

**David Pfeffer, MD**  
Director, PET Imaging



Dr. Pfeffer is a board-certified diagnostic radiologist. He earned a medical degree from New York Medical College in Valhalla, completed an internship in internal medicine at University Hospital/UMDNJ and a residency in diagnostic radiology at North Shore University Hospital in Manhasset. He was fellowship-trained in body imaging at Mount Sinai Medical Center. He most recently served as an attending radiologist at Good Samaritan Hospital and its affiliates, where he provided full-time multimodality coverage, and has functioned as the director of PET Imaging. His areas of expertise include body imaging with ultrasound, CT, MRI and PET scanning.  
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**Nadia Rao, DO**  
Diagnostic Breast Imaging



Dr. Rao is a board-certified, fellowship-trained radiologist, who earned a medical degree at New York College of Osteopathic Medicine. She completed a residency in diagnostic radiology at St. Barnabas Hospital, Bronx, NY and a fellowship in breast and body imaging at North Shore University Hospital, Manhasset. Prior to joining South Nassau, she was an attending physician in the Department of Radiology at Good Samaritan Women's Imaging Center in West Islip, NY. Dr. Rao is on staff at South Nassau's Center for Women's Imaging in Oceanside.  
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**Matthew D. Rifkin, MD, FACR**  
Chair, Department of Radiology



Dr. Rifkin is board-certified in diagnostic radiology. He earned a medical degree from Albert Einstein College of Medicine, completed a residency in diagnostic radiology at Montefiore Hospital and Medical Center and was fellowship-trained in body imaging at The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. He is a Fellow of the American College of Radiology, the American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine, the Society of Radiologists in Ultrasound and the Society of Uroradiology. He is also a professor of radiology at SUNY Stony Brook and New York College of Osteopathic Medicine. Dr. Rifkin has performed cutting-edge clinical research in the diagnosis and staging of prostate cancer, and was a pioneer in the development of image-guided prostate biopsies. He has been the recipient of National Cancer Institute grants regarding the use of MRI and Ultrasound in prostatic diseases.  
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**Mindy Scheer, DO**  
Director, Diagnostic Breast Imaging



Dr. Scheer is a board-certified diagnostic radiologist specializing in breast imaging. She earned a medical degree from the New York College of Osteopathic Medicine in Old Westbury and completed her residency at Winthrop-University Hospital in Mineola. Dr. Scheer completed her breast imaging fellowship at the prestigious Carol Baldwin Breast Cancer Center at Stony Brook University, where she is also a clinical assistant professor of Radiology. Dr. Scheer is on staff at South Nassau's Center for Women's Imaging in Oceanside, NY.  
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**Eric Seitelman, MD, FACS**  
Program Director of Surgery



Dr. Seitelman is board-certified in general surgery and fellowship-trained in surgical oncology. Upon earning his medical degree from Sackler School of Medicine, Tel Aviv, Israel, Dr. Seitelman completed a general surgery residency at Nassau University Medical Center, East Meadow and was fellowship-trained in surgical oncology at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, VA. Dr. Seitelman's areas of expertise include minimally invasive breast surgery, including skin-sparing mastectomy, treatment of melanoma and other skin cancers; and minimally invasive colorectal and upper GI surgery, including stomach and esophagus. Dr. Seitelman partners with plastic surgeons to offer optimal cosmetic and functional outcomes.  
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**Ari M. Steiner, MD**  
Director, Abdominal Imaging and PET-CT



Dr. Steiner is chief of the section of abdominal imaging and is board-certified in radiology. He earned a medical degree from Albert Einstein College of Medicine, completed a residency in diagnostic radiology at Montefiore Medical Center and was fellowship-trained in body imaging at North Shore University Hospital. Dr. Steiner has extensive experience in pelvic floor imaging. He holds an academic appointment of Clinical Professor at the Hofstra North Shore-LIJ School of Medicine.  
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**Leester Wu, MD**  
Associate Director, Radiation Oncology



