

= Callie Torres =

Calliope Iphegenia " Callie " Torres , M.D. is a fictional character from the medical drama television series Grey 's Anatomy , which airs on the ABC in the United States . The character was created by series ' producer Shonda Rhimes , and is portrayed by Sara Ramirez . She was introduced in season two , as a senior orthopedic resident , as a love interest for intern George O 'Malley (T.R. Knight) . Eventually becoming an attending orthopedic surgeon , the character was originally contracted to appear on a recurring basis , but received star billing in the third season .

Torres was initially conceived as a love interest , and eventual wife , for O 'Malley , and was created to be disliked by her colleagues . Further storylines include relationships between her and plastic surgeon , Mark Sloan (Eric Dane) , cardiothoracic surgeon Erica Hahn (Brooke Smith) , as well as a marriage to pediatric surgeon Arizona Robbins (Jessica Capshaw) . The character 's bisexual storyline with Hahn and Robbins , and her development later in the series has garnered much acclaim .

Ramirez 's portrayal of the Torres has been widely praised by television critics and the character gained significant popularity as the series progressed . Ramirez was nominated for several awards from her portrayal of Torres , including the Image Award for Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Drama Series , and the ALMA Award for Outstanding Actress in a Drama Television Series . The character was ranked at no . 7 by AfterEllen.com in the list of " Top 50 Favorite Female TV Characters " . At the end of the show 's twelfth season , Callie Torres left Grey @-@ Sloan Memorial Hospital , having been on the show for ten years .

= = Storylines = =

Callie Torres is introduced as an orthopedic surgeon with a crush on intern George O 'Malley (T.R. Knight) . The two start a relationship and Torres moves into Meredith 's house (Meredith and Izzie Stevens lived there as well) . Uneased at the way their relationship is progressing , O 'Malley confronts her , which results in her moving into a hotel . In the aftermath of the breakup , she meets and has a one @-@ night stand with plastic surgeon Mark Sloan (Eric Dane) , who becomes her friend . Torres and O 'Malley subsequently reconcile , and the two marry in Las Vegas on the spur of the moment . Confused , O 'Malley confides to fellow intern Izzie Stevens (Katherine Heigl) , about his relationship woes over alcohol , leading to a drunken sexual encounter between the two . Torres remains unaware of his sexual encounter , becomes increasingly suspicious , and announces her desire to conceive a child . Shortly thereafter , however , she discovers that O 'Malley has been unfaithful , ending their marriage . Though her personal life is troubled , Torres thrives professionally when she is appointed as the hospital 's Chief Resident . However , she soon begins struggling to cope in the role , and is demoted soon thereafter .

Torres forms a friendship with Erica Hahn (Brooke Smith) , the hospital 's new chief of cardiothoracic surgery . The two embark on a relationship when Hahn jokingly kisses Torres in an elevator to tease Sloan . Neither has been with another woman before , and Torres struggles with her bisexuality , and cheats on her with Sloan . She is initially forgiven , but after an argument about work , Hahn resigns from Seattle Grace , ending their relationship . New pediatric surgeon Arizona Robbins (Jessica Capshaw) kisses her , and they begin dating . Their relationship is tested when Torres comes out to her father , Carlos , who disowns her , cutting her off both financially and emotionally . When she is not granted a position as an attending , she publicly berates the chief , Richard Webber (James Pickens , Jr .) , and resigns from her post . She begins working at the neighboring Mercy West hospital , and when the two hospitals merge , she is promoted to an attending surgeon . Torres ' father returns yet again , to condemn her , but ultimately accepts her sexuality . When Torres explains her desire to bear children , Robbins expresses disappointment , and their differing stances on the matter lead them to break up . Soon thereafter , a gunman commits mass murder at the hospital , and relieved to have survived , Torres and Robbins reconcile , with Robbins agreeing that they should have children together .

