



Advancing Oncology Education A Comprehensive Case Review and Current Academic Treatment Commentary

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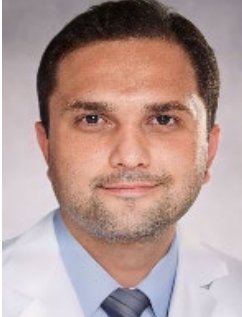
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PRESENTER BIOS



J.C. Abdou, M.D.

Dr. J.C. Abdou, MD is a radiation oncologist at Harbin Clinic Cancer Center in Rome, GA. He is board-certified by the American Board of Radiology in radiation oncology. Dr. Abdou completed his residency at The Ohio State University Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute in Columbus, OH and his internship at Saint Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston, NJ. He went to medical at St. George's University School of Medicine in Grenada, West Indies.



M. Salman Ali, MD

Dr. M. Salman Ali graduated from Shifa College of Medicine and completed residency at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. He has extensive training in skull based and pituitary surgery and neuro-oncology. He currently serves as Assistant Professor of Neurosurgery and as Director of Skull Base and Pituitary surgery. He has an impressive background in studying immune response, specifically the role of regulatory T cells (Tregs) in skull base tumors and brain aneurysms. Regulatory T cells are a subset of CD4+ immune cells which have diverse roles in tumors and inflammatory conditions. His goal is to better understand their role allowing him to come up with innovative treatment options to complement surgical interventions. His philosophy of care is a team approach to provide individualized and comprehensive surgical and medical care for his patients.



Paul Brock, MD, FACS

Dr. Brock serves as the MCG NW Regional Campus Associate Dean and practices general surgery at Harbin Clinic and Atrium Health Floyd in Rome, GA. He is board certified by the American Board of General Surgery. He earned his MD from Emory University in Atlanta, GA, where he also completed his internship and residency, serving as Chief Resident at Emory Affiliated Hospitals. Dr. Brock is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons (FACS). He is also an active member of the Medical Association of Georgia, the American Society of Breast Surgeons, and the Southeastern Surgical Congress. Dr. Brock resides in Rome with his wife, Joan, and their three children—two daughters and one son.



Bradley Cagle, M.D.

Dr. Bradley A. Cagle is a body imaging specialist who joined RRG in 2022. He completed his undergraduate studies at Berry College in 2012, followed by medical school at the Medical College of Georgia in 2016. Dr. Cagle pursued a transitional year at Spartanburg Regional Hospital in 2017 and then completed his residency in 2021 and fellowship in 2022, both at Wake Forest School of Medicine. His extensive training and expertise make him a valuable asset in the field of body imaging.



John Cowan, M.D.

Dr. John A. Cowan Jr., MD, FAANS, is a board-certified neurosurgeon serving teens and adults of all ages in Rome and Northwest Georgia. Dr. Cowan is deeply committed to the care of all his patients. His end goal is to mitigate disease and help his patients feel whole.

Dr. Cowan is a graduate of Johns Hopkins School of Medicine in Baltimore, Maryland. He completed his internship in general surgery and residency in neurosurgery at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. Dr. Cowan was a health and society scholar of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation at the University of Michigan department of epidemiology. He is

board-certified in neurosurgery by the American Board of Neurological Surgery. Dr. Cowan is on the Executive Board of the Georgia Neurosurgical Society where he previously served as president.



Gregory Harris, D.O.

Dr. Gregory Harris, DO is an oncologist at Harbin Clinic Cancer Center in Rome, GA. He is board-certified from the American Osteopathic Board of Internal Medicine in both hematology and oncology.

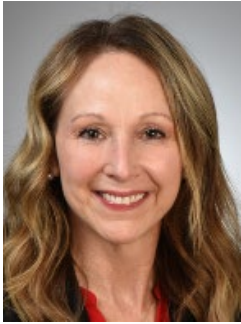
He completed medical at Kentucky College School of Osteopathic Medicine in Pikeville, KY and went on to do an internal medicine residency at Michigan State University (MSU) Genesys Regional Medical Center in Grand Blanc, MI. His fellowship in hematology and oncology was completed at MSU Genesys Regional Medical Center as well.



