

# HOUSTON METHODIST DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY CENTRAL REGION PROVIDERS

Bariatric, Weight Loss and Metabolic Surgery • Breast Surgery • Colorectal Surgery  
Endocrine Surgery • Gastrointestinal Surgery • General and Emergency Acute Care Surgery  
Surgical Oncology • Thoracic Surgery • Transplant Surgery



## Bariatric, Weight Loss and Metabolic Surgery



**Lee M.  
Morris, MD**

**LOCATION**  
Texas Medical Center

**SCHEDULING**  
713.790.3140

### EXPERTISE

- Abdominal wall reconstruction
- Bariatric surgery
- Biliary disease
- Esophageal surgery
- Gallstones

### EXPERTISE

- Laparoscopic surgery, including:
  - » Appendectomy and cholecystectomy
  - » Bile duct exploration
  - » Colon and small bowel resection
  - » Inguinal hernia and ventral hernia repair

### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** Medical College of Georgia, Augusta, GA

**Residency:** General Surgery, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, New Orleans, LA

**Fellowship:** Minimally Invasive Surgery, Houston Methodist Hospital, Houston, TX



**Patrick R.  
Reardon, MD**

**LOCATION**  
Texas Medical Center

**SCHEDULING**  
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### EXPERTISE

- Bariatric surgery
- Biliary disease
- Blood conservation
- Colon cancer
- Crohn's disease
- Esophageal surgery

### EXPERTISE

- Laparoscopic appendectomy
- Laparoscopic cancer surgery
- Laparoscopic cholecystectomy
- Liver biopsy

### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX

**Residency:** General Surgery, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX



## Vadim Sherman, MD

**LOCATION**  
Texas Medical Center

**SCHEDULING**  
713.441.5141

### EXPERTISE

- Advanced minimally invasive gastrointestinal surgery
- Bariatric and weight loss surgery
- Gallbladder surgery
- Hernia surgery
- Revision of weight loss procedures
- Surgical treatment of GERD

### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, Canada

**Residency:** General Surgery, McGill University, Montreal, Quebec, Canada

**Fellowship:** Advanced Laparoscopy and Bariatric Surgery, Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, OH



## Nabil Tariq, MD

**LOCATIONS**  
Texas Medical Center  
Sugar Land

**SCHEDULING**  
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### EXPERTISE

- Bariatric and weight loss surgery
- General and minimally invasive surgery of gallbladder, stomach and hiatal hernia
- Sleeve gastrectomy and gastric bypass
- Surgical treatment of gastroparesis
- Surgical treatment of heartburn and reflux (GERD)

### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** Aga Khan University Medical College, Karachi, Pakistan

**Residency:** General Surgery, William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oaks, MI

**Fellowships:** Minimally Invasive & Bariatric Surgery, Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, OH; Surgical Critical Care, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

## General and Emergency Acute Care Surgery



**Richard E.  
Caplan, MD**

**LOCATION**  
Texas Medical Center

**SCHEDULING**  
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### EXPERTISE

- Breast cancer management
- Colon cancer and diverticulitis
- Gallbladder surgery
- Hernia and abdominal wall reconstruction

- Removal of skin and soft tissue tumors
- Stomach and intestinal surgery
- Thyroid, parathyroid and adrenal surgery

### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, Dallas, TX

**Residency:** The University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio, TX



**Young H.  
Chun, MD**

**LOCATIONS**  
Texas Medical Center

**SCHEDULING**  
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### EXPERTISE

- Abdominal hernia repair
- Biliary disease
- Emergency and acute care surgery

- Gastrointestinal diseases
- Laparoscopic surgery
- Neuroinflammation
- Surgical critical care

### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** Rutgers University, Newark, NJ

**Residency:** General Surgery, Morristown Medical Center, Morristown, NJ

**Fellowships:** Pediatric Trauma, Cincinnati Children's Hospital, Cincinnati, OH; Research, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD; Surgical Critical Care, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX



