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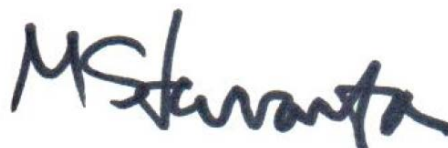
Welcome to the Residency Training Program in Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery at New York Presbyterian Hospital – Columbia and Cornell campuses. We are glad you are here to see the outstanding opportunities offered by our training program. This is a unique program, which combines the resources of Departments of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery at two Ivy League medical schools, and includes rotations at five unique Hospital campuses.

We are fortunate to have an outstanding group of residents in the program, and the faculty and residents look forward to meeting you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lawrence Lustig".

Lawrence R. Lustig, MD
Professor and Chairman
Department of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery
Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons
Co-Program Director

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M Stewart".

Michael G. Stewart, MD, MPH
Professor and Chairman
Department of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery
Weill Cornell Medical College
Co-Program Director

NEW YORK-PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL AND TRAINING SITES

The New York-Presbyterian Hospital, a nationally ranked medical institution, was officially established as a single hospital complex in 1997 through the merger of two renowned medical centers: the former Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center, and New York Hospital. The merged hospital has two main campuses: New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Columbia University Medical Center in the Washington Heights section of upper Manhattan, and New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center on the upper east side of Manhattan. New York-Presbyterian Hospital is ranked #8 in the USA in the US News and World Report rankings.

Memorial Sloan Kettering, another affiliated hospital involved in the Otolaryngology residency, is located across York Avenue from Weill Cornell Medical Center. MSK attendings have Weill Cornell faculty appointments, and Weill Cornell medical and graduate students can do research and clinical rotations there. Memorial Sloan-Kettering is currently ranked #2 among cancer centers in the USA.

Lincoln Hospital is a public hospital serving the South Bronx and is part of the NYC Health and Hospitals Corporation. Lincoln is a clinical affiliate of Weill Cornell, and Otolaryngology faculty there are all Weill Cornell faculty members.

The Bronx Veterans Affairs Medical Center is a Columbia affiliate. This well-equipped full-service hospital brings the training exposure of the VA system to our residency program.

OTOLARYNGOLOGY-HEAD AND NECK SURGERY TRAINING PROGRAM

SPECIALTIES/DIVISIONS:

GENERAL OTOLARYNGOLOGY AND BASIC SCIENCE EDUCATION

The General Otolaryngology experience is very strong at both Columbia and Weill Cornell sites. Residents experience the full gamut of specialties and are well trained to become exceptional general otolaryngologists after residency. Each site has full-time faculty with general otolaryngology practices, whereas, at many training programs, every faculty member is a sub-specialist. In addition to clinical experience, there is a formal didactic curriculum, including a yearly anatomy course with head and neck cadaver dissection, and biannual temporal bone dissection courses. Throughout the year, a series of basic and clinical science lectures are given to the residents. These lectures are organized over a two-year curriculum so that each resident repeats the basic science and clinical lecture series twice throughout their residency. Topic content is based on the Scope of Knowledge report from the American Board of Otolaryngology to prepare residents for In-training and Board examinations. In addition, as part of that schedule, residents supplement their knowledge in weekly small study group discussions led by a faculty member during the protected academic time.

There are also several other weekly academic activities which add to the learning environment including weekly multidisciplinary Radiology rounds, weekly tumor boards, morning rounds with various attendings, monthly journal club, weekly landmark article discussions, weekly Departmental Grand Rounds, and more.

Hospital-based outpatient clinics at both Weill Cornell and Columbia are important aspects of the general otolaryngology experience and provide great learning opportunities. Research activities include various clinical reviews and prospective studies, outcomes research and quality of life studies, as well as many other prospects.

HEAD AND NECK SURGERY

The head and neck surgical experience is extensive at all sites. Throughout the residency, residents participate in a variety of head and neck surgeries. Weekly radiology rounds with all of the attendings help to extend the experience beyond the operating room. Tumor boards occur weekly with a lively interdisciplinary discussion including otolaryngology, radiation oncology, medical oncology, pathology, as well as others depending on the cases. This ensures a full experience with the gamut of head and neck cancers. During the PGY-3 and PGY-5 years, every resident spends 3 months at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center with the 8 full-time faculty members; the site director for the Memorial Sloan Kettering rotation is Dr. Richard Wong. These 6 months provide an intensive hands-on resident experience in diagnosis, evaluation, surgical, post-surgical, and non-surgical management of head and neck cancer. Research activities in head and neck include studies on pathology, surgical techniques in cancer treatment, Fanconi's anemia as a model for head and neck cancer, development of a rat model for the study of genetic determinants of various carcinomas, identification of tumor suppressor genes, and several other projects.