Dr. Wu brings a diverse background in community practice, research, and academic training to South Nassau's Radiation Oncology Department. He earned his medical degree from the University of Pennsylvania and completed his residency at Columbia University Medical Center in New York, training in state-of-the-art external beam radiation therapy and Gamma Knife stereotactic radiosurgery. He also has extensive experience in stereotactic body radiation therapy. Dr. Wu has been appointed South Nassau's Cancer Liaison Physician to the American College of Surgeons (ACS) Commission on Cancer (CoC).  
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**Susan Wu, MD**  
Chair, Department of Clinical Laboratories and Pathology



Dr. Wu joined South Nassau in 2002 as a Certified Pathologist and Cytopathologist, and was named Chair of the Department in 2009. She is an accomplished pathologist who brings specialty training in oncologic diagnostic pathology from such institutions as the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, and Henry Ford Hospital. Dr. Wu has particular interest in new diagnostic techniques for gynecology, lung, breast, gastroenterology and genitourinary tumors, including molecular profiling and cancer therapeutic studies.  
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**Sydney Yoon, MD**  
Director, Interventional Radiology



Dr. Yoon is fellowship-trained in interventional radiology at UCLA School of Medicine and neuroradiology at Columbia University. After earning a medical degree from the University of Chicago, he completed residencies in radiology at UCLA School of Medicine and neuroradiology at Columbia University, and in medicine at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. He is board-certified in diagnostic radiology, neuroradiology, vascular and interventional radiology and medicine. Dr. Yoon also performs new cancer interventional radiology procedures – Y-90 Radioembolization and microwave ablation.  
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# A QUICK LOOK AT OUR CANCER SPECIALISTS

## **Geraldine N. Abbey-Mensah, MD** Interventional and Diagnostic Radiology and Breast Imaging



Dr. Abbey-Mensah is board-certified in diagnostic radiology, and specializes in interventional radiology as well as breast imaging. She earned a medical degree from the Alpert Medical School of Brown University, Providence, RI, and completed a diagnostic radiology residency at the State University of New York Downstate Medical Center, where she was also Chief Resident. She then completed a fellowship in interventional radiology at New York-Presbyterian Weill Cornell Medical Center/Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center.

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## **Shahriour Andaz, MD, FACS** Director, Thoracic Surgery; Director, Clinical Research



A specialist in thoracic surgery and thoracic oncology, Dr. Andaz is especially interested in the early diagnosis of lung cancer through clinical assessment and via CT scan. He completed his surgical fellowship training at the Royal College of Surgeons in Edinburgh and Glasgow, UK, his thoracic surgery residency at Maimonides Medical Center, and advanced fellowship training at UCLA Medical Center with emphasis in thoracic oncology. At

UCLA, Dr. Andaz received extensive training in video-assisted thorascoscopy lobectomies, complicated chest wall resections, advanced surgery of the trachea and esophagus, lung volume reduction surgery and pleurectomy for mesothelioma. He specializes in Robotic Assisted Thoracic Surgery of the lung.

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## **Ann L. Buhl, MD** Director, Gynecologic Oncology



Dr. Buhl obtained her medical degree from New York Medical College and completed residency training in OB/GYN at the New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center. Dr. Buhl, who is board-certified in OB/GYN and gynecologic oncology, diagnoses and treats cancers of the female reproductive system. She is widely recognized as one of the area's finest women's specialists, and a skilled surgeon who utilizes minimally invasive

approaches to diagnose and treat early-stage, advanced, or recurrent gynecologic cancers and non-malignant gynecologic conditions. Dr. Buhl specializes in robotic-assisted laparoscopic surgery for benign and malignant gynecologic conditions, and is one of the most prolific da Vinci® gynecologic oncology surgeons on Long Island.