**Sylvia  
Martinez, MD**

**LOCATION**  
Texas Medical Center

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### EXPERTISE

- Breast cancer and surgery
- Colon cancer
- Critical care surgery
- Emergency and acute care surgery
- Gallstones
- Gastrointestinal and biliary diseases

- Laparoscopic appendectomy
- Laparoscopic cancer surgery
- Laparoscopic cholecystectomy
- Laparoscopic colon resection
- Laparoscopic inguinal hernia
- Laparoscopic small bowel resection

### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** The University of Texas Health Science Center, Houston, TX

**Residency:** General Surgery, Houston Methodist Hospital, Houston, TX

**Fellowship:** Surgical Critical Care, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX



**Michael A.  
Norman, MD**

**LOCATION**  
Texas Medical Center

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### EXPERTISE

- Emergency general surgery
- Gallbladder surgery
- GI surgery
- Groin and umbilical hernia surgery

- Laparoscopic surgery
- Laparoscopic ventral hernia repair
- Surgical critical care
- Ventilatory support

### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** Emory University, Atlanta, GA

**Residency:** General Surgery, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX

**Fellowship:** Trauma Surgery/Critical Care, Emory University, Atlanta, GA



## Michael Reader, MD

**LOCATION**  
Texas Medical Center

**SCHEDULING**  
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### EXPERTISE

- Biliary and gallstone disease
- Complex hernia surgery
- Gastrointestinal surgery
- General and laparoscopic surgery
- Laparoscopic cholecystectomy
- Recurrent hernia repair

### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** Tulane University, New Orleans, LA  
**Residency:** General Surgery, University of Florida, Jacksonville, FL



## Timothy Sehorn, MD

**LOCATION**  
Texas Medical Center

**SCHEDULING**  
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### EXPERTISE

- Biliary disease
- Biopsy
- Breast biopsy
- Breast cancer
- Breast surgery
- Emergency and acute care surgery
- Gallstones
- Gastrointestinal disease
- Head and neck surgery
- Hemorrhoids
- Laparoscopic appendectomy

### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** The University of Texas Health Science Center, Houston, TX  
**Residency:** General Surgery, The University of Texas Health Science Center, Houston, TX



## Nicole M. Tapia, MD

**LOCATIONS**  
Texas Medical Center

**SCHEDULING**  
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### EXPERTISE

- Advanced minimally invasive gastrointestinal surgery
- Critical care surgery
- Emergency and acute care surgery
- Gallbladder surgery
- Hernia surgery
- Surgical treatment of GERD

### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** The University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio, TX  
**Residency:** General Surgery, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX  
**Fellowship:** Surgical Critical Care, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX

## Surgical Oncology and Endocrine Surgery



**Kelvin Allenson, MD**

**LOCATIONS**

Texas Medical Center  
Sugar Land  
Willowbrook

**SCHEDULING**

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**EXPERTISE**

- Basal cell skin cancer
- Colon and rectal cancer
- Gastric cancer
- Gastrointestinal neuroendocrine tumors

- Gastrointestinal stromal tumors
- Melanoma
- Merkel cell carcinoma
- Small bowel tumors
- Soft tissue sarcoma (abdominal/retroperitoneal, trunk, extremity)
- Squamous cell skin cancer

**EDUCATION & TRAINING**

**Medical School:** University of Miami, Miami, FL

**Residency:** General Surgery, The University of Texas Health Science Center, Houston, TX

**Fellowships:** National Institutes of Health (NIH) T32 Research, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX; Complex General Surgical Oncology, Moffitt Cancer Center, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL



**Fernando Angarita, MD, MSc**

**LOCATION**

Texas Medical Center

**SCHEDULING**

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**EXPERTISE**

- Axillary lymph node procedures
- Benign breast disease

- Breast cancer

- Lumpectomy
- Male breast cancer
- Mastectomy
- Nipple-sparing mastectomy

**EDUCATION & TRAINING**

**Medical School:** Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Bogota, Colombia

**Residency:** General Surgery, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

**Fellowship:** Breast Surgical Oncology, Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center, Buffalo, NY



**Nestor Esnaola, MD, MPH, MBA**

**LOCATION**

Texas Medical Center

**SCHEDULING**

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**EXPERTISE**

- Bile duct cancer
- Colon cancer
- Gallbladder cancer
- Gastric cancer
- Gastroesophageal junction cancer

- Pancreatic cancer

- Liver tumor
- Rectal cancer
- Sarcoma
- Small bowel tumor

**EDUCATION & TRAINING**

**Medical School:** Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD

**Residency:** General Surgery, Brigham and Women's Hospital/Harvard University, Boston, MA

**Fellowship:** Surgical Oncology, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX



## Gilchrist L. Jackson, MD

**LOCATION**  
Texas Medical Center

**SCHEDULING**  
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### EXPERTISE

- Breast surgery and cancer
- Endocrine surgery
- General surgery
- Head and neck surgery
- Hyperparathyroidism
- Melanoma
- Thyroid cancer/mass
- Surgical oncology

### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** University of Louisville, Louisville, KY

**Residency:** The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, Dallas, TX

**Fellowship:** Surgical Oncology, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX



## Helmi S. Khadra, MD

**LOCATIONS**  
Texas Medical Center  
Sugar Land

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### EXPERTISE

- Adrenal surgery
- Aldosteronoma
- Cushing's syndrome, Graves' disease and inherited endocrine syndromes
- Gastrointestinal and pancreatic neuroendocrine tumors
- Hyperparathyroidism
- Minimally invasive splenectomy
- Parathyroid surgery and neck dissection for recurrent disease, including revision
- Pheochromocytoma and paraganglioma
- Radiofrequency ablation of thyroid nodules and metastatic disease
- Robotic surgery
- Thyroid surgery

### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** American University of Antigua, Osbourn, Antigua & Barbuda

**Residency:** General Surgery, Tulane University, New Orleans, LA

**Fellowship:** Endocrine and Oncology Surgery, Yale University, New Haven, CT



## Sherry Lim, MD

**LOCATION**  
Texas Medical Center

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### EXPERTISE

- Blood conservation
- Breast cancer
- Breast reconstruction
- Breast surgery
- Gastrointestinal disease
- Nipple-sparing mastectomy
- Skin cancer
- Thyroid surgery

### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** University of Vermont, Burlington, VT

**Residency:** General Surgery, Northwestern University, Chicago, IL

**Fellowship:** Surgical Oncology, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX



## Federico Tozzi, MD

**LOCATION**  
Texas Medical Center  
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### EXPERTISE

- Benign breast diseases
- Benign endocrine diseases
- Breast malignancies
- Endocrine malignancies
- Soft tissue malignancies

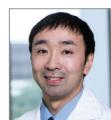
### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** University of Siena, Siena, Italy

**Residencies:** General Surgery, Houston Methodist Hospital, Houston, TX; General Surgery, Wright State University, Dayton, OH

**Fellowship:** Complex General Surgical Oncology, City of Hope National Cancer Center, Los Angeles, CA

## Thoracic Surgery



**Ray Chihara,  
MD, PhD**

**LOCATION**

Texas Medical Center

**SCHEDULING**

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**EXPERTISE**

- Chest wall resection
- Foregut and esophageal surgery
- Hiatal hernia surgery
- Hyperhidrosis
- Interstitial lung disease
- Lung and mediastinal mass resection
- Lung cancer surgery and thoracic oncology
- Lung transplant
- Pleural disease
- Robotic surgery and minimally invasive thoracic surgery