RHINOLOGY AND ENDOSCOPIC SINUS SURGERY

Throughout the residency, residents work with various attending otolaryngologists in the operating room, where we have state-of-the-art technology in video, photography, and surgical navigation CT scanning. The rhinology experience is extensive and all residents are very well trained by the end of their residency. There is also an opportunity to be involved with endoscopic anterior skull base cases in conjunction with neurosurgery to expand the basic endoscopic sinus surgery skills. Research is ongoing in the study of novel techniques for treatment of epistaxis, genetic analysis of patients with chronic sinusitis, novel approaches to endoscopic skull base surgery, outcome after computer-assisted endoscopic sinus surgery, effect of sinus surgery on voice parameters, role of local factors in pathogenesis of chronic rhinitis and sinusitis, and clinical research on obstructive sleep apnea and snoring.

OTOLOGY/NEUROTOLOGY

The combined Columbia and Cornell program is comprised of one of the strongest teams in the country, anchored by 6 busy clinicians and clinician-scientists. Basic training occurs during the yearly anatomy course and the biannual temporal bone courses with otology attendings. In addition, radiologic review of temporal bone anatomy is done weekly at radiology conference. Operative experience spans the entire spectrum of otologic and neurotologic and skull base surgery, including transnasal, anterior and lateral skull base surgery, in conjunction with neurosurgery.

Research in otology spans the spectrum from basic to translational to clinical research. Projects include such topics as gene therapy for hearing loss, new methods of cochlear drug delivery, music appreciation in cochlear implants, mining large national databases to study hearing loss, and involvement in a number of clinical trials, and using innovative methodologies to study vestibular dysfunction, and outcomes following skull base surgery, to name but a few. The Fowler Memorial laboratory at Columbia specializes in basic otologic research, including

developing methods to measure sound from within the cochlea, and the development of a fully implantable cochlear implant.

PEDIATRIC OTOLARYNGOLOGY

Residents work with attendings in pediatric otolaryngology at both the Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital of New York at the Columbia campus, and the Komansky Children's Center at Weill Cornell Medical Center. There are 6 fellowship-trained pediatric otolaryngologists on the full-time faculty in total. Residents begin in the operating room mastering general pediatric otolaryngology procedures and working closely with the attendings on various pediatric consults. Weekly teaching conferences are held with a specific focus on pediatric otolaryngology. Multidisciplinary craniofacial clinics are held monthly and include otolaryngology, plastic surgery, OMFS, pediatrics, genetics, neurology and speech pathology in a joint setting. As residents gain experience, they participate in more complex cases including airway reconstruction, sinus surgery, otology, and head and neck cases. Pediatric otolaryngologic research activities include techniques of tonsillectomy, treatment of cystic fibrosis, pediatric voice disorders, hearing impairment in children, and treatment of velopharyngeal insufficiency and its voice ramifications

LARYNGOLOGY/VOICE DISORDERS

The laryngology experience is extensive at both Columbia and Weill Cornell campuses, including anatomy, physiology, and pathology. Specific techniques learned include, flexible laryngoscopy, videostroboscopy, transnasal esophagoscopy, in-office laryngeal biopsy, in-office laryngeal injections, as well as many others. In office and operative techniques are progressively mastered during residency. The laryngologists work closely with speech pathologists in voice retraining and voice therapy. Research activities include 3D imaging reconstruction of the larynx, aerodynamic studies of the glottis in teenagers, swallowing disorders, evaluation using FEESST, optical transesophageal echocardiography, transnasal esophagoscopy, outcomes in the treatment of voice disorders, care of the professional voice, laryngeal physiology, and voice acoustics and aerodynamics.

FACIAL PLASTIC AND RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY

Facial plastics activities are present at Columbia and Weill Cornell and their satellite surgical suites. There is an opportunity to get involved with the full-time facial plastic surgeons at both locations, and also to work with the voluntary faculty, in cosmetic and reconstructive facial plastic surgery. There is a quarterly plastics teaching course for the residents to gain further exposure to some of the basics in facial analysis, planning, and cases studies. In addition, a weekly session of one hospital-based clinic is dedicated to facial plastics, which provides some clinic-based cases for residents. Research activities include mechanisms of facial nerve regeneration, tissue growth factors, factors affecting nasal obstruction, as well as others.

