

"Backus is a great place to work. The hospital is nationally recognized for its high standards of care and I have found a lot of support from the medical and hospital staff. We are committed to giving the best care to patients."

Sergio Casillas, MD

General Surgery/
Colorectal Surgery

Dr. Casillas, a member of the Backus Medical Staff since 2004, is board-certified in general surgery and colon and rectal surgery.

Dr. Casillas attended La Salle University in Mexico City, Mexico. For his residency, he attended State University of New York, Syracuse, N.Y., where he was chief resident. He did a fellowship in colon and rectal surgery at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, followed by a fellowship in laparoscopic colorectal surgery also in Cleveland. He was included in the 2007 Connecticut Magazine list of top surgeons in Connecticut.

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“Working at Backus Physician Services allows me to work closely with Dr. Pathy and focus more on providing patient care.”

Thomas Cherry Jr., MD
Hand Surgery
Plastic and
Reconstructive
Surgery



Dr. Cherry, a member of the Backus Hospital Medical Staff for more than 26 years, specializes in plastic, cosmetic and hand surgeries, including a minimally invasive endoscopic carpal tunnel surgery and body-contouring procedures like abdominalplasty. He is board certified in plastic surgery.

He received a Certificate of Added Qualifications for hand surgery. He received his medical degree from the University of Connecticut School of Medicine, completed residencies at Yale-New Haven Hospital and the Medical College of Ohio Hospital, and a fellowship at the Albany Medical Center Hospital.

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Michael Deren, MD
Thoracic Surgery



Dr. Deren is board-certified in general and thoracic surgery as well as quality assurance.

Dr. Deren attended college and medical school at Georgetown University. Following graduation he returned to his home state of Connecticut and completed a general surgical residency at Hartford Hospital. Dr. Deren went on to a cardiothoracic fellowship at Yale-New Haven Hospital. He has been in surgical practice since then in New London and Norwich. He has been active in organized medicine locally as President of the New London County Medical Society. He is Past President of the Connecticut State Medical Society (CSMS) and is currently in his 10th year as Chairman of its Board of Trustees.

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"My patient care philosophy is to offer the most up-to-date, technically advanced, and highest quality care in a friendly and respectful manner. Patients give you their utmost trust when they allow you to operate on them. I highly value this bond and do my best to maintain it."

Juan Escalon, MD
Thoracic Surgery

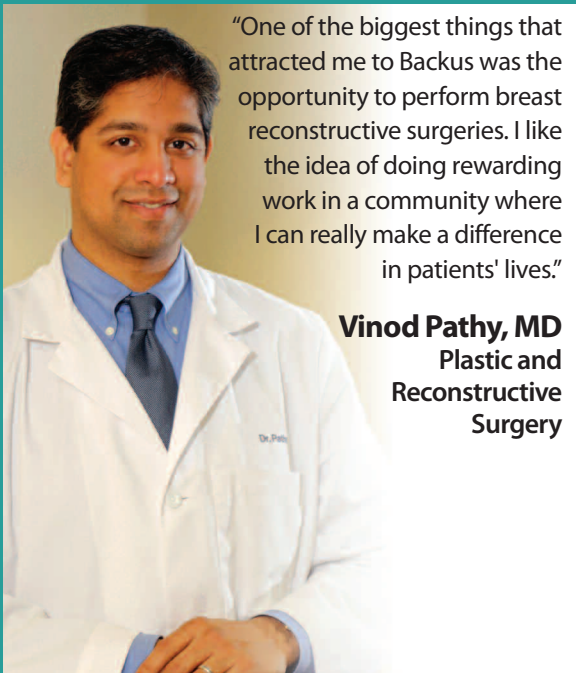
Dr. Escalon is board-certified in surgery and board-eligible in thoracic surgery, specializing in all facets including lung, mediastinal, chest wall and esophageal operations, as well as pacemakers. He is also trained in robotic surgery.

Dr. Escalon completed a fellowship in cardiothoracic surgery at the Yale University School of Medicine after attending the University of Texas Medical Branch, where he completed his general surgery residency.

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“One of the biggest things that attracted me to Backus was the opportunity to perform breast reconstructive surgeries. I like the idea of doing rewarding work in a community where I can really make a difference in patients' lives.”

Vinod Pathy, MD
Plastic and
Reconstructive
Surgery

Dr. Pathy is double board-certified in plastic surgery and surgery and performs breast reconstruction for cancer patients, surgeries on trauma victims and excisional surgeries for skin cancer patients. Some of Dr. Pathy's cosmetic surgeries and procedures include liposuction, tummy tucks, and breast augmentations, reductions and lifts. He also does facelifts, nose jobs, Botox injections and fillers for wrinkles.

Dr. Pathy was born in Manhattan and raised in Westchester, N.Y., Dr. Pathy graduated from Yale University and Temple University School of Medicine. He completed his residency at the Montefiore Medical Center and Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York.

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“We are committed to providing our patients with the latest surgical techniques in minimally invasive surgery. I am proud to be a member of the Backus team.”

Mark Tousignant, MD
General Surgery

Dr. Tousignant is board-certified in surgery and is trained in advanced laparoscopic procedures, including head, neck and parathyroid operations. He is also trained in robotic surgery.

Dr. Tousignant attended medical school at Hahnemann School of Medicine in Philadelphia, and completed his residency in general surgery at RUSH University Hospital in Chicago and Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick, N.J. Before becoming a doctor, he was an engineer.

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