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# SLR SURGEONS

The combination of surgical expertise, individual commitment to excellence, teamwork, and institutional infrastructure has positioned SLR surgeons at the forefront of many areas of surgical specialization. Accordingly, members of the print and broadcast media seek the commentary of our staff surgeons on a regular basis when reporting on medical innovations and developments. What follows is a partial listing of media presentations during the past few months in which SLR surgeons were featured or quoted as experts in the field under discussion:

ROBERT ASHTON, MD (*Thoracic Surgery*)

New York Daily News: "Robo-Docs - The use of robotics in Thoracic Surgery"

ALAN I. BENVENISTY, MD (*Vascular and Transplant Surgery*)

NBC News: Commentary on aortic dissection following the death of actor John Ritter



# IN THE MEDIA

JOSEPH J. DEROSE, MD (*Cardiac Surgery*)

NBC News: "Robotic Biventricular Pacemaker Insertion"

Forbes.com: "Robo-Docs - The Use of Robotics in Cardiac Surgery"

New York Daily News: "Robo-Docs - The Use of Robotics in Cardiac Surgery"

Korean Television Network: "Bilateral Internal Mammary Coronary Artery Bypass"

LOUIS FLANCAUM, MD (*Bariatric Surgery*)

CBS Evening News with Dan Rather: "Bariatric Surgery"

Fox News TV: "Bariatric Surgery"

CNN: "Bariatric Surgery"

ABC TV News: "Bariatric Surgery"

Teen Vogue Magazine: "Bariatric Surgery in Adolescents"

Book: "The Doctor's Guide to Weight Loss Surgery" (second edition)

MARK LIDOGASTER, MD (*Plastic Surgery*)

Oprah Winfrey Show: "Plastic Surgery after Bariatric Surgery"

DONNA MENDES, MD (*Vascular Surgery*)

HBO Special on Heart Health: "Vascular Disease in African-American Women"

MARK D. SULTAN, MD (*Plastic Surgery*)

New York Magazine: "The Best Beauty Docs"

M. DAVID TILSON, MD (*Vascular Surgery*)

Wall Street Journal: "Etiology of Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms"

DANIEL SWISTEL, MD (*Cardiac Surgery*)

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GEORGE J. TODD, MD (*Vascular Surgery*)

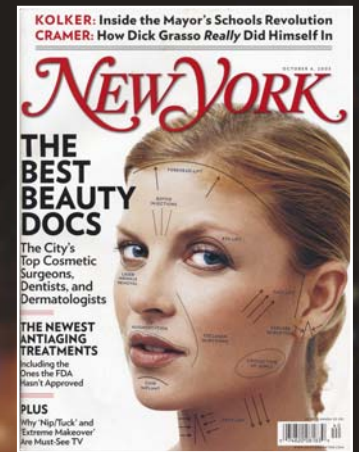
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HealthNewsDigest.com: "Aortic Aneurysm-- 'The Silent Killer'"



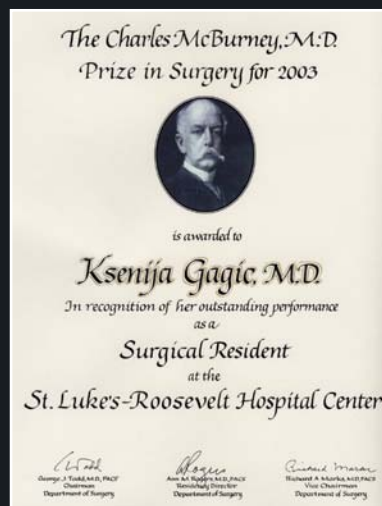
ABOVE: MEMBERS OF THE SURGERY DEPARTMENT ARE ROUTINELY FEATURED IN NEW YORK MAGAZINE'S *BEST OF NEW YORK* ISSUES.

LEFT: SLR ATTENDING DR. JOSEPH DEROSE AND DR. LOUIS FLANCAUM ARE SHOWN DURING ONE OF THEIR MANY TELEVISION INTERVIEWS.

# Class of 2003



**S**LR wishes to congratulate Dr. Ksenija Gagic (now known as Ksenija Belsley), the third annual recipient of the prestigious Charles McBurney Prize in Surgery. Her technical excellence and vigorous attention to detail will serve her well as she embarks upon her career in plastic surgery.



