

## **Fellowship in Microsurgery and Breast Reconstruction**

### **Brigham and Women's Hospital**

**Division of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery – July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025**

The Division of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at Brigham and Women's Hospital is pleased to offer a 1-year fellowship in microsurgery and breast reconstruction. Under the leadership of Dr. Andrea Pusic, Chief of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, the Division is a leader in breast reconstruction both clinically and from a research standpoint. The fellowship focuses on free flap breast reconstruction, including DIEP flaps, muscle-sparing free TRAM flaps, PAP flaps, and GAP flaps. Stacked flaps and bipedicle flaps are also performed. Additional areas of focus in the fellowship include implant-based reconstruction, surgery for the prevention or treatment of lymphedema, oncoplastic procedures, and neurotization of both flaps and implant-based reconstruction. Additional exposure to complex reconstruction, head and neck free flaps, and extremity free flaps are available based on fellow interest. The year is structured in 2-month blocks with the fellow working in an apprenticeship model with two to three plastic surgery attendings, which fosters a comprehensive understanding of different clinical approaches as well as a close relationship between fellow and attendings.

- **Supervisor(s):** Under the direction of Drs. Andrea Pusic and Jessica Erdmann-Sager, the fellow will work closely with all BWH Plastic Surgery faculty who perform breast reconstruction, with additional opportunities to participate in non-breast microsurgery. The program follows a preceptor model, with the fellow following a 2-month rotation schedule, during which time they work predominantly with two breast reconstruction faculty.
- **On-call requirement:** 8 weeks of junior attending call, meaning the fellow will be paired with a plastic surgery attending and residents will present cases to the fellow who can then operate as an attending if clinically appropriate.
- **Education:** The fellow will participate in all BWH Division of Plastic Surgery educational conferences as well as Harvard Plastic Surgery wide conferences, which occur on a weekly basis. \$2,000 in funding is offered to subsidize attendance at one major conference (generally either ASRM, ASPS or AAPS). Fellows are expected to take a graduated role in resident education and develop the capacity to independently supervise residents and medical students for some procedures.
- **Evaluation:** Case-based feedback, mid-rotation feedback, end-of-rotation evaluation, end-of-year evaluation.
- **Salary:** Commensurate with PGY level

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