Danny Lascano, M.D.

EDUCATION

Doctor of Medicine: Columbia University - College of Physicians & Surgeons
New York, NY 8/2011 – 5/2016

Bachelor of Arts in Biology: Swarthmore College
Swarthmore, PA 8/2007 – 12/2009

RESIDENCY & FELLOWSHIP

Surgical Fellow in Oncology at Saint John's Cancer Institute
Providence St. John's Health Center - Santa Monica, CA 8/1/2023 – 7/30/2025

Chief Resident and Clinical Instructor in General Surgery
New York Medical College – WCMC - Valhalla, NY- 7/1/2022 – 6/30/2023

Research Fellowship in Pediatric Surgical Oncology
USC- Children's Hospital Los Angeles 7/1/2019 – 6/30/2021

General Surgery Residency: **Intern Year and PGY 2 to PGY 4**
New York Medical College – WCMC- Valhalla, NY 6/20/2016 – 6/30/2022

LICENSE & CERTIFICATION

California Physician's and Surgeon's License: A162012
Issued: 4/15/2019 **Expires:** 4/30/2027
American Board of Surgery Certification # 073366
Issued: 10/12/2023 **Expires:** 1/5/2026

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Kaiser Permanente Medical Center – Baldwin Park
General Surgeon (per diem) Supervisor Dr. Hong Yoon Plurad, 2024- 2025
- Provided operative/non-operative care to patients requiring surgical evaluation

Kaiser Permanente Medical Center – South Bay Medical Center
General Surgeon (per diem) Supervisors: Dr. Benjamin Kim, 2024- 2025
- Performed elective surgical procedures and soft tissue reconstruction (rotation/ advancement flaps) and resection of soft tissue

Weill Cornell Medical College, New York, NY
Department of Microbiology, Reem Berro, Ph.D., Research Technician 2010 – 2011
- Published two peer-reviewed papers on mechanisms of resistance in HIV

HONORS

AAS Fall Courses Travel Award
The Society of Laparoendoscopic Surgeons MIS Week Scholarship 2019
Ferdinand C. Valentine Research Grant 2015
Aetna Foundation/National Medical Fellowships Healthcare Leadership 2015
National Institute of Health –T35 NIDDK Fellowship 2014-15
National Medical Fellowship Scholarship 2012
Howard Hughes Medical Institute Research Fellowship 2008 and 2009
Pritzker School of Medicine Research Fellowship via NIH Diversity Grant 2007
Dean's List 2005-2007

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CURRICULUM VITAE

CERTIFICATIONS Pediatric Advanced Life Support – 2019- present
Advanced Cardiac Life Support & Basic Life Support –2019-present
Advanced Trauma Life Support – 2016- present
Robotic Surgery Certificate of Training Equivalency (Resident) 8/2023

COURSES Intuitive Surgical Robotic Xi Course (Bariatric Fellowship Society) 1/30/2025
SAGES 2024 Fluorescence-Guided Surgery Course 12/6- 12/7/2024
SAGES Robotics Fellow Course Webinars 2/24/2021
AAS/AASF Fall Courses 10/27/2019

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS Society of Surgical Oncologists, 2023- Present
American Association for Cancer Research 2020- Present
Society of Asian Academic Surgeons 2020- Present
Eastern Association for the Surgery of Trauma- Member 2019- Present
Association for Academic Surgery, 2019- Present
The Society of Laparoscopic & Robotic Surgeons, 2019- Present
American Society of Metabolic & Bariatric Surgeons, 2019- Present
American College of Surgeons, 2018 – Present
Society of American Gastrointestinal & Endoscopic Surgeons 2018- Present

RELEVANT RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Children's Hospital of Los Angeles – USC, Los Angeles, CA
Department Surgery, Division of Pediatric Surgery: Eugene Kim, MD
Surgical Research Fellow 7/2019- 6/2021
- Investigating whether an anti-CCL2 antibody with chemotherapy prolongs survival in mice with neuroblastoma using a minimal residual disease mouse model

