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## Burn Surgery

### Bruce A. Cairns, MD
*Chief, Division of Burn Surgery; John Stackhouse Distinguished Professor of Surgery; Medical Director of the NC Jaycee Burn Center*

**Specialties:** Burn Surgery, General Surgery  
**Procedures and Research:** Surgical critical care and acute burn surgery, burn prevention and education. Cellular immune response to injury, infection and transplantation.  
**Medical School:** University of Pennsylvania  
**Residency:** University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
**Area:** General Surgery  
**Fellowship:** University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
**Area:** Surgical Critical Care  
**Fellowship:** University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
**Area:** NIH NRSA Trauma Research  
**Certifications:** Surgery, Surgery-Surgical Critical Care

### Michelle Lynn Curtis, MS, PA-C

**Specialty:** Burn Surgery  
**Master of Science:** University of Kansas Medical Center  
**Area:** Dietetics and Nutrition  
**Physician Assistant:** South University  
**Certification:** Physician Assistant

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*Physician Assistant*

**Specialties:** Burn Surgery, General Surgery  
**Bachelor of Arts:** Duke University  
**Area:** Political Science  
**Physician Assistant:** University of New England  
**Certification:** Physician Assistant

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Christin J. Heverly, MSN, FNP

**Specialty:** Burn Surgery  
**Bachelor of Science:** University of North Carolina at Greensboro  
**Area:** Exercise and Sports Science  
**Bachelor of Science:** Winston-Salem State University  
**Area:** Nursing  
**Master of Science:** University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
**Area:** Nursing  
**Certification:** Nursing-Family Nurse Practitioner

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Samuel W. Jones, MD  
*Associate Professor of Surgery*

**Specialties:** Burn Surgery, General Surgery  
**Medical School:** University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
**Residency:** Naval Medical Center Portsmouth  
**Residency:** New Hanover Memorial Hospital  
**Residency:** University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
**Fellowship:** University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

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# Burn Surgery (cont.)

## Booker T. King, MD

*Chief and Professor, Division of Burn Surgery; Director of the NC Jaycee Burn Center*

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## Molly Marsh, MMSc, MS, PAC, RD

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**Assistant Professor of Surgery**

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### Emily Adams Penny, MSN, RN, AGPCNP-BC

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### Christopher Trum, MSPA, PA-C
**Physician Assistant**

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Felicia Williams, MD
Assistant Professor of Surgery; Director, Burn Intensive Care Unit

Specialties: Burn Surgery, General Surgery

Procedures and Research: Burn injury, burn surgery, burn ICU, skin graft, first degree burn, second degree burn, third degree burn, scald burn, grease burn, electrical burn, chemical burn, acid burn, frostbite, smoke inhalation, lightning strike, Stevens-Johnson syndrome, SJS, TENS, staph scalded skin syndrome, burn scar management, wound care, nutrition, hypermetabolism, critical care, burn reconstruction

Medical School: University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Internship and Residency: East Carolina University
Area: General Surgery

Residency: East Carolina University
Area: General Surgery

Fellowship: University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston
Area: Research Fellowship

Fellowship: University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston
Area: Surgical Critical Care

Fellowship: University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston
Area: Burn Reconstruction

Bachelor of Arts: Johns Hopkins University
Area: Biophysics

Certifications: Surgery, Surgery-Surgical Critical Care

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Cancer

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**Specialties:** Cancer, Gastrointestinal Surgery, General Surgery

**Subspecialty:** Gastrointestinal Surgery - Colo-Rectal Surgery

**Procedures and Research:** Colo-rectal cancer, Inflammatory Bowel Disease, Minimally invasive/robotic surgery

**Medical School:** University of Miami

**Residency:** University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

**Fellowship:** University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

**Area:** Colorectal Surgery

**Certification:** Surgery

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Muneera Kapadia, MD, MME
Associate Professor

