

Biography of Sam Yoon



Sam Yoon has been leading the Division of Surgical Oncology and serving as the Vice-Chair of Surgical Oncology Research and Education at Columbia University Irving Medical Center since 2021. Renowned for his expertise in sarcomas, stomach, gastroesophageal junction cancers, and gastrointestinal stromal tumors (GISTs), he spearheads critical clinical trials and is a prominent speaker at international medical conferences dedicated to the fight against gastric cancer. This disease is a major global health issue, accounting for over 750,000 deaths annually from more than a million new cases.



His dedication to excellent, patient-focused care has earned him a reputation that attracts a broad patient base from the tri-state area. He has been consistently recognized as one of the Best Doctors in America from 2010 to 2011 and 2017 to 2020. He practices out of the CUIMC/Herbert Irving Pavilion in New York City and maintains additional offices in Bronxville, Cortland Manor in New York, and Englewood, New Jersey.

Yoon completed his undergraduate studies at Harvard University and earned his medical degree from the University of California, San Diego. He underwent his general surgery residency at Massachusetts General Hospital. He completed a surgical oncology fellowship at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, designated as a Comprehensive Cancer Center by the National Cancer Institute.

Before his current position, he served as an attending surgeon in the Division of Gastric and Mixed Tumors at Memorial Sloan Kettering and as a professor at Weill Cornell Medical College. Additionally, he was an associate professor at Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School before moving to his current role in 2012.



A minimally invasive robotic surgery pioneer, he has performed over 300 procedures, including advanced robotic gastrectomies. This surgical technique minimizes incisions, enhances precision, and significantly reduces recovery times. He has authored over 150 original research articles, book chapters, and reviews. Moreover, he actively participates in groundbreaking research funded by organizations such as Stand Up To Cancer and the DeGregorio Family Foundation for Gastric and Esophageal Cancer Research, focusing on developing early diagnostic tests and innovative treatments.

Dr. Sam Yoon's dedication to advancing surgical techniques and improving patient care continues to establish his prominence in surgical oncology.

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WORK EXPERIENCE

Columbia University Irving Medical Center

Chief, Division of Surgical Oncology

Sam Yoon, with over 23 years of experience, was appointed Chief of the Division of Surgical Oncology and Vice-Chair of Surgical Oncology Research and Education at Columbia University Irving Medical Center (CUIMC) in 2021.

Columbia University Irving Medical Center

Vice-Chair of Surgical Oncology Research and Education

EDUCATION

Harvard University

Undergraduate Degree

University Of California - San Diego

Medical Degree

Massachusetts General Hospital

General surgery residency

Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

Surgical oncology fellowship

LANGUAGES

English (Native)

SKILLS

Associate Professor, Professor, Surgeon

ATTENDING SURGEON

Formerly Attending Surgeon, Division of Gastric and Mixed Tumors at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center.