



**Chief Academic Officer and Designated Institutional Official
Hospital for Special Surgery**

The Hospital for Special Surgery is conducting a search to appoint a visionary, transformational leader committed to academic excellence to serve as the Chief Academic Officer and Designated Institutional Official.

The CAO/DIO is accountable for overseeing and leading all facets of the academic mission. This is an incredibly comprehensive role, with responsibility across all areas of the educational mission, including externally facing responsibilities. The CAO/DIO manages educational programs, facilitates trainee research engagement, and oversees academic promotion, educational grants, and continuing medical education. They also lead program directors, program faculty, and clinical leadership, oversee the Credentialing and Academic Promotions department, and lead the Office of CME. The CAO/DIO will have additional oversight of functions related to the academic mission such as the HSS Alumni Association.

Hospital for Special Surgery (HSS) is the world's leading academic medical center focused on musculoskeletal health and care. With 162 years of institutional expertise, HSS treats individuals at 20 locations in the New York Tri-State area and south Florida and attracts patients from all 50 states and over 80 countries. At its core is Hospital for Special Surgery, on the Upper East Side of New York City, nationally ranked first in orthopedics (for the 15th consecutive year) and third in rheumatology by *U.S. News & World Report* (2024-2025), and as a best pediatric orthopedic hospital by *U.S. News & World Report's* "Best Children's Hospitals." HSS has also been ranked the number one hospital for orthopedics worldwide by *Newsweek* (each year since those ratings were introduced five years ago). It is the only hospital of any kind in North America designated by the World Economic Forum for its Global Coalition for Value in Healthcare.

In addition to patient care, HSS leads the field in education, research, and innovation; HSS serves as a major teaching hospital and as part of its affiliation with Weill Cornell Medical College runs all medical school, residency, and fellowship programs associated with Orthopedics and Rheumatology and its related disciplines for Weill Cornell. HSS also maintains relationships that span patient care, education, and research with Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center and Rockefeller University.

HSS's Education department is a source for outstanding initiatives in education, training, research, and information for local, national, and international communities. Through its academic programs, for over 150 years, HSS has trained the minds, hearts, and hands of some of the finest orthopedic surgeons in the nation and is consistently ranked as the country's top Orthopedic Residency Program and among the top for each sub-specialty Fellowship Program. A steadfast commitment to excellence in education dates to the Hospital's earliest traditions and continues to influence its mission and vision.

The position requires progressive leadership experience in education, training and oversight, with success developing and sustaining high quality Education GME, CME programs with positive impact on the practice of medicine. Past service as a DIO, Assistant/Associate DIO, or Residency Program Director is strongly desired.

Spencer Stuart is assisting in this important recruitment. Inquiries, nominations, and/or indications of interest will be handled in confidence and should be directed to: HSS-CAODIO@spencerstuart.com or reach Raquel Lentnek directly at (212) 336-0266 or RLentnek@spencerstuart.com