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WORK EXPERIENCE

Trauma and Acute Care Surgeon Department of Surgery Inova Fairfax Hospital – Level 1 Trauma Center 3300 Gallows Road Falls Church, VA 22042	01/2023 – Present
Medical Director of Trauma and Acute Care Surgery Unit Inova Fairfax Hospital <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Led discharge efficiency initiative resulting in reduction of mean time to discharge from 4:55 to 2:08 hours and increase in discharges before noon from 4% to 16% (2023–2025)• Recruited dedicated discharge nurse to facilitate timely patient throughput• OR Turnover Time Committee lead; reduced turnovers exceeding one hour from 11.6% to 7.9%• Developed and revised clinical practice guidelines: blunt cerebrovascular injury, ultrasound/FAST/POCUS, hemorrhagic shock compliance, inhalation injury, and anemia• Sepsis oversight committee member	05/2023 – Present
Assistant Professor of Medical Education University of Virginia School of Medicine	10/2024 – Present
Trauma and Acute Care Surgeon Department of Surgery Geisinger Wyoming Valley Hospital – Level 1 Trauma Center 1000 East Mountain Boulevard, M.C. 34-70 Wilkes Barre, PA 18711	11/2020 – 01/2023
Assistant Professor of Medical Education Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine	11/2021 – 01/2023
Clinical Practice Guideline Committee Leader <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Create and revise clinical practice guidelines across all Geisinger campuses	09/2021 – 01/2023

EDUCATION

Surgical Critical Care Fellowship University of Michigan - Ann Arbor, MI	08/2019 – 08/2020
General Surgery Residency St. Joseph Mercy Ann Arbor - Ypsilanti, MI	07/2014 – 06/2019
M.D. Michigan State University College of Human Medicine - East Lansing, MI	08/2010 – 07/2014

- Summa Cum Laude

LICENSING AND CERTIFICATIONS

American Board of Surgery Certification #066060	Issued 10/2020
Surgical Critical Care Board Certification #04988	Issued 05/2021
Advanced Trauma Life Support - Instructor	Expires 11/2026
Advanced Cardiac Life Support	Expires 07/2026
Advanced Surgical Skills for Exposure in Trauma (ASSET) – Instructor	Issued 11/2023
Advanced Surgical Ultrasound	Issued 04/2019
Basic Life Support	Issued 09/2022
Fundamentals of Endoscopic Surgery	Issued 06/2018
Fundamentals of Laparoscopic Surgery	Issued 06/2017
Pediatric Advanced Life Support	Issued 12/2023
REBOA BEST Course	Issued 11/2019

MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

Eastern Association for the Surgery of Trauma	01/2021 – Present
Society of Critical Care Medicine	08/2019 – Present
American College of Surgeons	08/2014 – Present
Gold Humanism Honor Society	09/2013 – Present
American Medical Association	08/2010 – Present
Beta Gamma Sigma	03/2007 – Present

ORAL PRESENTATIONS/LECTURES

Wafa, AM. “Comfortably Numb Teaching Session.” Inova Fairfax Hospital – Medical Student Lecture. March 2026.

Wafa, AM. “Resident Cadaver Lab Teaching: Abdominal and Groin Exploration for Trauma.” Inova Fairfax Hospital – Resident Education. March 2026.

Wafa, AM. “Incision and Drainage Evaluation.” Inova Fairfax Hospital – Medical Student Simulation Lab. March 2026.

Wafa, AM. “Gallbladder and Common Bile Duct Disorders.” Inova Fairfax Hospital – Resident Education Lecture. Sept. 2025.

Wafa, AM. “Mock Oral Board Examination.” Inova Fairfax Hospital – DMV Resident Education. May 2025.

Wafa, AM. “Gallbladder and Common Bile Duct Disorders.” Inova Fairfax Hospital – Resident Education Lecture. Aug. 2024.

Wafa, AM. “Mock Oral Board Examination.” Inova Fairfax Hospital – DMV Resident Education. Nov. 2024.

Wafa, AM. “Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS) Instructor Course.” Inova Fairfax Hospital. June 2024.

Wafa, AM. “ASSET Course Teaching.” Inova Fairfax Hospital – Surgical Skills Education. April 2024.

Wafa, AM. “Medical Student Orientation: Case Presentations and Introductions to Trauma.” Inova Fairfax Hospital. March 2024.

Wafa, AM. “Resident Prep Case Scenarios.” Inova Fairfax Hospital – Medical Student Lecture. March 2024.

Wafa, AM. “Sepsis and Septic Shock.” Inova Fairfax Hospital – Resident Education Lecture. Sept. 2023.

Wafa, AM. “Vascular Trauma.” St. Joseph Mercy Ann Arbor – Grand Rounds. Dec. 2017

Wafa, AM. “Benign anorectal disease.” St. Mary Livonia Hospital – Family Medicine Residency Conference. Dec. 2017

Wafa, AM. “Diverticulitis.” St. Mary Livonia Hospital – Family Medicine Residency Conference. Oct. 2016

Wafa, AM. “Comparison of Risk Factors for Unplanned Conversion from Laparoscopic and Robotic to Open Colorectal Surgery.” American College of Surgery (ACS) National Surgical Quality Improvement Program (NSQIP) National Conference, July 2015, Chicago, IL.

Lozier LR, Shermetaro NC, Connaughton AJ, Egnatuk RM, Saadeh YS, Hozain AE, **Wafa AM**, Mir SK, Tanious A, Rozwadowski MS, Anderson C, Basson MD, Ito K. “Can serum lactate predict the outcome of patients who underwent emergent exploratory laparotomy for acute abdomen?” Mid-Michigan Regional Research Day. March 2013, Michigan State University, Lansing, MI.

PUBLICATIONS

Wafa AM, Leichtle S. Surgical site infections. In: Neff M, Beekley A, Yoon-Flannery K, Ratnasekera A, editors. *Passing the General Surgery Oral Board Exam*. 3rd ed. Springer; 2025. p. 497–502. (Book Chapter)

Leichtle S, **Wafa AM**. Necrotizing soft tissue infections. In: Neff M, Beekley A, Yoon-Flannery K, Ratnasekera A, editors. *Passing the General Surgery Oral Board Exam*. 3rd ed. Springer; 2025. p. 487–490. (Book Chapter)

Bhama AR, **Wafa AM**, et al. Comparison of Risk Factors for Unplanned Conversion from Laparoscopic and Robotic to Open Colorectal Surgery Using the Michigan Surgical Quality Collaborative (MSQC) Database. *J Gastrointest Surg*. 2016 Feb 3.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

CIREN, Principal Investigator 06/2025 - Present

- Investigating injury patterns and severity scoring in motor vehicle crash victims using the Crash Injury Research and Engineering Network (CIREN) dataset

Fulbright Fellow, Principal Investigator 08/2009 – 08/2010

Institute of International Education: U.S. Department of State – Amman, Jordan

- Researched the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) health care system structure, organization, quality, and satisfaction levels in four of ten UNRWA-managed Palestinian refugee camps located in Jordan

EXTRACURRICULAR INTERESTS

- Car repair enthusiast - 1986 BMW 325 project car
- Black-belt - Tae kwon do
- Bicycling

- Musician - piano