Columbia University Medical Center/ New York-Presbyterian, New York, NY
Department of Urology: James McKiernan, MD, and Joel DeCastro, MD, MPH
NIH-T35 NIDDK Research Fellow 7/2014 – 6/2015
- Coordinated, collected data, and examined patients in two phase I clinical trials for bladder cancer: Clinical Trial NCT02009332 and NCT0220277
- Measured FGF23 to predict renal function after nephrectomy for renal cell cancer
- Clinical outcomes research focusing on frailty in oncology patients before surgery

RELEVANT PUBLICATIONS

1. **Lascano D,** Zobel MJ, Lee WG, Chen SY, Zamora A, Asuelime GE, Choi SY, Chronopoulos A, Asgharzadeh S, Marcachelian A, Park J, Sheard MA, Kim ES. Anti-CCL2 antibody combined with etoposide prolongs survival in a minimal residual disease mouse model of neuroblastoma. Sci Rep. 2023 Nov 14;13(1):19915. Doi: 10.1038/s41598-023-46968-2.

2. **Lascano D**, Pak JS, Kates M, Finkelstein JB, Silva M, Hagen E, RoyChoudhury A, DeCastro GJ, Benson MC, Bivalacqua TJ, and McKiernan JM. Validation of a frailty index in patients undergoing curative surgery for urologic malignancy. *Urologic. Oncology* 2015 Oct; 33(10):426.e1-12. doi: 10.1016/j.urolonc.2015.06.002. Epub 2015 Jul 9. PMID: 26163940

3. **Lascano D**, Finkelstein JB, Barlow LJ, Kabat D, RoyChoudhury A, DeCastro GJ, Gold W, McKiernan JM. Do Media Rankings of the "Best" Hospitals Identify

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Hospitals with Better Surgical Outcomes in Bladder Cancer? *Urology* Dec 2015;86(6):1104-12. doi: 10.1016/j.urology.2015.07.049. Epub 2015 Sep 25. doi: 10.1016/j.urology.2015.07.049 PMID: 26719115

4. **Lascano D,** Finkelstein JB, DeCastro GJ, McKiernan JM. Renal functional outcomes after surgery for renal cortical tumors. *Journal of Kidney Cancer and VHL.* 2015 Apr 4;2(2):45-54. doi: 10.15586/jkcvhl.2015.26. eCollection 2015. PMID: 28326258

5.Keller HR, Hanes DA, McCabe JK, **Lascano D**, Shin P, Goldfarb M, Essner R. Metastatic Melanoma Outcomes and the Evolving Role of Surgery in the Immunotherapy Era. JAMA Surg. 2025 Jul 23;160(9):1026-9. doi: 10.1001/jamasurg.2025.2335. PMID: 40699593

6.. Keller HR, Hanes DA, **Lascano D**, McCabe JK, Shin P, Goldfarb M, Essner R. Male or female sex stratified by age does not impact survival in patients with metastatic melanoma receiving immunotherapy. Am J Surg. 2025 Nov 5;251:116710. doi: 10.1016/j.amjsurg.2025.116710. PMID: 41232454

7. Keller HR, Hanes DA, McCabe JK, **Lascano D**, Shin P, Goldfarb M. Impact of non-metropolitan residence on survival for gastric neuroendocrine tumors.. Am J Surg. 2025 Nov 5;251:116709. doi: 10.1016/j.amjsurg.2025.116709. PMID: 41232453

8. Zobel MJ, Zamora AK, Wu H, Sun J, **Lascano D**, Malvar J, Wang L, Sheard M, Seeger R, and Kim ES. Initiation of immunotherapy with activated natural killer cells and anti-GD2 antibody dinutuximab prior to resection of primary neuroblastoma prolongs survival in mice. Journal for ImmunoTherapy of Cancer 2020 Dec;8(2):e001560. doi: 10.1136/jitc-2020-001560 PMID: 33428582

9. Lee WG, **Lascano D**, Palmer SB, Chen SY, Mack SJ, Sudharshan R, Han JS, Kim ES. Optimizing the Postoperative Management of Children Undergoing Resection of High-Risk Abdominal Neuroblastoma. Am Surg. 2024 Jan 20; 31348241227199. doi: 10.1177/00031348241227199. PMID: 38243794