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## **Michael H. Brisman, MD** Chief, Surgical Neuro-Oncology; Co-Medical Director, Long Island Gamma Knife at South Nassau



Dr. Brisman specializes in the management of brain tumors and trigeminal neuralgia and is a recognized national expert in the treatment of face pain/trigeminal neuralgia as well as metastatic brain cancer. Experienced in Gamma Knife radiosurgery, he also performs linear accelerator-based stereotactic radiotherapy. Dr. Brisman is a graduate of Harvard University, earned his medical degree at Columbia University and a

neurosurgical residency at Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York. He is board-certified in neurosurgery.

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## **Rajiv V. Datta, MD, FACS, FRCS, FICS** Chair, Department of Surgery; Chief, Division of Surgical Oncology & Head and Neck Oncology; Medical Director, Gertrude & Louis Feil Cancer Center



Dr. Datta established South Nassau's Surgical Oncology Program in 2001. He specializes in gastrointestinal, colorectal, pancreatic and hepatobiliary cancers, endocrine and soft tissue malignancies, and melanoma and head and neck cancers using minimally-invasive approaches.

Dr. Datta trained at Grant Medical College and Tata Memorial Cancer Center in India with advanced training in plastic surgery and surgical oncology in the UK, prior to a research fellowship at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. He completed a dual fellowship in surgical oncology and head and neck surgery at Roswell Park Cancer Institute in Buffalo, NY and then served on the faculty of Maimonides Medical Center and Coney Island Hospital. Dr. Datta continues to be listed in Castle Connolly Medical Ltd.'s, Top Doctors: New York Metro Area guide. He is also a member of the Editorial Board of *International Surgery*, published by the International College of Surgeons, USA.

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## **Diane M. Garrigan, DO** Diagnostic Breast Imaging



Dr. Garrigan is a board-certified diagnostic radiologist specializing in breast imaging and retains a license in both PA and NY. She earned a medical degree from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine and completed her residency in Diagnostic Radiology at Lehigh Valley Hospital in Allentown and a Breast Imaging/Intervention residency at Beth Israel Medical Center, Philips Ambulatory Care in New York.

Dr. Garrigan also graduated cum laude with a BA in biochemistry from Mount Holyoke College in MA. Dr. Garrigan is on staff at South Nassau's Center for Women's Imaging in Oceanside, NY.

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## **Vanessa R. Gibson, MD** Director, Thoracic Oncology



Dr. Gibson is board-certified in cardiothoracic surgery. She earned her medical degree at the University of Louisville School of Medicine. She trained in general surgery at the University of Missouri in Kansas City and completed her cardiothoracic residency at the University of Kentucky. Dr. Gibson also completed a fellowship in Thoracic Surgical Oncology at Brigham and Women's Hospital at Harvard University. Her

clinical interests include minimally-invasive surgery, including endoscopic and robotic approaches in the diagnosis and treatment of thoracic malignancies. She also offers minimally-invasive procedures for the correction of chest wall deformities as well as anti-reflux esophageal surgeries.

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## **Constantinos G. Hadjipanayis, MD, PhD** Professor of Neurosurgery and Oncological Sciences, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, Site Chair, Department of Neurosurgery, Mount Sinai Union Square; Director, Neurosurgical Oncology, Mount Sinai Health System; Director, Brain Tumor Nanotechnology Laboratory, Tisch Cancer Institute



Board certified in neurosurgery, Dr. Hadjipanayis is a Professor of Neurosurgery and Oncological Sciences, and Site Chair of the Department of Neurosurgery at Mount Sinai Union Square in New York City, NY. He is also Director of Neurosurgical Oncology for the Mount Sinai Health System and Director of the Brain Tumor Nanotechnology Laboratory in the Tisch Cancer Institute. He is recognized as a neuro-oncology pioneer for driving advancements in the

therapy and surgical management of brain tumors and is an internationally recognized expert in minimally invasive, neuro-endoscopic procedures to treat disorders in the brain. Dr. Hadjipanayis' expertise include robotic-assisted neurosurgery, Gamma Knife radiosurgery, and laser interstitial thermal ablation therapy. He received his medical degree from Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia and completed his internship and residency at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine while simultaneously obtaining his PhD in the Department of Molecular Genetics and Biochemistry. He has advanced training from the University of California San Francisco.