When Robbins wins a prestigious grant to help treat children in Malawi , a disgruntled Torres

agrees to move there with her , as the position will last for three years ; however , her lack of enthusiasm causes Robbins to end their relationship and go without her . A heartbroken Torres moves in with Sloan , and they have a one @-@ night stand . Robbins returns for Torres , apologizing and hoping for forgiveness , but Torres initially rebuffs her , and later reveals that she is pregnant with Sloan 's baby . Robbins agrees to raise the child with her , but dislikes that Sloan will be a permanent part of their lives . En route a weekend getaway , Robbins proposes to Torres , soon before the two engage in a head @-@ on collision with a truck , leaving Torres severely injured . In an attempt to save her life , obstetrician @-@ gynecologist Addison Montgomery (Kate Walsh) , delivers Torres 's premature baby . Torres survives , and agrees to marry Robbins . After twelve weeks of recovery , both Torres and baby Sofia are discharged and allowed to leave the hospital . Torres recovers from her surgery , but deals with the backlash from her mother (Gina Gallego) ' s attitude toward the wedding and her granddaughter . Torres and Robbins marry in a garden after the minister 's wife falls ill , with general surgeon Miranda Bailey (Chandra Wilson) , officiating the ceremony .

In the aftermath of a plane accident that killed Sloan and Lexie Grey (Chyler Leigh) , Torres is forced to make the decision to have Alex Karev amputate Robbins 's left leg to keep her alive , which puts strains on their relationship . The hospital is sued and eventually found guilty of negligence . Each victim including Robbins , Derek Shepherd (Patrick Dempsey) , Meredith Grey (Ellen Pompeo) , and Cristina Yang (Sandra Oh) must receive \$ 15 million of compensation , which leads the hospital to a near bankruptcy as the insurances refuse to pay . These doctors and Torres buy the hospital with the help of the Harper @-@ Avery Foundation to prevent it from closing , and each become members of the new directing board . Everything seems to go well for Arizona and Callie , until a big storm hits the hospital now named after Mark Sloan and Lexie Grey . In the last episode of the ninth season , Arizona cheats on Callie with Dr. Lauren Boswell (Hilarie Burton) . Callie soon discovers Arizona 's infidelity by seeing her wedding ring pinned to Dr. Boswell 's scrub top . In the aftermath of discovery , both Callie and Arizona share their feelings and it is revealed that Arizona does not forgive Callie for making the call to amputate her leg . Callie is heartbroken and Arizona states that Callie lost nothing in the crash , to which Callie responds that she , apparently , lost Arizona .

Callie takes Sofia to live with Meredith and Derek , Zola , and Baby Bailey for a while before kicking Arizona out of their apartment and celebrates by dancing in her underwear . Callie also left Arizona at therapy , telling her that she was the only one that needed to go . After being hit by a lawsuit her father , Carlos , visits and tells Callie that he cheated on her mother but she took him back and Callie wouldn 't be here if her mother didn 't give Carlos a second chance . Callie goes to Arizona 's apartment and invites her to come back home . Callie finds out during surgery that Arizona was sleeping with Leah , a second year resident , while separated . Although angry at Arizona , Callie still agrees to work things out .

After April 's failed wedding to Matthew , Callie and Arizona bought a house together , a fresh start , away from the memories of their apartment . They later decided to try again for a second child . However , a trip to the OB / GYN led to the discovery that Callie developed adhesions in her uterus in the years since Sofia 's birth , meaning she can 't carry any more babies . After talking to Arizona about it , they agreed to postpone their dream to have another baby until they 're on more solid footing as a couple .

At the beginning of the eleventh series , Callie and Arizona give therapy another chance in order to help mend their marriage . They were made to go 30 days living separate lives in the same house with no sexual activity with others or each other . They come close to breaking that rule and had to start over and before the 30 days was up they eventually gave in and connected sexually again . At the end of the 30 days at the final therapy session Arizona realizes she can 't live without Callie , however Callie doesn 't feel the same stated she felt suffocated and eventually walked out of therapy ending their marriage .