10. Rich B, Fishbein J; Lautz T… **Lascano D**, et al. Inflammatory Myofibroblastic Tumor: A Multi-Institutional Study from the Pediatric Surgical Oncology Research Collaborative. Epub 2022 Jun 15. *Int J Cancer.* 2022 Oct 1;151(7):1059-1067. DOI 10.1002/ijc.34132. PMID: 35604778

11. Short S, … **Lascano D.** et al. Histologic Type Predicts Disparate Outcomes in Pediatric Hepatocellular Neoplasms – A Pediatric Surgical Oncology Research Collaborative Study. Epub 2022 May 13. *Cancer.* 2022 Jul 15;128(14):2786-2795. doi: 10.1002/cncr.34256. PMID: 35561331

12. Chen SY, Zamora AK, **Lascano D**, Zhou S, Kim ES, and Stein JE. Outcomes of Central Hepatectomy for Pediatric Liver Tumors. *J Surg Res* 2021 Dec; 268:570-575. doi: 10.1016/j.jss.2021.06.077 PMID: 34464895

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13. Chappidi MR, Kates M, Patel HD, Tosoian JJ, Kaye DR, Sopko NA, **Lascano D**, Liu J, McKiernan JM, and Bivalacqua TJ. Frailty as a marker of adverse outcomes in patients with bladder cancer. *Urologic Oncology* 2016 Jun;34(6):256.e1-6. doi: 10.1016/j.urolonc.2015.12.010. Epub 2016 Feb 15. PMID: 26899289

14. Whalen MJ, Pak JS, **Lascano D**, Ahlborn D, Matulay JT, McKiernan JM, Benson MC, Wenske S. Oncologic Outcomes of Definitive Treatments for Low- and Intermediate-Risk Prostate Cancer After a Period of Active Surveillance. *Clinical Genitourinary Cancer*. 2018 Apr;16(2):e425-e435. doi: 10.1016/j.clgc.2017.10.007. Epub 2017 Oct 16. PMID: 29113772

15. Danzig MR, Berg AR, Ghandour RA, **Lascano D**, Whalen MJ, Benson MC, DeCastro GJ, and McKiernan JM. Partial Cystectomy for Primary Bladder Tumors in Contemporary Patients with Diverse Tumor Locations. *Urology Practice* 2016 Jan; 3 (1): 55-61; doi.org/10.1016/j.urpr.2015.02.005

16. **Lascano D,** Danzig MR, DeCastro GJ, McKiernan JM. Is participation in a clinical trial associated with a survival benefit in patients with bladder cancer? *Col Med Rev*. 2015 June; 1(1): 28-35 doi: 10.7916/D80V8BWG

17. Ledezma RA, Negron E, Paner GP, **Lascano D**, Haseebuddin M, Dangle P, Shalhav AL, Crist H, Raman JD, DeCastro J, Harik L, Paroder M, Uzzo RG, Kutikov A, and Eggener SE. Clinically localized type 1 and 2 papillary renal cell carcinomas have similar survival outcomes following surgery. *World J Urol*. 2016 May; 34 (5): 687-93 doi: 10.1007/s00345-015-1692-3

18. Schubert T, Danzig MR, Kotamarti S, Ghandour RA, **Lascano D**, Dubow BP, DeCastro GJ, Benson MC, McKiernan JM. Mixed low- and high-grade non-muscle-invasive bladder cancer: a histological subtype with favorable outcome. *World J Urol*. 2015 Jun; 33 (6): 847-52. doi: 10.1007/s00345-014-1383-5 PMID: 25149472

For a complete list of publications, please see www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/myncbi/1Ts6rfzYQi6YSm/bibliography/public/

PRESENTATIONS

1. **Lascano D.** The surgeon scientist: a species facing extinction? Westchester Medical Center, Grand Rounds presentation. March 20th, 2022. Valhalla, NY.

2. **Lascano D.** The role of CCL2 in metastatic neuroblastoma. Children's Hospital Los Angeles, Cancer and Blood Disease Institute. March 26th, 2021. Los Angeles, CA.

3. Lascano D, Pak JS, DeCastro GJ, Benson MC, and McKiernan JM. Frailty index predicts adverse outcomes not mortality in radical cystectomy and prostatectomy patients: analysis of the ACS-NSQIP Database. AUA Meet the Press. May 16th, 2015. New Orleans, LA.

