Clinician Highlight November 2023



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Tell us a little about your clinical practice and your role in your practice/division/department.

I am an endocrine surgeon (thyroid, parathyroid, and adrenal) and serve as the Section Head of the Endocrine Surgery within the Department of Surgery.

When did you come to MGH and why?

I came to MGH to complete my Endocrine Surgery fellowship in 2008 and never left.

Is there a project or program you want to tell us a little about?

I have a research program 1) using disease simulation modeling to assess effective treatment paradigms for thyroid cancer 2) developing a thyroid-cancer specific quality of life instrument. I am most proud of, however, is my work in advocating for mental health awareness, resources, and policy through sharing my own lived experience.

What is one thing you love about your work?

My patients. Being a part of the education and development of trainees. My colleagues throughout the Institution.

Tell us a little bit about your life outside of medicine.

Mother of two.

Is there anything else you want to share?

I am proud to be a part of an institution that is leading the way in open discussions, development of resources, and commitment to the well-being of faculty and trainees. Self-care is a professional responsibility.