ALLERGY

Allergy is an active subspecialty with ample opportunities for training during residency. Residents work with otolaryngic allergists to learn the background of allergy testing and immunotherapy. Patients in the hospital-based clinics who are believed to have an allergic component to their disease are encouraged to bring them for further testing and immunotherapy treatment, which is performed directly by the resident under supervision. Our allergy educational program has actually been attended by several other training programs in the New York area. This level of involvement during training will enable residents to qualify for the otolaryngic allergy boards, if desired.

AUDIOLOGY

Audiology is a part of the Department at both Columbia and Weill Cornell campuses, where audiograms, video- and electro-nystagmography, auditory brainstem reflex testing, and other audiologic tests are performed, as well as prescribing and dispensing hearing aids, and other rehabilitative devices including cochlear implantation. Doctoral-level audiology faculty are also integral parts of the resident's didactic curriculum.

Research initiatives include rehabilitative impact and outcome measures, cochlear implants, efficacy of new technology, development of new test procedures and materials, challenges in geriatric aural rehabilitation, central auditory disorders and evaluation methods, early detection of hearing loss, effect of micronutrient deficiencies on hearing in developing countries, and outcomes of neonatal hearing screening failures.

RESIDENCY PROGRAM:

The department accepts 4 residents per year. As of 2016, the PGY-1 year is spent on rotations in the Departments of Surgery at Columbia and Weill Cornell (3 months at each campus) that help prepare residents for training in Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery. 6 months during the PGY-1 year are spent on Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, at both Columbia and Weill Cornell. The American Board of Otolaryngology requirements are always followed, and other rotations include but are not limited to anesthesia, general surgery, neurological surgery, neuroradiology, ophthalmology, oral-maxillofacial surgery, pediatric surgery, plastic surgery, and radiation oncology.

The subsequent 4 years are spent on the Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery service at the various sites. During years PGY-2 through PGY-5, you will spend 18 months at Columbia including 3 months at the James J Peters Veterans Affairs Medical Center, 21 months at Weill Cornell including 3 months at Lincoln Hospital, 6 months at Memorial Sloan-Kettering, and 3 months on research. Both Weill Cornell and Columbia have the full complement of subspecialties of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, giving a wide basis of experience for residency training. Memorial Sloan-Kettering has a primary focus on head and neck oncology and provides an oncology experience that is among the best in the nation.

INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR RESIDENTS:

Our program offers several international opportunities for our residents throughout the course of their training, including the possibility of joining faculty on mission trips. An additional opportunity offered to is our Paris Exchange Program administered by Dr. Samuel Selesnick MD FACS of our Weill Cornell faculty. PGY4 residents may spend an elective period at the Department of Otorhinolaryngology of the Institut Arthur Vernes in Paris to last for at least one week at a time. The resident may observe and participate in patient care and other Departmental activities at the Institut Arthur Vernes, according to established practices at the Institute and the laws of the country of France allowing an in-depth perspective of international Otolaryngology practice.

PROGRAM SPONSORED COURSES:

Our program sponsors several in-depth training courses exclusively for our residents in addition to weekly didactic, grand rounds, tumor board, and journal club activities. These courses cover a variety of topics and also include hands-on surgical and dissection training. A brief summary of the courses is below:

June-July	Head & Neck Anatomical Dissection Course PGY1-PGY3 The anatomical dissection course gives the resident staff the opportunity to learn head and neck anatomy through coordinated didactic teaching and dissection. Topics include but are not limited to the following: facelift flap, rhinoplasty, orbit/sinuses, blepharoplasty, tonsillectomy, maxillectomy, thyroidectomy, neck dissection and laryngectomy	Course Director: David I. Kutler, MD
September-February	Weill Cornell Allergy Resident Education Course (WeCARE) PGY1-PGY5 The WeCARE course gives the resident staff the opportunity to learn basic and advanced topics in otolaryngologic allergy through lectures and practical exercises. Topics include but are not limited to the following: immunology of allergy, skin testing methods, food allergy, immunotherapy, autoimmune disease, asthma and the unified airway, surgical management of nasal obstruction, immunodeficiency, eosinophilic esophagitis and subcutaneous injections.	Course Director: William Reisacher, MD, FACS, FAAOA
October	Oto Update Course PGY1-PGY5 The Oto Update Course is sponsored by Columbia University and the Weill Cornell Medical College who alternate hosting the event every year. This course gives the resident staff as well as local otolaryngology faculty in the opportunity to improve patient care by focusing on latest treatments for otolaryngologic disorders and updates in the medical literature.	Course Directors (alternates by year): Michael Stewart, MD, MPH Samuel Selesnick, MD Lawrence Lustig, MD
Quarterly	Temporal Bone Course PGY2-PGY5 The resident Temporal Bone Course provides hands-on training of otologic/neurotologic procedures in a brand new state-of-the-art facility located at Columbia. Woven throughout the training program, residents	Course Directors: Lawrence Lustig, MD Justin Golub, MD

