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Sharline Aboutanos International guests

- Board-certified Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeon. She earned her medical degree from the University of Miami, completed her Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery residency at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU), and pursued advanced fellowship training in Craniofacial and Pediatric Plastic Surgery in Utah. She is widely recognized for her expertise in reconstructive surgery, pediatric plastic surgery, craniofacial anomalies, cleft lip and palate care, and aesthetic surgery. Dr. Aboutanos is actively involved in academic teaching, clinical research, and international humanitarian surgical initiatives.



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Marissa Boeck International guests

- Trauma surgeon, acute care surgeon, and surgical critical care specialist, serving as Assistant Professor of Surgery at the University of California, San Francisco. She practices at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and serves as Co-Director of the Center for Health Equity in Surgery and Anesthesia (CHESA). Her academic work focuses on global health, trauma system strengthening, injury prevention, global surgery, and health equity, leading international initiatives across Latin America, Africa, and the United States.

Marissa Boeck, MD
Trauma / Critical Care



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Justine Broecker International guests

- Trauma surgeon, acute care surgeon, and surgical critical care specialist. She earned her medical degree from Emory University School of Medicine and completed her General Surgery residency at Mayo Clinic Florida, followed by fellowship training in Trauma and Surgical Critical Care at the University of Texas Southwestern. Her clinical and academic interests focus on trauma care, emergency surgery, critical care, trauma systems development, and surgical education. Dr. Broecker has authored multiple scientific publications and actively contributes to research and educational initiatives in trauma and acute care surgery.



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Susan Briggs International guests

- Internationally renowned trauma and disaster surgeon, Associate Professor of Surgery at Harvard Medical School, and Director of the International Trauma and Disaster Institute at Massachusetts General Hospital. A pioneer in disaster medicine and humanitarian response, she founded the U.S. government's International Medical Surgical Response Team (IMSuRT). Her distinguished career includes leadership in international disaster relief missions, trauma system development, global surgical education, and service as President of the Panamerican Trauma Society.



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Elizabeth Franco International guests

- Trauma surgeon, acute care surgeon, and surgical critical care specialist with more than 30 years of clinical experience. She serves on the Trauma and Acute Care Surgery team at Inova Fairfax Hospital in Virginia and is an Associate Professor of Medical Education at the University of Virginia. Her distinguished career includes service in the United States Army, academic leadership, and expertise in trauma surgery, critical care, minimally invasive surgery, and surgical education. A Fellow of the American College of Surgeons (FACS), Dr. Franco is widely respected for her contributions to patient care and the training of future surgeons.



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Adam Fox International guests

- Trauma surgeon, acute care surgeon, and surgical critical care specialist who serves as Associate Professor of Surgery at Rutgers New Jersey Medical School. He is the Interim Trauma Medical Director of the Eric Muñoz Trauma Center at University Hospital in Newark and Medical Director of the JEMSTAR Air Medical Program. Dr. Fox is widely recognized for his leadership in trauma systems, disaster response, aeromedical transport of critically injured patients, and surgical education. He has participated in numerous national and international disaster response missions and maintains an active academic and research career in trauma and critical care surgery.



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Brian Gavitt International guests

- Trauma surgeon, acute care surgeon, and surgical critical care specialist, serving as a Colonel in the United States Air Force (USAF) and Fellow of the American College of Surgeons (FACS). He has held key leadership positions within the Joint Trauma System and the Air Force Trauma, Burn, and Rehabilitative Medicine Program, contributing significantly to the advancement of military and civilian trauma care. Dr. Gavitt is widely recognized for his expertise in trauma systems, combat casualty care, surgical education, and critical injury management, while maintaining an active role in trauma research and military medical publications.



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David Efron International guests

- Distinguished trauma surgeon, acute care surgeon, and surgical critical care specialist. He currently serves as Chief of the Division of Trauma and Acute Care Surgery and Professor of Surgery at the Medical College of Wisconsin. Internationally recognized for his contributions to trauma care, emergency surgery, surgical education, and clinical research, Dr. de Moya has played a major role in advancing trauma management guidelines, critical injury care, and the training of future surgeons worldwide.



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Joseph Fernandez-Moure International guests

- Trauma surgeon, acute care surgeon, and surgical critical care specialist, serving as Associate Professor of Surgery at Duke University School of Medicine. His clinical and academic work focuses on trauma care, emergency surgery, thoracic injuries, and critical care. As a surgeon-scientist, he leads innovative research in biomaterials, trauma-related bioengineering, and novel technologies for the treatment of rib fractures and complex traumatic injuries. Dr. Fernandez-Moure is internationally recognized for his contributions to translational research and the development of innovative solutions aimed at improving outcomes for trauma patients.



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Stephen Hargarten International guests

- Emergency physician and internationally recognized expert in trauma systems, injury prevention, and violence research. He serves as Professor of Emergency Medicine, Director of the Comprehensive Injury Center, and Associate Dean for Global Health at the Medical College of Wisconsin. Dr. Hargarten is widely known for his leadership in firearm violence research, injury epidemiology, and global health systems development, including contributions to national violent death surveillance systems. He is a member of the National Academy of Medicine and has held leadership roles within the World Health Organization focused on injury and violence prevention.



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Zack Brown International guests

- Trauma surgeon, acute care surgeon, burn surgeon, and surgical critical care specialist currently serving as Assistant Professor of Surgery at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU). A retired U.S. Navy Captain with more than 20 years of military service, he completed multiple operational deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan. Dr. Brown is widely recognized for his expertise in complex trauma, burn surgery, military medicine, and surgical education, while also leading national research initiatives focused on trauma and burn care.



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