## Chief Graduation

**CLASS OF 2003**  
(PICTURED FROM LEFT TO RIGHT)

**JONATHAN GEFEN, M.D.**  
*OSLER AWARD FOR ACADEMIC PROWESS*  
LONG ISLAND JEWISH HOSPITAL - LAPAROSCOPY

**LAURA CHOI, M.D.**  
*CHIEF RESIDENT TEACHER OF THE YEAR*  
WESTCHESTER MEDICAL CENTER - LAPAROSCOPY

**DOUGLAS EWING M.D.**  
*ADVANCED LAPAROSCOPY AWARD*  
HACKENSACK UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER - LAPAROSCOPY

**WAEI SOLH, M.D.**  
*HALSTED AWARD FOR OPERATIVE TEACHING*  
CLEVELAND CLINIC FLORIDA- COLORECTAL SURGERY

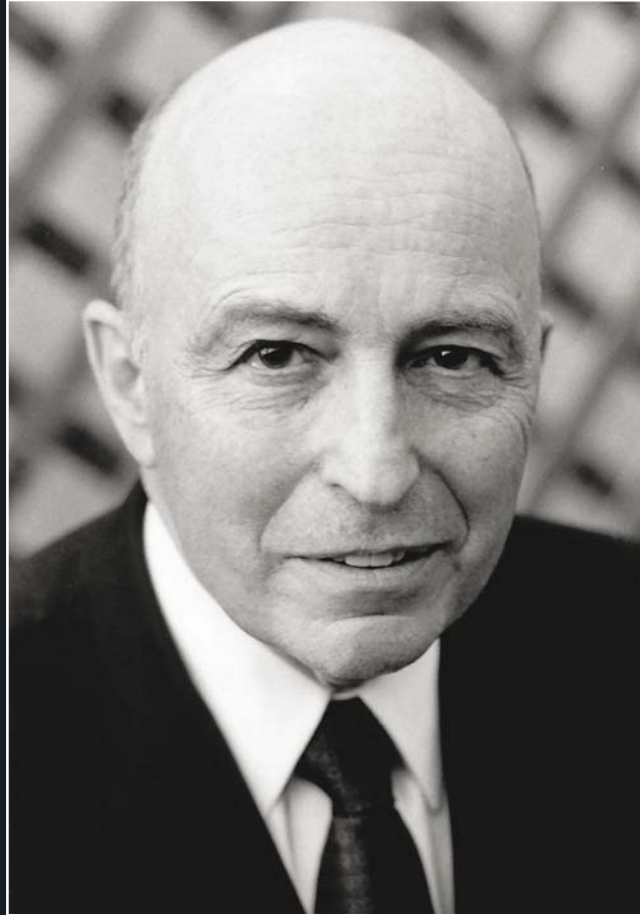
**KSENIIJA GAGIC, M.D.**  
*CHARLES MCBURNEY PRIZE IN SURGERY*  
MONTEFIORE MEDICAL CENTER- PLASTIC SURGERY

## Program Awards

**ERIC MOORE, M.D.**  
*ATTENDING TEACHER OF THE YEAR*

**ALINA NICOARA, M.D.**  
*INTERN OF THE YEAR*

# Dr. LoGerfo



It is with great sadness that we note the passing of Dr. Paul LoGerfo.

Paul was a personal friend, one of my teachers and a wonderful addition to our SLR Faculty. In the two years that he was with us, he developed a great fondness for our institution and our housestaff. He often told me how much he enjoyed working at Roosevelt and he spoke of making this his primary base of clinical activity.

Paul was Professor of Surgery at Columbia College of Physicians & Surgeons and Chief of the Division of Surgical Specialties at Presbyterian Hospital. His research contributions were significant and many, the patients that he helped in his clinical career were legion. He was honest, full of good humor and occasionally played the role of iconoclast in his zeal to teach and provoke in the very best sense of the word. We have lost a good man, a good friend, a teacher, a distinguished healer.

**George J. Todd, M.D., F.A.C.S.**  
*Chairman, Department of Surgery*



# Dr. McGinty



DR. MCGINTY PERFORMING LAPAROSCOPIC COLECTOMY



JAMES J. MCGINTY, MD

A native of Indiana, Dr. McGinty graduated from the Hahnemann University School of Medicine (1997) where he received the Hahnemann University Student Leader Award in both 1994 and 1995. He completed his surgical training at Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh. During his residency, he won the Department of Surgery Resident Research Prize (2001) and was awarded the "Golden Stethoscope Resident Teaching Excellence Award" in both 2001 and 2002. The recipient of this annual award is chosen by the medical school class at Hahnemann School of Medicine to recognize excellence in teaching. In 2002 he received the "Outstanding Laparoendoscopic Resident Award" from the Society of Laparoendoscopic Surgeons. In 2003 he was certified in General Surgery by the American Board of Surgery.