will become competent in the bony anatomy of the ear and surrounding skull base. Topics include mastoidectomy, facial recess, cochlear implantation, ossiculoplasty, and select skull base approaches.

Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery Residents 2017-18

NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital - Columbia and Weill Cornell Campuses

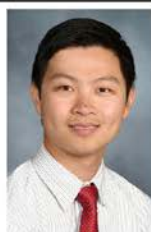
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(until January 2018)

PGY 5



Mahmoud Awad



Sarah Keesecker



Matthew Kim



Tiffany Peng

PGY 4



Lauren Brown



Carol Li



Jiahui Lin



Apoorva Ramaswamy

PGY 3



Wesley Davison



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Chetan Safi

PGY 2



Amit Arunkumar



Sei Chung



Daniel Spielman



Joshua Sturm

PGY 1

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RESIDENTS AFTER GRADUATION:

2018	Qasim Husain, MD	Fellowship: Rhinology and Anterior Skull Base Surgery, Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, Boston, MA
	Rohan Joshi, MD	Fellowship: Head and Neck, Case Western, OH
	Kenny Lin, MD	Fellowship: Neurotology, Michigan Ear Institute
	Theresa Schwanke, MD	Private Practice, Kaiser CA
2017	David Phillips, MD	Fellowship: Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, The Glasgold Group, Highland Park, NJ
	Valeria Silva Merea, MD	Fellowship: Laryngology, Cleveland Clinic, OH
	Elazar Sofer, MD	Fellowship: Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery with Dr. Gaylon McCollough, McCollough Institute in Gulf Shores, AL
	Oscar Trujillo, MD	Fellowship: Facial Plastics, with Dr. Harry Mittleman, Stanford University, Los Altos, CA
2016	Luke Donatelli, MD	Fellowship: Rhinology and Skull Base Surgery, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD
	Hardik Doshi, MD	Fellowship: Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery with Louis DeJoseph, MD, Atlanta, GA
	Yuna Larrabee, MD	Fellowship: Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, University of Michigan, Anne Arbor, MI
	Brian Stater, MD	Private Practice, CA
2015	Gavriel Kohlberg, MD	Israeli Armed Forces—General Otolaryngologist Neurotology/Skull Base Surgery Fellowship- the University of Cincinnati (starting 2017)
	Melanie Malone, MD	Fellowship: Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery with Andrew Jacono, MD, Long Island, NY

	Stefan Mlot, MD	Fellowship: Head & Neck, University of Miami, Miami, FL.
	Shan Tang, MD	Private Practice
2014	Micah Berman, MD	Fellowship: Pediatric Otolaryngology, Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI
	Justin Cohen, MD	United States Air Force – Otolaryngology/Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery
	Nicole Hsu, MD	United States Air Force – General Otolaryngologist
	Jiovani Visaya, MD	Fellowship: Pediatric Otolaryngology at Johns Hopkins Medical Center, Baltimore, MD
2013	Victoria Banuchi, MD	Fellowship: Head and Neck/Skull Base Surgery with Drs. Dennis Kraus and Peter Costantino at Lenox Hill/Northshore LIJ, New York, NY
	Benjamin Talei, MD	Fellowship: Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery with Andrew Jacono, MD, Long Island, NY
	Andrea Wang, MD	Academic Position at Weill Cornell Medical College
	Emily Stucken, MD	Fellowship: Neurotology, the Michigan Ear Institute, Farmington Hills, MI
2012	Alyn Kim, MD	Fellowship: Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, University of Toronto, Canada
	Alison Maresh, MD	Fellowship: Pediatric Otolaryngology Children’s National Medical Center, Washington, DC Academic Position at Weill Cornell Medical College
	Saral Mehra, MD, MBA	Fellowship: Head & Neck Surgery and Microvascular Reconstruction, Beth Israel Medical Center, New York, NY
	Roheen Raithatha, MD	Fellowship: Advanced Rhinology and Endoscopic Skull Base Surgery, Weill Cornell, New York, NY

