

## Thomas Larrew, M.D.



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### **Education**

Medical University of South Carolina, M.D., 2016

Clemson University, Calhoun Honors College, B.S., Biochemistry, 2012

### **Clinical Interests**

Pediatric Neurosurgery, Cerebrovascular Neurosurgery

### **Research Interests**

Global Neurosurgery, Device Development, Quality Improvement

### **About Thomas Larrew**

#### **Why did you choose to train at MUSC?**

I went on my away rotations and interviews expecting to be drawn to new and exciting programs, but what I found was that by comparison MUSC offered a truly well rounded experience. The program has a good mix of surgical experience, research opportunities, and work-life balance. As a medical student, I got to work with the residents so I knew they all had good surgical exposure with a reasonable level of autonomy. Our attendings have trained everywhere from UCSF and NYU to institutions in Japan so a wide variety of surgical techniques are seen. In terms of research, I'm interested in cerebrovascular and pediatric neurosurgery so I wanted to go somewhere that would expose me to exciting research in those fields. The cerebrovascular attendings publish at least once a month and one of our pediatric neurosurgeons, Dr. Ramin Eskandari, has an extensive research background so I was excited at the thought of working with them. A unique research component to our program is the Zucker Institute for Applied Neurosciences. This is a program that serves to bring device concepts to fruition, all the way from design and manufacturing to patenting and selling. Examples of devices include unique percutaneous screws created to prevent overlap and a device placed on the skin used to stereotactically evacuate clots. With a couple of rough device concepts, it was an added bonus to know that there was an outlet for those thoughts or any other ideas I'd have during residency.

Lastly, but equally as important, the program boasts a good work-life balance. Getting into neurosurgery you know that it's something you have to sacrifice, but it's nice to be in a program that at least supports your well-being. In fact, we have a fitness program called La Sierra that is dedicated to the wellness of our residents. This includes weekly workouts, healthy meals, and occasional lectures on well-being and diet. A good work-life balance isn't all about being healthy though. All of the residents (and attendings) are very laid back so whenever we get a bit of downtime, it's nice to be with a group of good people you can grab a beer with after work.

#### **What do you enjoy the most about your residency program?**

Aside from what's mentioned above, I have to echo what everyone else has said about Charleston. It's a great city to live in. It's got it all- great food, cool and beautiful sites, and friendly people and it's all within 5 minutes of the hospital.

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

Spending time outdoors. Some of my favorites are hiking, kayaking, and more recently I've gotten into fishing. I also enjoy racquetball, disc golf, running, swimming, and cycling. Clemson football is where it's at.