Dr. McGinty's interests are in advanced laparoscopic surgery (including minimally-invasive colonic surgery and minimally-invasive bariatric surgery) and the development of new technologies for training surgical residents in the techniques of laparoscopic surgery. He recently authored a textbook chapter on the subject of laparoscopic subtotal and total colectomy. He has authored journal articles and numerous abstracts on the subject of advanced laparoscopy and has lectured extensively on this subject throughout the United States and Europe.

"I am delighted that Dr. McGinty has joined our Department," said Dr. George J. Todd, Chairman of Surgery. "He has a proven record of clinical excellence, a commitment to teaching and the ability to relate to others as part of a team. His skills and interests complement the rapidly evolving SLR Center for Minimally Invasive and Robotic Surgery, begun by Drs. Ashton and DeRose in 2001. This Center has already assumed a leadership position on a national level and I have every confidence that Dr. McGinty will play an important role in its further evolution and development."

**T**he Department of Surgery at St. Luke's and Roosevelt Hospitals is pleased to announce that James J. McGinty, Jr., MD, a specialist in advanced laparoscopic surgery, has joined our full-time Attending Staff. He will practice at both sites.



# Stanley Brezenoff



STANLEY BREZENOFF

Stanley Brezenoff was named President and Chief Executive Officer of Continuum Health Partners in July 2003. In this position, Mr. Brezenoff oversees the partnership of four venerable health care providers in New York City: Beth Israel Medical Center, St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center, Long Island College Hospital and New York Eye and Ear Infirmary. Continuum delivers care through nearly 3,100 certified beds in seven major hospital facilities throughout Manhattan and Brooklyn, and through group and private practice settings and ambulatory centers in Manhattan, Brooklyn, the Bronx and Westchester County. The hospital system maintains an annual operating budget of \$2.3 billion, employs over 16,000 individuals (the fifth largest employer in the metropolitan area) and provides a home base for over 5,000 affiliated physicians.

Prior to joining Continuum, Mr. Brezenoff served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Maimonides Medical Center, a 705-bed tertiary care teaching hospital in Brooklyn, New York -- a position he held from February 1995 to June 2003.

From 1990 to 1995, Mr. Brezenoff was Executive Director of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, a public-sector corporation that operates the world's largest complex of trade and transportation facilities, including the World Trade Center. In 1990 he also served as Senior Pro-

gram Advisor for the Commonwealth Fund, a philanthropic institution with a particular focus on health care.

Mr. Brezenoff's career in New York City public service began in 1978 when he was appointed Commissioner for the Department of Employment and later as Administrator of the Human Resources Administration. From 1981 to 1984, Mr. Brezenoff was President of the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation (HHC), which governs the world's largest non-federal health care system.

In 1984, Mayor Edward Koch asked Mr. Brezenoff to serve as Deputy Mayor for Operations and then as First Deputy Mayor of the City of New York. In that position, he directed the day-to-day operations of city agencies, including Police, Fire, Sanitation, Parks, Transportation, Corrections, Juvenile Justice, Probation, Human Resources, Health and Aging. During that time, he was also a member of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority Board, mayoral liaison to the Board of Education and City University of New York (CUNY), as well as Chairman of HHC.

Prior to his appointments in city government, from 1969 to 1978 Mr. Brezenoff served as Program Officer for the Ford Foundation in its National Affairs, Government & Law and Social Policy Divisions. He was responsible for the Foundation's \$10 million program in non-judicial conflict resolution and a host of other programs, including an income security project that provided information for policy makers in the welfare field.

Before joining the Foundation, Mr. Brezenoff was active in the Congress of Racial Equality and the Citywide Committee of Integrated Schools.

Mr. Brezenoff has served as Program Advisor for the New York Urban Coalition. He has also served as Chairman of the Board of Directors of Healthfirst, the League of Voluntary Hospitals & Homes of New York, New York Academy of Medicine (NYAM) and Dean's Council of New York University Robert F. Wagner School of Public Service. Currently he serves as Chairman of the Greater New York Hospital Association (GNYHA) and is currently a board member of the Healthcare Association of New York State (HANYS), Academic Medicine Development Company (AMDeC) and Structured Employment and Economic Development Corporation (SEEDCO).

Mr. Brezenoff was born in Brooklyn and received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Philosophy from Brooklyn College.



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