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER



FULL-TIME FACULTY

Lawrence R. Lustig, MD	Chairman, Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery
Anil K. Lalwani, MD	Vice Chairman, Chief, Division of Otology Neurotology and Skull Base Surgery
Salvatore Caruana, MD	Director, Head & Neck Surgery
Lanny Garth Close, MD	Head & Neck Surgery
Justin Golub, MD	Otology, Neurotology, and Skull Base Surgery
Eli Grunstein, MD	Chief, Pediatric Otolaryngology
David Gudis, MD	Pediatric Otolaryngology, Rhinology
Susannah Hills, MD	Pediatric Otolaryngology
Ana Hae-Ok Kim, MD	Director, Otologic Research
Michael Pitman, MD	Chief of Laryngology
R. Wais Rahmati, MD	Residency Site Director; Director, Rhinology and Skull Base Surgery
Elizabeth Olson, PhD	Biophysics/Otology Research
Gloria Su, PhD	Head and Neck Cancer Research
Scott Troob, MD	Head and Neck and Microvascular Reconstruction

WEILL CORNELL MEDICAL CENTER



FULL-TIME FACULTY

Michael Stewart, MD, MPH

Samuel Selesnick, MD

George Alexiades, MD

Victoria Banuchi, MD

Ashutosh Kacker, MD

William Kuhel, MD

David Kutler, MD

Joshua Levinger, MD

Alison Maresh, MD

Vikash Modi, MD

Joseph Montano, EdD

Aaron Pearlman, MD

Mukesh Prasad, MD

Anais Rameau, MD

William Reisacher, MD

Steven Rosenblatt, MD

Rita Roure, MD

Babak Sadoughi, MD

Anthony Sclafani, MD

Lucian Sulica, MD

Maria Suurna, MD

Chairman, General Otolaryngology

Vice Chairman & Chief, Otology & Neurotology

Otology & Neurotology

Head & Neck Surgery

Rhinology & Skull Base, General Otolaryngology

Chief, Head & Neck Surgery

Residency Site Director, Head & Neck Surgery

General Otolaryngology

Pediatric Otolaryngology

Chief, Pediatric Otolaryngology

Chief, Hearing and Speech

Rhinology & Skull Base, General Otolaryngology

General Otolaryngology

Laryngology, Dysphagia

Allergy, General Otolaryngology

Pediatric Otolaryngology

Chief at Lincoln Hospital; General
Otolaryngology

Laryngology

Director, Facial Plastic Surgery

Director, Sean Parker Institute for the Voice

Laryngology, Voice Disorders

General Otolaryngology, Sleep Medicine (Board-
certified)

Abtin Tabaee, MD
Andrew Tassler, MD
Andrea Wang, MD

Rhinology & Skull Base, General Otolaryngology
Head & Neck Surgery
General Otolaryngology

MEMORIAL SLOAN KETTERING CANCER CENTER



FULL-TIME FACULTY

Richard Wong, MD, PhD	Chief, Head and Neck Service Residency Site Director
Jay Boyle, MD	Head & Neck Surgery
Marc Cohen, MD	Head & Neck Surgery
Jennifer Cracchiolo, MD	Head & Neck Surgery
Ian Ganly, MD	Head & Neck Surgery
Luc Morris, MD	Head & Neck Surgery
Benjamin Roman, MD	Head & Neck Surgery
Bhuvanesh Singh, MD, PhD	Head & Neck Surgery, Director of Epithelial Cancer Biology
Snehal Patel, MD	Head & Neck Surgery
Jatin Shah, MD	Head & Neck Surgery
Ashok Shaha, MD	Head & Neck Surgery
Brian R. Untch, MD	Head & Neck Surgery

COLUMBIA AND WEILL CORNELL VOLUNTARY FACULTY:

There are many Voluntary Faculty that practice at both institutions, and the residents interact with these Faculty, as well.

