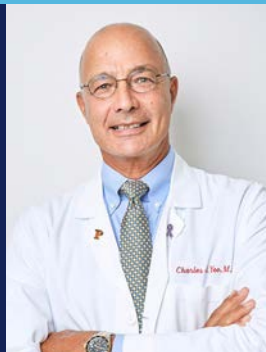


Overview



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Over 500: A Grim Statistic

I am writing this on the last day of November, 2021. This time of year is embedded in my mind. Just before my tenth birthday, on Friday, November 22, 1963, our 35th president, JFK, was assassinated in Dallas, TX. Sadness, shock, tears, and disbelief overtook my classroom. Suddenly, the power of firearms, and their destructive nature was real to a fifth grader.

Fast forward to 2021. The number 500 is a reality in Philadelphia. If you bat .500 in baseball you are an all-star. If you hit 500 home runs you have a place in Cooperstown—the Hall of Fame. What if your city exceeds 500 homicides by firearm? Such is the reality in Philadelphia in 2021. What if a co-worker at your hospital is one of the victims, shot in your own hospital?

Amidst the COVID pandemic we have another epidemic in America. Death by firearms. There are nearly 40,000 firearm-related deaths annually in the U.S. Over 110 victims per day. The U.S. firearm fatality rate has risen in recent years. The number of guns in America exceeds the number of people. Here at Jefferson, with the closure of Hahnemann Hospital, we have seen a sharp up-tick in patients being brought to our emergency room, victims of firearm violence. Today at the Oxford High School in Michigan a 15-year-old sophomore killed four fellow students with a handgun, and injured seven others.

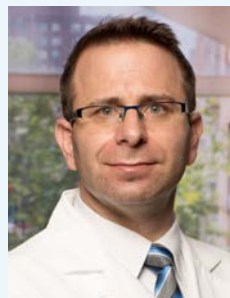
Dr. Stanton Miller and other members of the Jefferson Center for Injury Research and Prevention (JCIRP) recently participated in a city-wide march from Amtrak's 30th Street Station to City Hall, to raise awareness of the tragedy of firearm violence in our city. My wife and I participated, as did others from Jefferson, Penn, Temple and Einstein. A public health approach to prevent firearm-related injuries and deaths is much needed, and is underway. There are data-driven studies being conducted and published on the topic. JCIRP is involved and actively working on this topic. Our city is vibrant, diverse, historic, and an exciting place to live. Five hundred victims are far too many.

To learn more about the Jefferson Center for Injury Research and Prevention, please visit: [Jefferson.edu/JCIRP](https://www.jefferson.edu/JCIRP)

New Faculty



Seye Adekeye, MD, PhD, has joined the Division of General Surgery. Dr. Adekeye completed the General Surgery Residency Program at the University of North Dakota followed by a Breast Oncology Fellowship at the University of Pennsylvania in 2021. She currently sees patients at the Jefferson Breast Care Center in Center City and will soon see patients at Jefferson Health – Washington Township in New Jersey.



Avinoam Nevler, MD, has joined the Division of General Surgery and Division of Surgical Research. Dr. Nevler spent 13 years serving as an army physician in the Israeli military. In 2018, he completed his surgical residency at Sheba Medical Center in Israel. During the program he spent two years as a bench researcher in the Department of Surgery at Jefferson and is a 2020 graduate of our Advanced GI Surgery Fellowship Program. He sees patients at the Jefferson Pancreas, Biliary, and Related Cancer Center in Center City.



Deviney Rattigan, MD, has joined the Division of Acute Care Surgery. Dr. Rattigan is a 2014 graduate of Jefferson Medical College. She then completed the General Surgery Residency Program at Cooper University Hospital followed by the Trauma Surgical Critical Care Fellowship Program at Rutgers New Jersey Medical School. She sees patients at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Center City.

Meet the Interns

Last June, the following 16 categorical interns began their training in our 3 General Surgery Residency Programs.

Thomas Jefferson University Hospital



Subhadra Acharya, MD
Sidney Kimmel Medical College
at Thomas Jefferson University



Lindsay Edwards, MD
Chicago Medical School



Sneha Alaparthy, MD
Frank H. Netter School of Medicine
at Quinnipiac University



Isheeta Madeka, MD
Wake Forest School of Medicine



Archana Babu, MD
Rutgers New Jersey
Medical School



Nayeem Nasser, MD
Georgetown University
School of Medicine



Wissam Nasser, MD
Rutgers New Jersey
Medical School

Abington – Jefferson Health



Urooj Khalid, MD
Drexel University
College of Medicine



Adam Scanlan, MD
Lewis Katz School of Medicine
at Temple University



Nicholas Taylor, MD
Lewis Katz School of Medicine
at Temple University



Jasmine Walker, MD
SUNY Downstate College
of Medicine



Christina Wohler, MD
Sidney Kimmel Medical College
at Thomas Jefferson University

Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine & Jefferson Health System



Jason Barfuss, DO
Lake Erie College of
Osteopathic Medicine



Christopher Noty, DO
A.T. Still University of Health
Sciences Kirksville College of
Osteopathic Medicine



Liam Trimble, DO
William Carey University College of
Osteopathic Medicine



Camden Zemp, DO
Edward Via College of Osteopathic
Medicine - Virginia Campus