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## **Michael P. Herman, MD** Director, Urology



Dr. Herman, who is board-certified in urology, graduated magna cum laude from Harvard University with a bachelor's degree in biochemical sciences and earned a medical degree from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. He completed an internship and residencies in general surgery and urology, both at New York-Presbyterian Hospital. As a physician who is trained as a da Vinci® robotic surgeon, Dr. Herman's clinical interests

include using minimally invasive procedures to preserve function and improve recovery. Prior to joining South Nassau, Dr. Herman was an assistant professor in the Department of Urology at Weill Cornell Medical College, where he will continue to serve as an assistant attending physician at New York-Presbyterian Hospital.

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## **Christine Hodyl, DO, FACS** Director, Breast Services



The director of South Nassau's highly respected Breast Services program, Dr. Hodyl completed her post-graduate training at Maimonides Medical Center and Lutheran Medical Center and has conducted research at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. She has been a pioneer in the development of teaching programs in surgery and developed the surgical residency program at Lutheran Medical Center in Brooklyn. As a breast surgeon, she

specializes in oncoplastic surgical techniques, combining cancer removal surgery with plastic surgery techniques to produce superior aesthetic results that can preserve dignity and pride.

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## **Richard M. Lee, MD** Chief, Division of Hematology and Medical Oncology



Dr. Lee is board-certified in hematology and medical oncology. Upon earning a medical degree from the University of Miami School of Medicine, Miami, FL, he went on to complete an internal medicine residency at Loyola University Medical Center and Affiliate Hospitals and was fellowship trained in hematology and medical oncology at Boston University Medical Center and Affiliate Hospitals, Boston, MA. He is a member of the

American Society of Clinical Oncology, American Society of Hematology and the American Medical Association. Prior to joining South Nassau, he was a member of South Shore Hematology-Oncology Associates, P.C. He is affiliated with South Nassau Oncology Practice, PC in Rockville Centre, NY and the Clinical Research Alliance in Lake Success, NY.

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## **David Li, MD, PhD** Interventional Radiology



Dr. Li is a board-certified interventional radiologist who graduated with a BS from Columbia University and then attended the Albert Einstein College of Medicine receiving his medical degree and a PhD in physiology and biophysics. He completed his internship at North Shore University Hospital, his diagnostic radiology residency at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center of Harvard University and a fellowship in interventional radiology at

New York Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center/Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. After completing his fellowship in 2013, he remained on staff as an interventional radiologist at the New York Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center before joining South Nassau in 2018.

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## **Robert J. Licul, DDS** Chief, Division of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery



Dr. Licul is Chief of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery at South Nassau. He completed his fellowship in Oral and Maxillofacial Reconstruction at Saint Francis Hospital, Hartford, Connecticut. Dr. Licul practices the full scope of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and is a Diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. He has particular interest in dental implant surgery, bone graft reconstruction of the jaws, orthognathic jaw

surgery, pathology including jaw cysts and tumors and temporomandibular joint surgery.

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## **Dean P. Pappas, MD, FACS, FASCRS** Chief, Colon and Rectal Surgery; Senior VP of Mount Sinai Health Network



Colon cancer screening, colorectal cancer, benign colorectal disease, and pelvic floor dysfunction are the clinical focus areas for Dr. Pappas, named Chief of Colon and Rectal Surgery in April 2007. Dr. Pappas completed medical school and residency training at Stony Brook School of Medicine followed by fellowship training in colon and rectal surgery at Orlando Regional Medical Center, Orlando, FL. Dr. Pappas is a fellow of both the

American College of Surgeons and the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons. Dr. Pappas has experience in advanced laparoscopic colon resections, involving minimally-invasive surgical techniques applied for faster recovery, reduced post-operative discomfort, and less scarring. Other areas of interest include management of constipation and incontinence.

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