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New Staff

Orthopaedics Welcomes Dr. Hatem



Munif Ahmad Hatem, MD, completed his Orthopedic Surgery residency and a fellowship in Hip and Knee Reconstruction in Brazil. He further honed his expertise in the United States through three surgical fellowships: Musculoskeletal Oncology at the University of Washington in Seattle, Pediatric and Young Adult Hip Preservation Surgery at Boston Children's Hospital-Harvard Medical School, and Hip and Knee Reconstruction Surgery at Northwell North Shore University Hospital in New York.

Dr. Hatem specializes in hip and knee replacements, hip osteotomies (including periacetabular osteotomy for hip dysplasia), and hip arthroscopy. His expertise enables him to provide exceptional care for adolescents and adults with hip disorders.

His research focuses on robotic technology in hip preservation surgery, hip biomechanics, and outcomes of hip preservation and reconstruction surgeries in adolescents and young adults.

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Awards & Honors

Celebrating a Milestone: GIFTS Program Publication in JAGS



Sarah D. Berry, MD
Internal Medicine
Geriatric Medicine,
Primary Care

We are delighted to share an exciting milestone for our Trauma Team and Geriatric Inpatient Fracture Trauma Service (GIFTS) Program. The implementation and preliminary outcomes of our Inpatient Osteoporosis Treatment Program have been published in the *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society* ([JAGS; Impact Factor 4.5](#))—accompanied by a [Note from the Editor](#) recognizing the importance of this work.



Karen J. Chahal, MD
Internal Medicine-
Geriatric Medicine

This initiative was championed by **Karen Chahal, MD**, **John Wixted, MD**, and **Sarah Berry, MD**, Chief of Gerontology, who led the effort to establish a post-hip fracture inpatient osteoporosis treatment program to address the often alarmingly low treatment rate following hip fracture for these vulnerable patients. The establishment of GIFTS co-management made this possible. This quality-improvement initiative was based on the high-quality and highly favorable data from the [2007 HORIZON Trial](#) published in NEJM, which showed that a single-dose of Zoledronic Acid following hip fracture considerably reduces future fractures as well as reduces mortality.

The program continues, and we are excited to think about potential next steps!



John Wixted, MD,
Orthopaedic Surgery

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Department News

80th Annual Meeting: American Society for Surgery of the Hand

The Department of Orthopaedics' Hand Surgery team recently attended the American Society for Surgery of the Hand (ASSH) Annual Meeting in Vancouver, October 9–11. Our own **Carl Harper**, MD, was co-chair of the program, and **Tamara Rozental**, MD, was celebrated as she closed out her final year as President of ASSH, now serving as the Society's Immediate Past President.

The meeting featured educational sessions on topics such as nerve and soft tissue reconstruction, industry-led discussions on new technologies, and CME objectives were designed to advance knowledge in hand surgery, evaluate new research, and enhance clinical skills.



*2025 Annual Meeting Program
Chairs, **Carl M. Harper**, MD
(BIDMC), and **Lindley B. Wall**, MD*



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