

NYU Langone Hospital—Brooklyn Welcomes Noritsugu Naito, MD, As Its First Chief of Cardiac Surgery



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Noritsugu Naito, MD, a world-renowned cardiothoracic surgeon, has joined NYU Langone Hospital—Brooklyn as its inaugural chief of cardiac surgery and has been appointed clinical associate professor in the Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery at NYU Grossman School of Medicine. Dr. Naito's arrival marks a significant milestone for the Sunset Park hospital's recently expanded scope of NYU Langone Heart services, offering Brooklyn residents comprehensive cardiac care right in their local community, without the need to travel to Manhattan.

Could you share a little about your background?

I was born and raised in Japan and earned my MD and PhD at the University of Tokyo. After my training for general surgery and cardiovascular surgery, I was fortunate to be accepted into an advanced cardiac surgery fellowship at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston,

then I moved to NYU Langone Health for a fellowship in structural heart and valve disease surgery. I was a member of the Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery at NYU Langone from 2019 to 2023, before returning to Japan, where I most recently served as the director of cardiovascular surgery at Shizuoka Medical Center.

What led you to come back to the US and to take a position at NYU Langone Hospital—Brooklyn?

When I received a call about this opportunity, I knew this was the right time to return to NYU Langone. There is a clear and growing need for cardiac surgery in Brooklyn. It has a population of 2.7 million residents, but for years, only three hospitals in this area performed cardiac surgery. By comparison, Manhattan has a population of 1.6 million residents, and seven hospitals performing cardiac surgery. As a result, many Brooklyn residents have needed to travel to Manhattan for cardiac surgery, which can put logistical and financial burdens on patients and their families. Our priority is to provide advanced, world-class cardiac care for Brooklynites right in their own community.

What are your year-by-year goals in Brooklyn to provide that care?

I'm honored to lead an exceptional team of healthcare professionals, who are already delivering world-class cardiac surgery services to patients. In the first year, we will continue to expand a highly skilled, competent cardiac surgery team that will provide seamless care from outpatient consultation to inpatient treatment, with a target of 110 to 120 cases a year. In the second year, we will expand our focus to introduce aortic surgery, complex valve surgery, and minimally invasive mitral surgery. By the third or fourth year, we would like to introduce more advanced techniques, such as robotic mitral valve surgery and transcatheter procedures.

For more, watch Dr. Naito's presentation during the [April 2025 Brooklyn Quarterly All-Staff Meeting](#).