

**DEPARTMENT of CARDIOVASCULAR and THORACIC SURGERY, WVU CANCER INSITUTE,  
WVU SCHOOL of MEDICINE, MORGANTOWN, WEST VIRGINIA, USA**

*Information about the Institution:*

The thoracic and esophageal surgery division in the department of Cardiovascular & Thoracic Surgery at West Virginia University is one of the largest division in the country and provides a comprehensive care for all thoracic and esophageal conditions. They have eight member dedicated thoracic faculty performing more than 2,000 cases annually focusing on endoscopic, robotic, VATS and laparoscopic approaches. It is also a busy referral center for salvage surgery for lung, esophageal , tracheal and mediastinal cancers. There are 7 Xi robots with ample Access and two ION and two Monarch platforms for robotic navigational bronchoscopy.

ECMO program is recognized with “Gold Status” and it is the busiest program in the state.

*Research Focus:*

Mainly clinical.

Robotic Surgery, lung cancer management (minimally invasive resections, esophageal surgery benign and malignant.

The unit has a separate dedicated division of Research. The division will provide all necessary support for successful clinical research and have access to STS and other large national databases.

Cadaver Lab. Robotic or VATS training on fresh perfused cadavers for the fellows.

1,000 USD support from the department for a month (\$12,000 per year) toward the fellow’s accommodation expenses.

Language request: English

*Chief of the Unit:* Dr.Ghulam Abbas

Please check the website for Faculty and further information.

<https://medicine.hsc.wvu.edu/cardiovascular-and-thoracic-surgery/faculty-staff/>