**Specialties:** Cancer, Gastrointestinal Surgery, General Surgery

**Subspecialty:** Gastrointestinal Surgery - Colo-Rectal Surgery

**Procedures and Research:** Research on communication skills education

**Special Interests:** Colo-rectal cancer and inflammatory bowel disease (IBD)

**Medical School:** University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

**Internship and Residency:** McGaw Medical Center

**Area:** General Surgery

**Fellowship:** University of Minnesota

**Area:** Colorectal Surgery

**Bachelor of Science:** Massachusetts Institute of Technology

**Area:** Chemical Engineering

**Master in Medical Education:** University of Iowa

**Certifications:** Surgery, Colon and Rectal Surgery
### Marco Patti, MD

*Professor of Medicine; Professor of Surgery; Surgical Co-Director, Center for Esophageal Diseases and Swallowing*

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Area: General Surgery |
| **Research Fellowship** | University of California, San Francisco  
Area: Gastrointestinal Surgery |
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Chief, Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery; Professor of Surgery

Specialties: Cardiothoracic Surgery, General Surgery, Transplant

Subspecialties: Cardiothoracic Surgery - Cardiac Surgery, Transplant - Heart Transplantation, Transplant - Lung Transplantation, Cardiothoracic Surgery - Thoracic Surgery

Procedures and Research: Thoracic aortic disease, myocardial protection

Special Interests: Adult cardiac and thoracic surgery including heart transplantation and mechanical circulatory support; thoracic aortic surgery and valve surgery

Medical School: University of Toronto
Internship: The Toronto Hospital
Residency: Stanford University
Area: Cardiothoracic Surgery
Residency: University of Toronto
Area: General Surgery
Doctor of Philosophy: University of Toronto
Research Fellowship: University of Toronto
Certification: Thoracic Surgery

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Paul B. Tessmann, MD, PharmD  
Assistant Professor of Surgery

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**Area:** General Surgery |
| **Doctor of Philosophy:** | University of Toronto |
| **Research Fellowship:** | University of Toronto |
| **Certification:** | Thoracic Surgery |

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Subspecialties: Cardiothoracic Surgery - Cardiac Surgery, Transplant - Heart Transplantation, Transplant - Lung Transplantation, Cardiothoracic Surgery - Thoracic Surgery

Procedures and Research: Extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO), mechanical circulatory support, left ventricular assist device (LVAD) surgery, complex coronary artery revascularization, complex valvular surgery, aortic surgery

Special Interests: Structural heart

Medical School: University of North Dakota
Residency: University of Florida
Area: Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery
Residency: University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics
Area: General Surgery
Fellowship: University of Florida
Area: Thoracic Transplantation and Mechanical Circulatory Support
Fellowship: University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics
Area: Critical Care and Extracorporeal Life Support
Doctorate: North Dakota State University
Area: Pharmacy

Certifications: Thoracic Surgery, Surgery, Surgery-Surgical Critical Care

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Gastrointestinal Surgery

Mary Collins
Nurse Practitioner

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Area: Nursing
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Area: Nursing

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Timothy M. Farrell, MD
Professor of Surgery, Director, Minimally Invasive Surgery

Specialties: Gastrointestinal Surgery, General Surgery, Weight-Loss Surgery

Procedures and Research: Minimally invasive foregut surgery, gastroesophageal reflux disease, achalasia, hiatal hernias, morbid obesity, and Barrett's esophagus.

Medical School: University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey

Residency and Chief Residency: Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center
Area: Surgery

Fellowship: Emory University
Area: Laparoscopic Surgery

Research Fellowship: Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center

Research Fellowship: Emory University

Certification: Surgery

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Teresa Harms
Nurse Practitioner

Specialties: Gastrointestinal Surgery, General Surgery

Master of Science: George Mason University

Certification: Nursing

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Gastrointestinal Surgery (cont.)

