

History

Dr. Robert E. Carroll established the New York Orthopaedic Hospital Hand Surgery Service in 1949. Since 1958, numerous orthopaedic surgeons have completed the Fellowship in Hand Surgery and forged internationally acclaimed careers in hand surgery.

A veteran of W.W.II, Dr. Carroll enjoyed a prominent position among the world's leading hand surgeons for more than four decades. Trained on a traveling fellowship with luminaries such as Dr. Sterling Bunnell and Dr. Sumner Koch, Dr. Carroll established the Hand Clinic at NYOH and founded the hand fellowship training program. Until his death in 2009, Dr. Carroll was an active Professor Emeritus, who continued to teach and inspire colleagues and young physicians.

Members of the Hand Service

The Orthopaedic Hand Service at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital is composed of Dr. Melvin P. Rosenwasser, Dr. Robert Strauch, and Dr. R. Kumar Kadiyala. Together they combine to form a nationally and internationally respected team that provides multidisciplinary treatment for adult and pediatric patients with hand ailments and congenital deformities. One junior and two senior residents are on the hand service, in addition to rotating medical students.



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About the Hand Service

The primary mission of the orthopaedic hand service is to provide optimal care to patients with afflictions of the hand, and elbow. This patient population includes those with trauma, congenital deformities, tumor, chronic stress conditions, contractures, arthritis, and infection.

The hand service also treats patients requiring microvascular reconstructive surgery. This provides clinical microsurgical experience for our surgeons and the well established microsurgical laboratory provides support for ongoing investigative studies and extensive training in Microvascular technique. The hand service provides perioperative care to private patients as well as operating a very active outpatient clinic. In both settings, residents, medical students and fellows are trained in the comprehensive care of the hand patient. In addition, preceptorships are offered to qualified residents and fourth year medical students who elect to spend a one to three month rotation through the service. Approximately five thousand outpatients are seen every year and one thousand operative procedures are performed annually.

The hand fellow is responsible for the daily operation of the service and is expected to work under the direction of the attending staff.

Research

Participation in basic science research is an integral part of the Robert E. Carroll Hand Fellowship experience. Fellows are expected to actively participate and contribute to ongoing research, as well as complete a project for national presentation and subsequent publication in a national peer reviewed journal. The hand fellow will be financially supported and encouraged to attend professional meetings of the New York Society for Surgery of the Hand, and the American Society for Surgery of the Hand.

Robert E. Carroll Hand Fellows (1958-present)

1958-59	James M. Hunter, MD
1959-60	George C. Raszus, MD
1960-61	James H. Dobyns, MD
1961-62	Avrum I. Froimson, MD
1962-63	Norman A. Hill, MD
1963-64	Lawrence H. Schneider, MD
1964-65	Charles L. McDowell, MD
1965-66	James R. Doyle, MD
1966-67	Harold M. Dick, MD
1967-68	Alexander C. Angelides, MD
1968-69	Norman J. Cowan, MD
1969-70	David P. Green, MD
1970-71	Dean S. Louis, MD
1971-72	Richard L. Petzoldt, MD
1972-73	William H. Bowers, MD

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1973-74	William R.J. Rennie, MD
1974-75	David C. Bush, MD
1975-76	Joseph E. Imbruglia, MD
1976-77	Michael P. Coyle, MD
1977-78	William B. Kleinman, MD
1978-79	Lawrence C. Hurst, MD
1979-80	Steven M. Wenner, MD
1980-81	Thomas I. VonGillern, MD
1981-82	Edward V. Craig, MD
1982-83	Melvin P. Rosenwasser, MD Thomas A. Rago, MD
1983-84	David M. Boland, MD Enrique H. Monsanto, MD Leigh Ende, MD
1984-85	Matthew D. Putnam, MD William H. Seitz, MD
1985-86	Sandy M. Gonzalez, MD Mark J. McBride, MD
1986-87	Eric C. Carlson, MD Seth B. Paul, MD
1987-88	Leo Rozmaryn, MD
1988-89	Donald H. Lee, MD
1989-90	Scott Wolfe, MD
1990-91	Brian Cushin, MD
1991-92	Jeffrey Lakin, MD
1992-93	John Lunt, MD
1993-94	Haik Kavookjian, MD
1994-95	Robert C. Wilson, MD
1995-96	Gina C. DelSalvio, MD
1996-97	Kenji Miyasaka, MD
1997-98	Michael L. Lee, MD
1998-99	Sasha Ristic, MD
1999-00	Roderick J. Bruno, MD
2000-01	H. Matthew Quitkin, MD
2001-02	Vishal Sarwahi, MD
2002-03	Jerome D. Chao, MD
2003-04	Ryan A. Beekman, MD Nathan L. Taylor, MD
2004-05	Michael W. Grafe, MD
2005-06	Steven H. Goldberg, MD
2006-07	Richard Y. Kim, MD
2007-2008	Steven Shamash, D.O.
2008-2009	Christopher Katcherian, MD
2009-2010	Neil J. White, MD
2010-2011	Michael Birman, MD
2011-2012	Patrick Olson, MD
2012-2013	Rudy Rodriguez, MD
2013-2014	James Wilkerson, MD

The Robert E. Carroll Fellowship in Hand Surgery

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