



Gun Violence Prevention Challenge Summit & Hack-a-thon

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Dr. Joseph Sakran is an Assistant Professor of Surgery, Associate Chief of the Division of Acute Care Surgery, and Director of Emergency General Surgery at The Johns Hopkins Hospital. Dr. Sakran spends the majority of his time taking care of the injured patient, and performing both emergency and elective general surgery. His research interests are in outcomes research, trauma system development, public policy specifically gun violence prevention, and the advancement of surgery in poor resource settings.

Dr. Sakran's interest in medicine stems partly from having nearly lost his life after a gunshot wound to the throat during his senior year of high school, and he has subsequently dedicated his life to making a social impact. While completing his undergraduate degree at George Mason University, Dr. Sakran trained as a medic and firefighter at the City of Fairfax Fire and Rescue Department. His interest in global health began when he decided to attend The Medical School for International Health, a unique collaboration between Ben-Gurion and Columbia University. Dr. Sakran subsequently integrated his medical studies with public health when he attended the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, where he completed a Masters in Public Health within the global health track. After completing a diverse and comprehensive general surgery residency at Inova Fairfax Hospital, he joined the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania where he completed a fellowship in Traumatology, Surgical Critical Care, and Emergency General Surgery.

Dr. Sakran has delivered care and sustainable solutions throughout numerous countries in India, the Middle East, and Africa. The aim has been to provide long-term interventions in order to reduce the global burden of surgical disease and allow for capacity building. He has responded to a number of international disasters including the Asian Tsunami in 2004, and the Haitian Earthquake in 2010. The American College of Surgeons (ACS) recently recognized Joe for his work in resource poor settings when he received the 014 Surgical Volunteerism Award. He has been actively involved in the ACS, served as the past Chair of the Resident and Associate Society (RAS) and currently on the Governing Council of The Young Fellows Association. Dr. Sakran recently finished spending a year pursuing a Masters in Public Administration at the Harvard Kennedy School (HKS) of Government where he developed a unique skill-set focused on public policy, economics, and leadership development.