

I am a fellowship-trained, board-certified general surgeon with a focused career in bariatric, metabolic, and endo-bariatric surgery. I currently serve as a Professor of Surgery at the USF Health Morsani College of Medicine, where I am also Section Chief of Abdominal Wall Surgery and Vice Chair of Surgical Quality. Throughout my career, I have prioritized advancing bariatric surgery through clinical excellence, academic scholarship, quality leadership, and national professional service.

My clinical practice is centered on bariatric and metabolic surgery, revisional bariatric surgery, and advanced therapeutic endoscopy. I manage a high volume of complex patients, including those with prior bariatric procedures, failed or complicated operations, and significant medical comorbidities. A major focus of my work has been the integration of endoscopic and surgical therapies to improve outcomes, safety, and access to care. I have been deeply involved in the development and clinical application of endo-bariatric techniques, both for primary weight loss interventions and for the management of bariatric complications. I am particularly interested in the intersection of surgery and endoscopy and in developing durable, evidence-based treatment algorithms that optimize metabolic outcomes while minimizing patient risk.

In my leadership roles, I have successfully led institutional initiatives aimed at improving surgical quality, outcomes measurement, and standardization of care. As Vice Chair of Surgical Quality, I have overseen multidisciplinary quality improvement efforts across surgical specialties, including bariatric surgery, with a focus on complication reduction, perioperative safety, and data-driven performance improvement. These efforts closely align with ASMBS priorities related to accreditation, patient safety, and value-based care delivery.

Academically, I am highly productive and committed to advancing the scientific foundation of bariatric and metabolic surgery. I have authored more than 150 peer-reviewed journal articles and numerous book chapters, with research interests that include bariatric and metabolic surgery, revisional and complex bariatric care, endoscopic innovation, abdominal wall reconstruction, and outcomes research. I have authored and edited three surgical textbooks, including *Fundamentals of Hernia Radiology*, *Operating Through the Endoscope*, and *Clinical Algorithms in General Surgery*, reflecting my dedication to education and multidisciplinary collaboration. My scholarly work has contributed to the understanding of bariatric patient selection, complication management, and the expanding role of endoscopic therapies in the treatment of obesity and metabolic disease.

I am a frequent invited speaker at national and international meetings and am deeply committed to education and mentorship within bariatric surgery. I am an active Fellow of the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery and currently serve on the Board of the American Hernia Society. My professional service reflects a sustained commitment to advancing standards of care, fostering innovation, and supporting collaboration across surgical disciplines.

I seek to bring my clinical expertise, academic experience, leadership in surgical quality, and dedication to endo-bariatric innovation to the ASMBS Board. I am committed to supporting the Society's mission by advancing safe, effective, and accessible metabolic and bariatric care through thoughtful governance, evidence-based policy, and strategic leadership.