



FOUNDATION FOR SURGICAL FELLOWSHIPS

2019-2020 **Annual Report**

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT:



The Foundation for Surgical Fellowships entered the 2019-2020 fellowship year with optimism and pride; confident that the 136 new fellows would receive the highest quality training, and gratified that our support helped make it possible. But by March 2020 the global pandemic turned the world upside down and healthcare workers, including fellows were called to the front-lines of COVID-19 patient care.

Institutions shifted most of their resources to treating COVID cases and one result was the suspension of elective surgeries. In addition to concern for the wellbeing of those serving in harm's way, concern arose that fellows would be unable to meet the qualifications for satisfactory training required by

their chosen specialty by the end of the fellowship year.

The Fellowship Council leadership quickly formed a Presidential Covid Task Force to address the issues facing fellows and program directors. In addition to monitoring case log data they worked with societies to amend curricula and the acceptance of past and future primary cases, with the approval of program directors. Ultimately elective cases were resumed and that, in combination with the efforts of the Task Force resulted in fellows meeting the number of required cases.

The FSF has always appreciated our partnership with the Fellowship Council, but never more than during the 2019-2020 fellowship year. Through their inciteful and inventive leadership the programs supported by the FSF succeeded in achieving education and training goals, despite unprecedented challenges.

We are also deeply grateful to our donors. Through the generosity and vision of industry, surgical societies, and individuals the FSF remains the only non-profit funding general surgery fellowships nationwide. Our work helps ensure that the next generation of general surgeons has the skills, expertise, and experience to provide top-level care to their patients.

Thank you for your continued support and please, stay safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

Mark A. Talamini, MD, MBA

President

Foundation for Surgical Fellowships

2019-2020 Quick Facts

Total Number of Individual Institutions that applied: **96**

Total Number of Applications: **120**

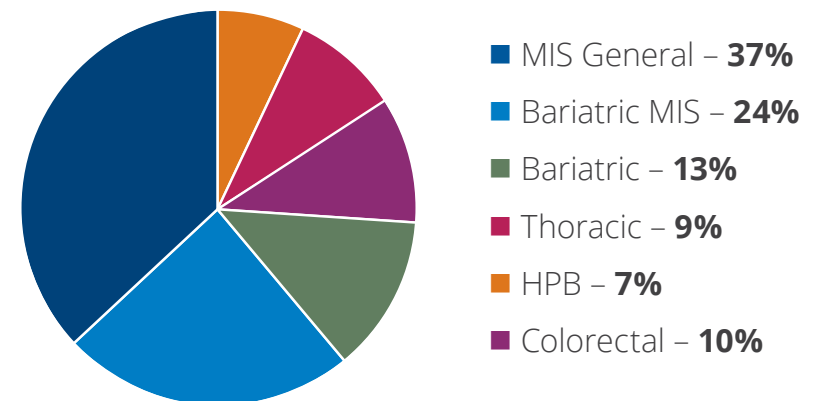
Total Fellowship positions applied for: **163**

Total Fellowship positions awarded: **137**

Total amount awarded: **\$2,740,000**

Average Award: **\$20,000**

Allocation by sub-specialty:



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Fellowship Programs Awarded

FOR 2019-2020 FELLOWSHIP YEAR

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Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center

