



Breast Surgical Oncology Fellowship

Program Description

The department of Breast Surgical Oncology at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center specializes in the surgical treatment of benign and malignant breast disease. Approximately 4500 patients with breast cancer are treated annually at MD Anderson Cancer Center.

Physicians and staff in the department of Breast Surgical Oncology collaborate closely with our multidisciplinary colleagues to provide high quality, patient-centered, value-based breast cancer care. Additionally, we have a robust clinical and translational research program advancing the field and breast cancer care.

The Breast Surgical Oncology Fellowship Program began in 2002 and has trained 73 fellows, many of whom are local and national leaders in breast cancer care. Four positions are available annually.

Breast Surgical Oncology Fellowship Alumni-ASBrS 2023



Faculty

- Taiwo Adesoye MD MPH
- Catherine Akay MD
- Isabelle Bedrosian MD
- Abigail Caudle MD
- Cristina Checka MD
- Jessica Suarez Colen MD
- Solange Cox, MD
- Sarah DeSnyder MD
- Ritchie Ehlers II MD
- Elizabeth FitzSullivan MD
- Kelly Hunt MD
- Rosa Hwang MD
- Helen Johnson, MD
- Henry Kuerer MD PhD
- Diana Liang MD
- Heather Lillemoe, MD
- Anthony Lucci MD
- Funda Meric-Bernstam MD
- Makesha Miggins MD
- Matthew Piotrowski MD
- Ana Refinetti MD
- Merrick Ross MD
- Puneet Singh MD MS
- Susie Sun, MD
- Nina Tamirisa MD
- Roi Weiser, MD

Curriculum

- **One-year clinical fellowship that will enable fellows to acquire advanced knowledge and skills in the surgical and multidisciplinary management of breast cancer.**
- **Clinical care**
 - Broad and varied clinical experience with exposure to and management of undiagnosed breast disease, high risk lesions, early-stage breast cancer, locally advanced breast malignancy, inflammatory breast cancer, male breast cancer, surgery in the setting of metastatic disease. Exposure to many disciplines, including genetic counseling, rehabilitative medicine, psychiatry and patient advocacy.
- **Operative experience**
 - Robust operative experience including advanced surgical techniques including skin-sparing and nipple-sparing mastectomy, oncoplastic reconstruction and targeted axillary dissection.
- **Clinical research**
 - Dedicated time throughout the year for clinical research with faculty mentorship and manuscript submission. Extensive opportunities for immersion in clinical trials.
 - Opportunity to present at national meetings in surgery and oncology.
 - Participation in the Division of Surgery Clinical Trials course.
- **Didactic curriculum**
 - Dedicated weekly Surgical Breast Education conference in addition to several institutional departmental and multidisciplinary conferences.
 - Access to Annual Breast Ultrasound course.
 - Participation in SSO's Fellows Institute
- **Career development and mentorship**

Clinical Rotation Schedule

- Breast Surgical Oncology
- Breast Medical Oncology
- Cancer Screening and Prevention
- Career Days – Professional Development
- Community Outreach
- Diagnostic Imaging
- High-Risk Genetics
- Pathology
- Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery
- Psychiatry Oncology
- Radiation Oncology
- Research

Program Leadership

- Chair**
Kelly K. Hunt, MD
- Program Director**
Puneet Singh, MD MS
- Associate Program Director**
Matthew Piotrowski, MD
- Program Coordinator**
Maria Y. Melas, BS

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Application Timeline

Fellowship Application Process Opens:
December 11, 2023

Fellowship Application Closes:
January 19, 2024

Inform Applicants of Interviews:
February 5, 2024

Match Rank Order List Deadline:
July 8, 2024

Fellow Match Date:
July 15, 2024

Above dates are based on the 2023 annual calendar and vary slightly each year

Required materials

- Current curriculum vitae
- Personal statement
- Three letters of recommendation (one from the residency Program Director)
- Recent photograph
- All applications are facilitated through the SSO match process