 03833

---

Ariel Forstner, M.D.                      2005 - 2006  
Colon & Rectal Surgery  
Phoenix, AZ

---

Eduardo Krajewski, M.D.                2005 - 2006  
Marcos Szomstein, M.D., & Eduardo Krajewski, M.D.  
8720 N. Kendall Dr. #108  
Miami, FL 33176