Mark J. Koruda, MD, FACS
Professor of Surgery

Specialties: Gastrointestinal Surgery, General Surgery

Procedures and Research: Gastrointestinal surgery, nutrition support of the hospitalized patient, inflammatory bowel disease, minimally-invasive laparoscopic surgery, management of colon and rectal cancer (sphincter preserving management of rectal cancer), hernias, management of intestinal stomas

Medical School: Yale University
Residency: Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania
Area: General Surgery

Fellowship: American Cancer Society
Fellowship: Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania
Area: Nutrition Metabolic Residency

Certification: Surgery

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**Special Interests:** Gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD), paraesophageal hernia, achalasia, esophageal cancer

**Medical School:** University of Catania

**Residency:** University of California, San Francisco  
**Area:** General Surgery

**Residency:** University of Catania  
**Area:** General Surgery

**Research Fellowship:** University of California, San Francisco  
**Area:** Gastrointestinal Surgery

**Research Fellowship:** University of California, San Francisco  
**Area:** Gastrointestinal Surgery

**Research Fellowship:** University of Catania  
**Area:** Surgery

**Certification:** Surgery

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Tara Zychowicz, NP  
*Nurse Practitioner*

**Specialties:** Gastrointestinal Surgery, General Surgery

**Bachelor of Science:** University of South Florida  
**Area:** Nursing

**Master of Science:** Kennesaw State University  
**Area:** Nursing

**Certifications:** Nursing, Nursing-Family Nurse Practitioner

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Specialties: Cancer, Gastrointestinal Surgery, General Surgery
Subspecialty: Gastrointestinal Surgery - Colo-Rectal Surgery
Procedures and Research: Colo-rectal cancer, Inflammatory Bowel Disease, Minimally invasive/robotic surgery
Medical School: University of Miami
Residency: University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Fellowship: University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Area: Colorectal Surgery
Certification: Surgery

José Gaston Guillem, MD, MPH, MBA
Professor of Surgery; Chief of Gastrointestinal Surgery

Specialties: Gastrointestinal Surgery, General Surgery
Subspecialty: Gastrointestinal Surgery - Colo-Rectal Surgery
Procedures and Research: Procedures for benign and malignant diseases of the colon, rectum, and anus; open, laparoscopic, robotic, transanal microscopic, and nerve and sphincter sparing surgery; hereditary and early age of onset colorectal cancer; assessment of rectal cancer response to preoperative therapy
Medical School: Yale University
Internship and Residency: Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center
Fellowship: Lahey Clinic
Area: Colorectal
Bachelor of Arts: New York University
Area: Biochemistry
Master of Business Administration: Brandeis University
Master of Public Health: Yale University
Research Fellowship: Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center
Certifications: Surgery, Colon and Rectal Surgery
Muneera Kapadia, MD, MME  
*Associate Professor*

**Specialties:** Cancer, Gastrointestinal Surgery, General Surgery  
**Subspecialty:** Gastrointestinal Surgery - Colo-Rectal Surgery  
**Procedures and Research:** Research on communication skills education  
**Special Interests:** Colo-rectal cancer and inflammatory bowel disease (IBD)  
**Medical School:** University of Michigan, Ann Arbor  
**Internship and Residency:** McGaw Medical Center  
**Area:** General Surgery  
**Fellowship:** University of Minnesota  
**Area:** Colo-rectal Surgery  
**Bachelor of Science:** Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
**Area:** Chemical Engineering  
**Master in Medical Education:** University of Iowa  
**Certifications:** Surgery, Colon and Rectal Surgery

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**Procedures and Research:** Surgical critical care and acute burn surgery, burn prevention and education. Cellular immune response to injury, infection and transplantation.  
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**Area:** Surgical Critical Care  
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**Certifications:** Surgery, Surgery-Surgical Critical Care
### Nicole Chaumont, MD
**Assistant Professor of Surgery**

- **Specialties:** Cancer, Gastrointestinal Surgery, General Surgery
- **Subspecialty:** Gastrointestinal Surgery - Colo-Rectal Surgery
- **Procedures and Research:** Colo-rectal cancer, Inflammatory Bowel Disease, Minimally invasive/robotic surgery
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- **Residency:** University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
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**Procedures and Research:** Minimally invasive foregut surgery, gastroesophageal reflux disease, achalasia, hiatal hernias, morbid obesity, and Barrett's esophagus.