Callie then goes on to date Penny , who was the resident in charge of Derek Shepard 's case . She comes to a dinner party hosted by Meredith who recognizes her . It is then discovered that Penny is going to be working at Grey Sloan Memorial . When everyone , including Callie , finds out who

Penny actually is , they protest and try to get her off of the Grey Sloan Memorial residency line . She manages to stay on the line despite all the other 's pleads and wishes .

After Callie discloses her desire to move to New York with Penny and take her and Arizona 's daughter , Sofia , with her , Arizona takes Callie to court for sole parental custody . Callie loses custody of her daughter to Arizona and Penny moves to New York . After Arizona decides that both Sofia 's moms deserve to be happy , Arizona presents Callie with plane tickets and offers a custody agreement that keeps Sofia in Seattle for the summer and then sharing her every other school year and Christmas .

= = Development = =

= = = Casting and creation = = =

Ramirez was seen by ABC executives , in her Broadway performance of Spamalot , which garnered their attention . Due to their admiration , the network offered Ramirez a role on any ABC television series , of her choice , and she chose Grey 's Anatomy . Ramirez further explained that at her initial audition , the producers liked her , and had intentions to add her to the show , but did not know who to cast her as . She also said she was in awe of how the executives said , " Pick a show , any show " , explaining that it is rare . Shonda Rhimes said : " I was looking for a girlfriend for George , but it was in the infancy stages , so I had no idea what I was looking for . " Rhimes built the character around Ramirez after she met her . Ramirez 's character was initially given recurring status in the second season and received star billing in the third season , alongside fellow cast member Dane , who portrayed Mark Sloan . Ramirez discusses maintaining relationships with co @-@ stars :

= = = Characterization = = =

The American Broadcasting Company (ABC) characterized Torres as " driven " , " determined " , and " outgoing " , while also noting her weaknesses : " defensive " and " impulsive " . Ramirez described her character as someone who " appears to be a certain way , but has some very complex issues going on behind the scenes . She seems to be a very strong personality , someone who really believes in herself and has worked very hard to get where she is . She 's very competitive but does have a sense of self , so she doesn 't need to win all the time . " At Torres ' initial appearance on the show , she was disliked by fans , due to her getting in the way of O 'Malley and Meredith Grey (Ellen Pompeo) 's relationship . When asked of this , Ramirez said : " You do run across a lot of people who are extremely invested in that story line . Obviously , I 've heard some negative stuff . " The end of the show 's fourth season saw Torres grow closer to cardiothoracic surgeon Erica Hahn , in a relationship referred to by the portmanteau " Eri @-@ Cal " and later " Callica " by Michael Ausiello of Entertainment Weekly . Rhimes stated that : " Callie and Erica have an undeniable chemistry , and watching the story unfold is something the writers are looking forward to . I wanted to illuminate their relationship in the same way we do all relationships on the show ? it will be funny , sweet , honest , and a little bit dirty . "

She explained that in developing the relationship between the two : " we wanted it to be real ? not some stunt to get people talking . We wanted to see what would happen if a woman suddenly had feelings for another woman . " The two characters shared a kiss at the end of the season four finale , with which D. Williams of After Ellen noted : " Callie and Erica became the only regular lesbian / bisexual female characters currently on network television . This is also the first time that two regular characters on a network show have begun a lesbian romance , as opposed to one becoming involved with a new lesbian character introduced expressly for that relationship . " Before continuing with the storyline , the show 's producers consulted with the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation to ensure they maintained realism throughout . Trish Doolan , star of April 's Shower was invited to consult in the workshop sessions which took place , and surmised that ; " They were really wanting to be truthful to the two characters they 're focusing on in the woman @-@ woman

relationship " , with Nikki Weiss , who also consulted , adding : " they didn 't want to stereotype anything either , and write from a place where they didn 't understand it . [...] I don 't think they did it as a stunt to get people back to watching after the strike . I really think that they wanted to develop these two characters , and that you could see a closeness with them way before they ever decided any kind of ? I think they just have a chemistry together , as actresses , too . You could tell that in the room . They definitely have a chemistry . "