Will Jordan, MD, FACS

Dr. Jordan currently serves as Chair of Surgery and Surgeon in Chief at the Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University, in Augusta, Georgia. While leading a diverse group of surgeons, he oversees surgical care across a vast health system with a focus on medical education, and a collaborative approach for quality and new technology. He previously served as the John E. Skandalakis Chair in Surgery at Emory and a director of the Vascular Surgery Board of the American Board of Surgery. His professional society participation includes American Surgical Association (ASA) membership, President of the Association of Program Directors in Vascular

Surgery (APDVS), President of the Society for Clinical Vascular Surgery (SCVS), and Secretary-Treasurer and President of Southern Association for Vascular Surgery (SAVS).



Michelle M. Krupp, EdD, MS

Dr. Krupp serves as the Associate Dean for Faculty Development at the Medical College of Georgia. With a robust career in health professions education, she has honed her expertise in educational leadership, curriculum development, and faculty development. She received her Doctor of Education degree in educational leadership in healthcare from Nebraska Methodist College, and both an MS and BS from Illinois State University. Prior to coming to Georgia, she spent majority of her career at University of Iowa in both the College of Medicine (UME and GME) and College of Dentistry serving as the Associate Dean for Education & Curriculum. Committed to fostering a culture of continual improvement and collaboration, Michelle and her team provide resources and programming to enhance teaching skills, opportunities for scholarly research, and avenues for continuing education.



Daniel Milgrom, M.D.

Dr. Milgrom is a surgical oncologist at the Medical College of Georgia. He completed his medical school and general surgery residency at Indiana University, followed by a Complex General Surgical Oncology fellowship at the Donald Morton (formerly John Wayne) Surgical Oncology Program in Los Angeles. His clinical interests include melanoma and peritoneal surface malignancy. He is also active in clinical research regarding improving outcomes in oncologic surgery.



Kevin D. Phillips, M.D.

Dr. Kevin D. Phillips is a highly skilled neuroradiologist and breast imaging specialist who has been with RRG since 2007. He earned his undergraduate degree from James Madison University in 1996 and completed his medical degree at the Medical College of Virginia in 2001. Dr. Phillips then pursued a transitional year and residency at the Medical University of South Carolina, finishing in 2006. He further specialized with a fellowship at Vanderbilt University the same year.



Taylor Smith, M.D.

Dr. Taylor Smith is a board-certified dermatologist providing medical, surgical and cosmetic care to patients of all ages at NWGA Dermatology. Dr. Taylor has returned to his hometown of Rome, GA with his wife and their two children.

After graduating from the University of Alabama with a major in biology and a minor in business, Dr. Taylor received his Master of Science in Pharmacology from Tulane University. He continued on to medical at Louisiana State University. Following medical school, Dr. Taylor completed his internship at UAB Hospital in Birmingham, AL. He then completed dermatology residency training at LSU in New Orleans, LA.



Rick Swiger, M.D.

Laboratory Medical Director of Advent Health Redmond, Harbin Clinic and Dekalb Regional Medical Center

Dr. Swiger is board certified in anatomic and clinical pathology by the American Board of Pathology, and his interests include gastrointestinal, gynecological, breast, oncologic and cytology. He completed his residency training at the Medical University of South Carolina and completed a surgical pathology oncologic fellowship at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York City. He is a member of the College of American Pathologists and American Society for Clinical Pathology.



Danny Yakoub, MD, PhD, FACS

Dr. Yakoub is the Chief of Surgical Oncology and Hepato-Pancreato Biliary Surgery at Wellstar MCG Health. He earned his medical degree at University of Cairo, then obtained his PhD degree at Imperial College London. He completed his surgical residency in NYC then his fellowship training in Complex General Surgical Oncology at the University of Miami-Miller School of Medicine/Jackson Memorial Hospital. Dr. Yakoub initially practiced as an Assistant Professor at the University of Miami. He then became an Associate Professor at University of Tennessee Health Sciences in Memphis, then at the Mayo Clinic Health System before joining Wellstar MCG Health as Division Chief of Surgical Oncology. Dr. Yakoub served as a panel member at the National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN). Dr Yakoub's clinical interests include liver, pancreas, biliary system and foregut surgery including pioneering laparoscopic and robotic procedures. His research interests include improving clinical outcomes in upper gastrointestinal and hepatobiliary pancreatic cancer patients, metabolomic profiling of GI Cancers. His philosophy of care is Treatment of the patient as a whole with support and compassion, using state of the art knowledge and tools providing care I would expect for my family or myself.

MCG STUDENT PRESENTERS



Brenna Martin 2026



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