**Medical School:** University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey

**Residency and Chief Residency:** Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center  
**Area:** Surgery

**Fellowship:** Emory University  
**Area:** Laparoscopic Surgery

**Research Fellowship:** Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center

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José Gaston Guillem, MD, MPH, MBA

Professor of Surgery; Chief of Gastrointestinal Surgery

**Specialties:** Gastrointestinal Surgery, General Surgery

**Subspecialty:** Gastrointestinal Surgery - Colo-Rectal Surgery

**Procedures and Research:** Procedures for benign and malignant diseases of the colon, rectum, and anus; open, laparoscopic, robotic, transanal microscopic, and nerve and sphincter sparing surgery; hereditary and early age of onset colorectal cancer; assessment of rectal cancer response to preoperative therapy

**Medical School:** Yale University

**Internship and Residency:** Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center

**Fellowship:** Lahey Clinic

**Area:** Colorectal

**Bachelor of Arts:** New York University

**Area:** Biochemistry

**Master of Business Administration:** Brandeis University

**Master of Public Health:** Yale University

**Research Fellowship:** Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center

**Certifications:** Surgery, Colon and Rectal Surgery

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Brian Halla, MSPA, PA-C

Physician Assistant

**Specialties:** Burn Surgery, General Surgery

**Bachelor of Arts:** Duke University

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**Physician Assistant:** University of New England

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**Procedures and Research:** Thoracic aortic disease, myocardial protection  
**Special Interests:** Adult cardiac and thoracic surgery including heart transplantation and mechanical circulatory support; thoracic aortic surgery and valve surgery  
**Medical School:** University of Toronto  
**Internship:** The Toronto Hospital  
**Residency:** Stanford University  
**Area:** Cardiothoracic Surgery  
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| **Residency:** | Naval Medical Center Portsmouth |
| **Residency:** | New Hanover Memorial Hospital |
| **Residency:** | University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill |
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**Associate Professor**

| **Specialties:** | Cancer, Gastrointestinal Surgery, General Surgery |
| **Subspecialty:** | Gastrointestinal Surgery - Colo-Rectal Surgery |
| **Procedures and Research:** | Research on communication skills education |
| **Special Interests:** | Colo-rectal cancer and inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) |
| **Medical School:** | University of Michigan, Ann Arbor |
| **Internship and Residency:** | McGaw Medical Center  
**Area:** General Surgery |
| **Fellowship:** | University of Minnesota  
**Area:** Colo-rectal Surgery |
| **Bachelor of Science:** | Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
**Area:** Chemical Engineering |
| **Master in Medical Education:** | University of Iowa |
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- **Specialties:** Burn Surgery, General Surgery  
- **Procedures and Research:** Burn critical care, burn wound conversion, burn resuscitation  
- **Medical School:** New York University  
- **Residency:** State University of New York  
  - **Area:** General Surgery  
- **Fellowship:** University of Miami  
  - **Area:** Trauma and Surgical Critical Care  
- **Bachelor of Science:** City College of New York  
  - **Area:** Biomedical Science  
- **Certifications:** Surgery-Surgical Critical Care, Surgery

**Mark J. Koruda, MD, FACS**  
*Professor of Surgery*

- **Specialties:** Gastrointestinal Surgery, General Surgery  
- **Procedures and Research:** Gastrointestinal surgery, nutrition support of the hospitalized patient, inflammatory bowel disease, minimally-invasive laparoscopic surgery, management of colon and rectal cancer (sphincter preserving management of rectal cancer), hernias, management of intestinal stomas  
- **Medical School:** Yale University  
- **Residency:** Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania  
  - **Area:** General Surgery  
- **Fellowship:** American Cancer Society  
- **Fellowship:** Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania  
  - **Area:** Nutrition Metabolic Residency  
- **Certification:** Surgery
Rabia Nizamani, MD
Assistant Professor of Surgery

- **Specialties:** Burn Surgery, General Surgery
- **Medical School:** New York Medical College
- **Residency:** Virginia Mason Medical Center
  - **Area:** General Surgery
- **Fellowship:** Johns Hopkins Burn Center
  - **Area:** Burn Surgery
- **Fellowship:** University of Virginia
  - **Area:** Surgical Critical Care
- **Fellowship:** Virginia Mason Medical Center
  - **Area:** Systems-Based Practice
- **Certifications:** Surgery, Surgery-Surgical Critical Care