In the show 's fifth season , Torres embarked on a relationship with Arizona Robbins (Capshaw) . The relationship between the two is referred to by the portmanteau " Calzona " . Rhimes praised the chemistry between Arizona and Callie in contrast , comparing it to that between the show 's primary couple Grey and Derek Shepherd (Patrick Dempsey) , and stating : " They have that little thing that makes you want to watch them . " In " An Honest Mistake " , Torres was initially rejected by Robbins , with Robbins citing Torres ' " inexperience " as a factor . Series writer Peter Nowalk offered the insight :

The couple ultimately decided to begin a relationship , however , the two experience difficulties , but eventually reunite . Rhimes commented on their reconciliation : " I love [Callie] with Arizona . [...] I like that they make me feel hopeful about love . " Rhimes has mentioned of their relationship in the sixth season : " I would like to see Callie happily in a long @-@ term relationship . We have so much to explore with them , because we barely know anything about [Arizona] . "

= = Reception = =

Maureen Ryan from the Chicago Tribune was critical about the character 's initial development . Reviewing the third season 's premiere , she wrote the writers should give up on Callie explaining they have made her " far too obviously the ? weird girl , ? but there ? s nothing underneath her brusque persona . " Her marriage to O 'Malley was well received ; Staci Krause of IGN wrote : " Their relationship has been a roller coaster and it was nice to see this turn of events , as she really is a perfect contrast to George . " Discussing the character in terms of her relationship with Hahn , Williams was largely positive , assessing that : " The story line offered both the drama Grey 's is known for and a truthfulness network television has rarely achieved when it comes to lesbian relationships . " Trish Doolan and Nikki Weiss , invited by GLAAD to consult with Grey 's Anatomy producers on the storyline , praised the effort put into researching the issue by the writers and actors involved , though were more negative on the scene which saw Hahn kiss Callie in an elevator in front of Mark Sloan . Weiss commented : " I just felt like , if they really cared about each other , I don 't think they would do that as a stunt . That seemed a little , I don 't know , forced . [...] [It] was more like a conquest , like he could have [Hahn] too or something . " LGBT website AfterEllen.com agreed with this view , criticizing the way the scene was edited so as to keep cutting to Sloan 's point of view , as though " privileging the male gaze . " AfterEllen.com included Torres in their list of the Top 50 Lesbian and Bisexual Characters , ranking her at No. 6 and in their Top 50 Favorite Female TV Characters . The character was also listed in Wetpaint 's " 10 Hottest TV Doctors on TV " .

Commenting on Hahn 's abrupt departure from the show , Dorothy Snarker , writing for AfterEllen.com , observed of Torres and Robbins ' relationship : " I [...] can 't help but be wary of how the Grey 's writers will handle this relationship . Jessica has proven lovely and likable in her brief screen time so far . But it 's not how the romance starts , but what happens next that really matters . " Speaking of the musical episode , Nicole Golden of TV Fanatic called Ramirez 's rendition of " Chasing Cars " " amazing " and referred to her performance in Kate Havnevik 's " Grace " as " beautiful " . Margaret Lyons of New York Magazine was happy with the evolution of Bailey and Torres ' friendship in the first half of the ninth season , calling it " the one bright spot " : " They joke , they tease each other , they offer sage love advice to one another , now that they 're both on their second marriages . " Ramirez was nominated for Outstanding Actress in a Drama Television Series at the Alma Awards , in 2007 and 2008 . Also in 2007 , at the 13th Screen Actors Guild Awards , Ramirez and the cast of Grey 's Anatomy , were the recipients of the Award for Outstanding Performance by an Ensemble in a Drama Series . She and the cast were nominated for

the same award , in 2008 . In 2011 , at the 42nd NAACP Image Awards , Ramirez was nominated for Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Drama Series . She was ranked at no . 7 in AfterEllen.com 's list of " Top 50 Favorite Female TV Characters "