

Jaime Martinez Santos, M.D.



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Education

Universidad Iberoamericana (UNIBE) School of Medicine, M.D., 2010

Clinical Interests

Skull Base and Cerebrovascular Neurosurgery – both open microsurgical and endovascular techniques

Research Interests

Microsurgical Anatomy and Neuroanatomy, Skull Base and Cerebrovascular Neurosurgery, and Peripheral Nerve Surgery
Development of surgical approaches and novel techniques to complex tumors and vascular lesions

About Jaime Martinez Santos

Why did you choose to train at MUSC?

When I was applying to residency, I was looking for an outstanding academic program with plenty of clinical and research opportunities that was located in a warm place (I am Dominican), close to home, and with hospitable people. A place where I would enjoy spending the next 7 years of my life. I quickly realized that MUSC had everything I wanted and more. During my interview, the neurosurgical exposure that residents get at MUSC and the team's camaraderie stood out and captivated me.

What do you enjoy the most about your residency program?

The hands-on operative experience and the autonomy that we earn very early in our training. With an average of 3-4 cases per day (when not on-call), you get great neurosurgical exposure, not only in general neurosurgery, but also in more subspecialized areas such as minimally-invasive spine, complex spine, endoscopic skull base, endovascular, and functional neurosurgery. Every single day of work you make a positive impact in at least one person's life. That's the magic of neurosurgery and the fuel that keeps us going. The residency program is structured in a way that allows everyone to help formulate a plan. First the intern, then the junior and chiefs, and lastly the attending. Each person's thoughts and contributions matter. At the end of the day, you feel that you are an integral part of the team that helped the patient, not just a resident that follows orders without question. Lastly, I get to live in this wonderful city, full of color, culture, and flavor. It is a tourist destination with a multitude of good restaurants, new places to go, and activities on the water. We are a big family that works hard, exercises, hangs out, and enjoys the treasure of life together.

When I'm not at work you can find me ...

Almost anywhere. I enjoy doing a variety of things. I love fishing, both inshore and offshore, weight-lifting, and playing sports like soccer, squash and racquetball. I listen to many genres of music, depending on my mood and what I'm doing. I'm also a coffee aficionado. Finally, nothing beats having a good conversation, reading or writing while enjoying a glass of a good aged rum or Scotch. I also collect old medical books, especially in human anatomy, neuroanatomy, general surgery, and neurosurgery. I'm a dog enthusiast and I have two bulldogs back home, an English and a French.