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Brian is a 4th-year general surgery resident at the University of Florida Health. The University of Florida has a 7-year general surgery residency, which includes two-years of research and career development starting after the third clinical year. He has an interest in vascular surgery and will pursue a 2-year vascular surgery fellowship following his general surgery residency.



Brian graduated from the University of South Carolina Upstate in 2009 with a Bachelor's degree in Biology. At graduation, he was awarded "Most Outstanding Biology Major." He started a career at Milliken & Company, a private industrial manufacturing company, where he worked on the development and manufacturing of flame retardant textiles. He received the "Berkeley Porter Award" at Milliken for his productivity, creativity, leadership, and insight. He first developed an interest in innovation and entrepreneurship during this stage in his career. Through interactions with the medical community and a desire for further graduate education, Brian applied and was accepted to medical school at the University of South Carolina Greenville School of Medicine.

He graduated from medical school in 2018. During medical school he was awarded the "Jerry Dempsey Leadership Award" and inducted into the Alpha Omega Alpha and Gold Humanism Honor Societies. He gained an interest in general surgery during medical school given the opportunity to provide definitive care through a combination of medicine and operative skill. He started general surgery residency in 2018. During his residency, he was awarded "Outstanding Surgical Intern" and academic achievement awards for the first and second year.

He is currently a researcher for Drs. Scott Berceci and Salvatore Scali, two vascular surgeon scientists whose research interests are primarily in vascular basic science. Specifically, his current research is focused on the mechanism and amelioration of hand dysfunction after dialysis access surgery and skeletal muscle cellular phenotypic responses in vascular patients before and after intervention. Brian looks forward to the Innovation Fellowship Program during his career development years given the opportunities to collaborate with professionals in other fields, learn from innovators in successful industries, and gain a deeper understanding business develop and innovation.