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Professor of Medicine; Professor of Surgery; Surgical Co-Director, Center for Esophageal Diseases and Swallowing

- **Specialties:** Cancer, Gastrointestinal Surgery, General Surgery, Weight-Loss Surgery
- **Special Interests:** Gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD), paraesophageal hernia, achalasia, esophageal cancer
- **Medical School:** University of Catania
- **Residency:** University of California, San Francisco
  - **Area:** General Surgery
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- **Research Fellowship:** University of California, San Francisco
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### Emily Adams Penny, MSN, RN, AGPCNP-BC

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**Certification:** Nursing-Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner

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**Physician Assistant:** Mountain State University

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## Felicia Williams, MD
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### Specialties: Burn Surgery, General Surgery

### Procedures and Research: Burn injury, burn surgery, burn ICU, skin graft, first degree burn, second degree burn, third degree burn, scald burn, grease burn, electrical burn, chemical burn, acid burn, frostbite, smoke inhalation, lightning strike, Stevens-Johnson syndrome, SJS, TENS, staph scalded skin syndrome, burn scar management, wound care, nutrition, hypermetabolism, critical care, burn reconstruction

### Medical School: University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

### Internship and Residency: East Carolina University
*Area: General Surgery*

### Residency: East Carolina University
*Area: General Surgery*

### Fellowship: University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston
*Area: Research Fellowship*

### Fellowship: University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston
*Area: Surgical Critical Care*

### Fellowship: University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston
*Area: Burn Reconstruction*

### Bachelor of Arts: Johns Hopkins University
*Area: Biophysics*

### Certifications: Surgery, Surgery-Surgical Critical Care

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## Tara Zychowicz, NP
*Nurse Practitioner*

### Specialties: Gastrointestinal Surgery, General Surgery

### Bachelor of Science: University of South Florida
*Area: Nursing*

### Master of Science: Kennesaw State University
*Area: Nursing*

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**Procedures and Research:** Thoracic aortic disease, myocardial protection

**Special Interests:** Adult cardiac and thoracic surgery including heart transplantation and mechanical circulatory support; thoracic aortic surgery and valve surgery

**Medical School:** University of Toronto

**Internship:** The Toronto Hospital

**Residency:** Stanford University
**Area:** Cardiothoracic Surgery

**Residency:** University of Toronto
**Area:** General Surgery

**Doctor of Philosophy:** University of Toronto

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**Procedures and Research:** Extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO), mechanical circulatory support, left ventricular assist device (LVAD) surgery, complex coronary artery revascularization, complex valvular surgery, aortic surgery  
**Special Interests:** Structural heart  
**Medical School:** University of North Dakota  
**Residency:** University of Florida  
**Area:** Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery  
**Residency:** University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics  
**Area:** General Surgery  
**Fellowship:** University of Florida  
**Area:** Thoracic Transplantation and Mechanical Circulatory Support  
**Fellowship:** University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics  
**Area:** Critical Care and Extracorporeal Life Support  
**Doctorate:** North Dakota State University  
**Area:** Pharmacy  
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**Special Interests:** Structural heart

**Medical School:** University of North Dakota

**Residency:** University of Florida  
*Area:* Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery

**Residency:** University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics  
*Area:* General Surgery

**Fellowship:** University of Florida  
*Area:* Thoracic Transplantation and Mechanical Circulatory Support

**Fellowship:** University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics  
*Area:* Critical Care and Extracorporeal Life Support

**Doctorate:** North Dakota State University  
*Area:* Pharmacy

**Certifications:** Thoracic Surgery, Surgery, Surgery-Surgical Critical Care

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# Weight-Loss Surgery

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Suite 300  
Cary, NC  27519 |

| Residency | Phone: (984) 215-6365  
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| University of California, San Francisco  
**Area:** General Surgery | **Website:**  
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