



Specialists in General Surgery prides itself on providing remarkable care to its patients. All of our surgeons are certified in general surgery by the American Board of Surgery. Meet them here:



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Our surgeons see patients at the following clinic locations:

- North Memorial Health – Blaine Medical Center
- Stellis Health – Buffalo Specialty Clinic
- CentraCare Health – Monticello
- North Memorial Health – Fridley Medical Center
- North Memorial Health Clinic – St. Anthony
- North Memorial Health Medical Office Building – Maple Grove
- North Memorial Health – Minnetonka Medical Center
- North Memorial Health – Robbinsdale Medical Building
- Northwest Family Clinics – Crystal

Surgery is performed at the following facilities:

- **Robbinsdale** – North Memorial Health Hospital
- **Maple Grove**
  - Maple Grove Hospital
  - North Memorial Ambulatory Surgery Center Maple Grove
- **Blaine** – North Metro Surgery Center
- **Minnetonka** – Minnetonka Ambulatory Surgery Center
- **Buffalo** – Buffalo Hospital, Allina Health
- **Monticello**
  - CentraCare Health – Monticello Hospital
  - Monticello Surgery Center

Our surgeons provide surgical excellence in a wide range of open and laparoscopic procedures, as well as in some of the highest levels of robotic surgeries using the da Vinci® Surgical System in the Upper Midwest. Areas of specialty include:

- **Breast surgery**, including breast biopsy, breast-conserving surgery, mastectomy, nipple-sparing mastectomy and coordination with plastic surgeons for oncoplastic breast surgery and reconstruction
- **Endocrine surgery** for thyroid, parathyroid, pancreatic and adrenal disorders
- **Esophageal surgery** for achalasia, Barrett's esophagus, esophageal cancer and GERD with the new North Memorial Esophageal Center
- **Gastrointestinal/abdominal surgery**, including cholecystectomy, feeding tubes, gastric resections, small bowel resections, colon resections, appendectomy and colostomy reversal
- **Hernia surgery**, minimally invasive and open repair of the following hernias: hiatal/paraesophageal, diaphragmatic, umbilical, inguinal, complex ventral and incisional
- **Oncologic surgery** for cancer of the breast, colon, esophagus, gallbladder, liver, pancreas, skin, small intestine, spleen, stomach and thyroid, as well as lymph node biopsy and infusion port placement
- **Skin and soft tissue surgery** for excision of skin and soft tissue masses and cancers, pilonidal disease, temporal artery biopsy and foreign body removal
- **Weight loss surgery**, including gastric sleeve and Roux en Y gastric bypass, plus support of the Ideal Protein Weight Loss Program
- **Endoscopy**, including screening and diagnostic colonoscopies, upper endoscopies and PEG tube placement
- **Multi-disciplinary surgery coordination** for complex conditions
- **Optimization of care** through our Surgical Optimization Clinic, which helps to reduce complications and shorten hospital stays for patients.



Our professional surgeons and staff work with patients and referring physicians in a spirit of partnership to ensure that we deliver the best possible care. We welcome consultations, questions and suggestions.

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