



Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and RWJBarnabas Health are pleased to welcome Mark J. Russo, MD, as associate professor of surgery and chief of the Department of Surgery's Division of Cardiac Surgery at Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, board-certified cardiothoracic surgeon with Rutgers Health, and director of Structural Heart Disease at the medical school and Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, an RWJBarnabas Health facility.

## Mark J. Russo, MD

An internationally known expert in the treatment of heart valve disease, Dr. Mark J. Russo is a graduate of Phillips Academy in Andover, Massachusetts, and the University of Rochester in Rochester, New York, where he received his undergraduate degree in chemistry. He obtained a master's degree in outcomes research from Dartmouth Medical School (Geisel School of Medicine), Hanover, New Hampshire, and his medical degree from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in the Bronx, New York. Dr. Russo completed residency training in general surgery and cardiothoracic surgery at the Columbia University Medical Center in New York, as well as post-doctoral research fellowships at Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons and the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute.



Prior to joining Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, he served as assistant attending in cardiothoracic surgery at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital/Columbia in New York and subsequently served as director of cardiac surgery research and co-director of the Aortic Center at the University of Chicago.

Dr. Russo specializes in the treatment of complex and reoperative aortic and valvular disease. To achieve the best possible patient outcomes, he uses leading-edge technologies, including open, minimally invasive, catheter-based, and hybrid approaches. Dr. Russo is among the most experienced transcatheter valve surgeons in the United States and taught these novel procedures to hundreds of other physicians throughout the world. In addition, he is also an experienced transplant surgeon who has participated in more than 500 successful organ transplants.

Dr. Russo has co-authored more than 200 published manuscripts, abstracts, and textbook chapters focused on improving health care quality and clinical outcomes for patients with cardiovascular disease. He holds leadership roles for multiple national and international clinical trials exploring novel treatments for heart valve disease. For his work, he has received awards from leading professional organizations, including the American Heart Association, Thoracic Surgery Directors Association, European Society of Cardiology, Thoracic Surgery Foundation for Research and Education, Association of American Medical Colleges, and the National Institutes for Health. Dr. Russo was the second recipient of the President's Award from the Society of Thoracic Surgeons, the largest organization of thoracic and cardiovascular surgeons in the world. He is a Diplomat of the American Board of Thoracic Surgery.

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