Dr. Rami Lutfi

Carolinas Medical Center

Dr. Timothy Kuwada

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Dr. Anita Courcoulas

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Dr. Frank Duperier

BARIATRIC/MIS SURGERY

Albany Medical Center

Dr. Tejinder Paul Singh

ALSA Medical Group

Dr. Keith Boone

Alta Bates Summit Medical Center

Dr. Ajay Upadhyay

Brigham & Women's Hospital

Dr. Ali Tavakkoli

Cedars-Sinai Medical Center

Dr. Miguel Burch

Duke University

Dr. Dana Portenier

Geisinger Medical Center

Dr. Anthony Petrick

Gundersen Lutheran Medical Foundation

Dr. Shanu Kothari

Indiana University

Dr. Don Selzer

Loma Linda University

Dr. Keith Scharf

Massachusetts General Hospital

Dr. Denise Gee

Medical College of Wisconsin

Dr. Andrew Kastenmeier

Minnesota Institute for Minimally Invasive Surgery

Dr. Paul Severson

Montefiore Medical Center

Dr. Diego Camacho

NYU Langone Health

Dr. Jun Levine

Stony Brook Medicine

Dr. Aurora Pryor

Summa Health System

Dr. Adrian Dan

The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center

Dr. Bradley Needleman

UMassMemorial Medical Center

Dr. John Kelly

University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center

Dr. Leena Khaitan

University of California, Davis

Dr. Mohamed Ali

University of California - San Francisco

Dr. Jonathan Carter

University of Nebraska Medical Center

Dr. Corrigan McBride

University of Tennessee Medical Center

Dr. Gregory Mancini

UT Southwestern Medical Center

Dr. Daniel Scott

Vanderbilt University Medical Center

Dr. Brandon Williams

Wake Forest University Baptist Health

Dr. Carl Westcott

Yale School Of Medicine

Dr. Kurt Roberts

COLORECTAL SURGERY

Cleveland Clinic Florida

Dr. Steven Wexner

Colon & Rectal Clinic of Orlando

Dr. Mark Soliman

Colorectal MIS Fellowship Program at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital

Dr. Slawomir Marecik

Franciscan St. Francis Health

Dr. Dipen Maun

Lankenau Medical Center

Dr. John Marks

Mayo Clinic Arizona

Dr. Tonia Young-Fadok

North Shore University Hospital

Dr. John Procaccino

Swedish Medical Center

Dr. Melinda Hawkins

The University of Texas Medical School at Houston

Dr. Eric Haas

University of South Florida Morsani College of Medicine

Dr. Jorge Marcet

University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health

Dr. Charles Heise

HPB SURGERY

Carolinas Medical Center

Dr. David Iannitti

Cleveland Clinic

Dr. R. Matthew Walsh

Indiana University

Dr. Nicholas Zyromski

Medical College of Wisconsin

Dr. Kathleen Christians

Methodist Dallas Medical Center

Dr. Dhiresch Rohan Jeyarajah

Providence Portland Medical Center

Dr. Paul Hansen

Stanford University

Dr. Brendan Visser

University of Louisville/James Graham Brown Cancer Center

Dr. Robert Martin

Virginia Mason Medical Center

Dr. Scott Helton

MIS GENERAL SURGERY

Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center

Dr. Daniel B. Jones

Carolinas Medical Center

Dr. B. Todd Heniford

Cleveland Clinic

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Cleveland Clinic Florida

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Jackson South Community Hospital

Dr. Henry Lujan

New York-Presbyterian, Weill Cornell Medicine

Dr. Fabrizio Michelassi

Northwell Health

Dr. Dominick Gadaleta

Oregon Health & Science University

Dr. James Dolan

Our Lady of the Lake Physicians Group

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Penn State Hershey Medical Center

Dr. Randy Haluck

Preston Memorial Hospital

Dr. Ehab Akkary

Providence Portland Medical Center

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Stanford University

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Swedish Medical Center

Dr. Alex Farivar

University of Pittsburgh Medical Center

Dr. James Luketich

WHAT THE 2019-2020 FELLOWS HAVE TO SAY

"Fellowship has helped me to become a technically advanced surgeon. It has helped me to understand how to develop and run a specialty practice in bariatric and minimally invasive surgery with advanced laparoscopic, robotic, and endoscopic techniques. I have also learned a lot about research and how to get national recognition"

"I had excellent mentorship in terms of operative and nonoperative decision making...the opportunity to take call, operate independently, and teach residents this past year has really helped me grow."

"The highlight of my fellowship year was following up with my patients who were losing 60-100lbs by the end of the fellowship."

"Fellowship has taught me to approach surgery with a healthy dose of humility. Sometimes we don't know all the answers, and our well laid plans can have unexpected consequences. Not every question has been answered by the literature. Continue to ask questions when something doesn't make sense, and try to figure it out. That is how the field is pushed forward and how we grow as individual physicians."

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