WEILL CORNELL

Vijay Anand, MD	Sinus Surgery, Skull Base Surgery
Linda Dahl, MD	General Otolaryngology
David Edelstein, MD	General Otolaryngology, Rhinology
Robert Guida, MD	General Otolaryngology, Facial Plastics
Clark Huang, MD	General Otolaryngology, Sinus Surgery, Skull Base Surgery
Jerry Huo, MD	General Otolaryngology
Jacqueline Jones, MD	Pediatric Otolaryngology
Alvin Katz, MD	General Otolaryngology
Marc Kramer, PhD	Audiology
Anthony LaBruna, MD	Facial Plastics, General Plastic Surgery
Ariadna Papageorge, MD	General Otolaryngology
Normal Pastorek, MD	Facial Plastics
Michael Setzen, MD	Rhinology, Facial Plastic Surgery
Larry Sheman, MD	General Otolaryngology, Head & Neck Surgery
Raymond Soletic, MD	General Otolaryngology

COLUMBIA

Youngman Jenny Cho, MD	General Otolaryngology
Lee D. Eisenberg, MD	General Otolaryngology
John Frank, MD	General Otolaryngology
Albert Jen, MD	General Otolaryngology, Facial Plastics
Maurice M. Khosh, MD	Facial Plastics
Arlene Markowitz, MD	General Otolaryngology
Daniel Pender, MD	General Otolaryngology
Steven Pearlman, MD	Facial Plastics
Ran Rubinstein, MD	General Otolaryngology
William Richtsmeier, MD	General Otolaryngology
Peter Van Der Riet, MD	General Otolaryngology
Abbey Berg, PhD	Audiology
Elizabeth Redd, MD	General Otolaryngology

HOUSING

New York-Presbyterian owns and leases approximately 1,600 residential apartments located adjacent and in close proximity to the East Campus on the Upper East Side of Manhattan (primarily a residential neighborhood). Our buildings are within walking distance of Central Park and the East River Promenade, and to all types of stores and restaurants in the neighborhood. We are also convenient to mass transportation (the Lexington Ave. subway line, uptown, downtown and cross-town buses).

**Helmsley Medical Tower -
1320 York Ave.**



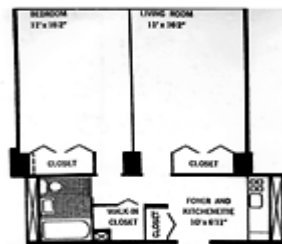
1 Bedroom



Studio Apt.



Payson House - 435 E. 70th Street



1 Bedroom



3 Bedroom Apt.



1330 First Avenue



1 Bedroom

Each Campus offers on-site daily parking accommodations for patients and visitors and **monthly parking accommodations** (limited availability) for staff.

NEW YORK CITY: MYTHS

New York City is a vibrant collection of melding neighborhoods and boroughs. Above all, it is a walking city. Both Columbia and Weill Cornell are located in Manhattan – the epicenter of New York City – and are within easy walking distance to all forms of public transportation (subway, bus, train). There are many misconceptions about New York and living here.

1. **“YOU HAVE TO BE RICH TO LIVE IN NEW YORK”**

Actually there are many daily events that are free or close to free. There is even a weekly magazine (Time Out New York) that routinely lists all the hundreds of daily events, many of which are free. Residents can select housing in a desirable section of Manhattan, at significantly subsidized rental rates – and without having to go through a realtor.

2. **“YOU HAVE TO BE FROM NEW YORK TO LIVE IN NEW YORK”**

New York is the quintessential melting pot. Besides its tremendous ethnic diversity, many people from other states and countries move to New York to be a part of it. Of the residents, 80% are not from New York or the surrounding area. Of the attendings, 60% are not from New York.

3. **“NEW YORK IS AN UNSAFE CITY”**

Crime in New York City is among the lowest of the 25 largest cities in the United States. Violent crime in the city has dropped by more than 80% in the last fifteen years and the murder rate in 2017 was at its lowest level since 1963. Overall, in terms of violent crime rate per 100,000 people, New York City has a lower rate than Houston, Detroit, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Miami, and Atlanta.

4. **“IN NEW YORK IT IS HARD TO GET FROM PLACE TO PLACE”**

New York has one of the most developed and wide-reaching public transportation systems in the world. Between subways, buses and trains, it's rare to be more than a couple of blocks from public transportation. The subway and bus cost \$2.75 per ride (less with a monthly pass), and one transfer is free. Taxis provide the most direct service, are easily found throughout Manhattan, and fares are among the lowest in the USA. NYC is so compact that distances are not large.