

Dr. Komo Gursahani Vice Chair for Education

Department of Emergency Medicine



Komo Gursahani, MD MBA will be the inaugural Vice Chair for Education for the Department of Emergency Medicine. She is currently Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine at Washington University School of Medicine (WUSM) in St. Louis and serves as assistant medical director for Barnes Jewish Hospital. Dr. Gursahani participates on multiple committees for the Gateway Curriculum at WUSM, leading the health systems science education thread.

Dr. Gursahani has contributed to the education mission of the specialty of emergency medicine and the practice of medicine in many ways. After graduating from University of Missouri-Columbia with her MD, she obtained an MBA at Saint Louis University while working as faculty in the Division of Emergency Medicine there. She helped to create an emergency medicine residency program at SLU as core faculty. She then went on to complete the faculty development fellowship at SLU's Bander Center for Medical Business Ethics, specifically focused on curriculum development. Using this additional training, she worked with undergraduate medical education leaders to integrate the business of medicine and its ethics into the curriculum throughout all four years. She also served as assistant program director for the residency in emergency medicine at SLU and directed two fellowships for EM residency graduates: Simulation in Medical Education and Administration, Patient Safety and Quality.

Dr. Gursahani joined the faculty in emergency medicine at WUSM in 2017 as a member of the administrative team. While assisting in directing clinical operations, she immediately sought opportunities to participate in the design and build of the Gateway Curriculum. Nationally, she serves the NMBE as a member of the USMLE test material content development committee for patient safety, and she is a health systems science scholar for the AMA. As evidenced by her career choices, Dr. Gursahani is a staunch supporter of the notion that medical educators have a deeply influential role in health systems improvement, population health, health policy and economics.

We look forward to working with Dr. Gursahani to align the educational activities of the Department of Emergency Medicine with the mission of WUSM and BJH/BJC and the needs of the community we serve.

Dr. Peter Panagos

Vice Chair for Academic and Faculty Affairs

Department of Emergency Medicine



Peter Panagos, MD will be the inaugural Vice Chair for Academic and Faculty Affairs for the Department of Emergency Medicine. He is currently Professor of Emergency Medicine and Neurology at WUSM. Dr. Panagos is a 1987 graduate of Dartmouth College. In 1994, he completed his medical education at Emory University (Cum Laude and AOA). Following a year of surgical training at Naval Medical Center San Diego, he graduated and received his wings as a Naval Flight Surgeon in Pensacola, Florida. From 1996-1999, he was stationed in Okinawa, Japan with the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing and deployed throughout the world.

In 2002, he completed a residency in Emergency Medicine at the University of Cincinnati, serving as Chief Resident his final year. He subsequently completed a Neurovascular Emergencies/Stroke Fellowship at the same institution in 2003, the first emergency physician in the US to complete this fellowship.

From 2003-2009, he was an Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine at the Warren Alpert School of Medicine at Brown University in Providence, RI where he served as Co-Director of both the Rhode Island Hospital and Miriam Hospital Stroke Centers.

Arriving to WUSM in 2009, he has served as PI for multiple NIH and Industry funded clinical trials including current Site Co-PI for the NIH StrokeNet, one of only 26 academic centers in the US participating in this stroke research network. At Washington University, he serves as the Director of Neurovascular Emergencies in the Department of Emergency Medicine, Director of the Barnes-Jewish Hospital/Washington University Stroke Network and Co-Director of the WUSM/BJH Stroke and Cerebrovascular Center.

He has served as Co-Chair of the AHA Mission: Lifeline Stroke, Chair of the AHA Emergency Neurovascular Care Committee ((ENCC) and is the current Chair of the ASA Stroke National Leadership Council. He is Associate Editor of Academic Emergency Medicine, Emergency Medicine Oral Board Examiner, standing member of an NIH Scientific Review Group NSD-A section and is member of the WUSM Admissions Committee. He has delivered over 450 lectures in the US and abroad and has published over 100 articles.