4. **Lascano D.** Is Fibroblast Growth Factor-23, A Marker of Medical Chronic Kidney Disease, Elevated in Cases of De-Novo Surgical Chronic Kidney Disease Medical Student Forum, New York Academy of Medicine. August 20th, 2015. New York City, NY.

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5. **Lascano D.** The correlation between media ranking's "Best" hospitals and surgical outcomes following radical cystectomy for bladder cancer in NY State. Ferdinand C. Valentine Award and Lecture and Resident Essay Meeting. April 8th, 2015. New York City, NY.

6. **Lascano D.** Simulation in the Education of the Future Surgeon. Grand Rounds at Saint John's Cancer Institute. June 18th, 2025. Santa Monica, CA.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Angeles C, **Lascano D**, and Veillette G. Hepatopancreaticobiliary Surgery in the Elderly. In: Latifi R. (eds) Surgical Decision Making in Geriatrics. pp 303-315. Springer. Cham, Switzerland. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-47963-3_24

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

1. Cowman A, Lourdault K, **Lascano D**, Sibia U, Aguilar T, Stern S, and Essner R Compliance with Commission on Cancer Guidelines for Cutaneous Melanoma: what do the numbers mean? Presented as an abstract for Pacific Coast Surgical Association annual meeting in 2025, pending publication

2. **Lascano D** and Essner R. PET scan for staging in non-metastatic thick cutaneous melanoma. In progress

3. **Lascano D** and Pigazzi A. Robotic Surgery in Rectal Cancer - Tips and Tricks for the Surgeon and Trainee. To be published in Advances in Robotic Colorectal Surgery and Surgical Education in Clinics of Colon and Rectal Surgery

AWARDS FOR RESEARCH

Co-author of the Best Abstract: A transplant-based surgical approach may improve post-operative complications in cases of renal cell carcinoma and tumor thrombus. *American Urological Association* National Conference (Presented May 2015)

First place: The correlation of media ranking's "Best" hospitals and surgical outcomes following radical cystectomy for urothelial cancer, *New York Academy of Medicine- Ferdinand C. Valentine Resident Essay Competition* (Presented April 2015)

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Committee Member (2020 – Present): Oncology Task Force, SAGES
Committee Member (2020 – 2023): Pediatrics Committee, SAGES
Committee Member (2019 – 2023): Resident and Associate Society of the ACS
Committee Leader (2016-17): Westchester Quality Initiatives & Improvement
Co-Fundraising Chair (2012): Columbia Student Medical Outreach,

TEACHING/ MENTORSHIP

Medical Student Mentees (2017- 2021): Angelo Ciaraglia: Graduate from NYMC 2018, completing his surgical residency at UT-San Antonio; David Cohen: Graduate from NYMC 2020, completing his surgical residency at NYP-Columbia
Research Mentees (2014-16): Jared Levinson (resident in ENT at Northwell Health), Rajat E. Lamington (practicing physician in Primary Care & Pain specialist in NYC)
Clinical Correlates Tutor (2014-15): introduced 1st- and 2nd-year MS students to clinical thinking. Panel Member, NY Cares (2012): mentored underrepresented minorities. **Tutor (2004-07):** tutored in Math, English, Chemistry, & Biology

OTHER

Peer Manuscript Reviewer (2016- Currently): British Journal of Surgery, Journal of

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EXPERIENCES & COMMUNITY SERVICE	Investigative Surgery, Journal of Urology **Volunteer (2021-2023):** Interviewer and selection committee at Westchester Medical Center for General Surgery Residency Program **Volunteer (2019- 2021):** Los Angeles Food Bank, pantry assembly volunteer **Health Columnist (2016- 2019):** Impakter **Vice-President (2012-2013)**: Markets in Medicine **Volunteer Clinician (2011- 2016)**: Columbia Student Medical Outreach
SKILLS & LANGUAGES	Fluent in Spanish, both written and oral. Experience with ACS-NSQIP and SPARCS datasets. Electronic Medical Record proficiency using Cerner and EPIC.

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