**EDUCATION & TRAINING**

**Medical School:** Indiana University, Indianapolis, IN

**Residency:** General Surgery, Indiana University, Indianapolis, IN

**Fellowship:** Thoracic Surgery, Emory University, Atlanta, GA



**Min Kim, MD**

**LOCATION**

Texas Medical Center

**SCHEDULING**

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**EXPERTISE**

- Diaphragm paralysis
- Esophageal cancer
- Gastroesophageal reflux disease and achalasia
- Hiatal hernia
- Lung cancer
- Mediastinal masses
- Pectus excavatum
- Rib fractures
- Robotic-assisted minimally invasive thoracic surgery
- Suspicious lung nodules
- Thymoma

**EDUCATION & TRAINING**

**Medical School:** John Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD

**Residency:** General Surgery, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston, MA

**Fellowship:** Thoracic Surgery, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX



**Warren  
Naselsky, MD**

**LOCATION**

Texas Medical Center

**SCHEDULING**

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**EXPERTISE**

- Benign lung disease
- Chest wall and diaphragmatic disease
- Foregut surgery
- Lung and esophageal cancer
- Lung transplantation
- Mediastinal tumors
- Minimally invasive thoracic surgery
- Pleural mesothelioma and pleural tumors
- Robotic thoracic surgery

**EDUCATION & TRAINING**

**Medical School:** University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC

**Residency:** Integrated Cardiothoracic Surgery, University of Maryland Medical Center, Baltimore, MD

**Fellowship:** NIH T32 Cancer Biology Research, University of Maryland Medical Center, Baltimore, MD

## Transplant Surgery



### Yee Lee Cheah, MD

**LOCATION**  
Texas Medical Center

**SCHEDULING**  
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#### EXPERTISE

- Liver transplantation surgery
- Robotic general surgery

- Robotic kidney transplantation
- Robotic living donor surgery
- Robotic surgery on the liver, pancreas and bile ducts

#### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, Dublin, Ireland

**Residency:** General Surgery, Rhode Island Hospital/Brown University, Providence, RI

**Fellowship:** Transplantation & Hepatobiliary Surgery, Lahey Hospital & Medical Center/Tufts University, Burlington, MA



### Ashton Connor, MD, PhD

**LOCATION**  
Texas Medical Center

**SCHEDULING**  
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#### EXPERTISE

- Biliary surgery
- Liver surgery

- Liver transplant
- Pancreas surgery
- Translational research

#### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

**Residency:** Anatomical Pathology, General Surgery, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

**Fellowship:** Abdominal Transplantation, Duke University, Durham, NC



### A. Osama Gaber, MD

Chair, Department of Surgery

**LOCATION**  
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#### EXPERTISE

- Blood conservation
- Kidney transplant
- Living donor kidney transplant
- Liver transplant

- Pancreatic disease
- Pancreas transplant
- Vascularized skin, scalp and composite tissue transplant

#### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** Ain Shams University, Cairo, Egypt

**Residency:** General Surgery, Boston University, Boston, MA

**Fellowship:** Transplantation Research, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL



### R. Mark Ghobrial, MD, PhD

Director, Houston Methodist J.C. Walter Jr. Transplant Center

**LOCATION**  
Texas Medical Center

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#### EXPERTISE

- Biliary disease
- Hepatocellular and cholangiocarcinoma
- Liver biopsy

- Liver disease
- Liver surgery
- Liver transplant
- Living donor liver transplant

#### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** Cairo University, Cairo, Egypt

**Residency:** General Surgery, The University of Texas Health Science Center, Houston, TX

**Fellowship:** Liver Transplant, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA

## Transplant Surgery (cont.)



**Mark J.  
Hobeika, MD**

**LOCATION**  
Texas Medical Center

**SCHEDULING**  
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### EXPERTISE

- Hepatobiliary and pancreatic surgery
- Kidney transplant
- Liver transplant
- Pancreas transplant

### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA

**Residency:** General Surgery, New York University, New York, NY

**Fellowship:** Transplant Surgery, University of California-San Francisco, San Francisco, CA



**Richard J.  
Knight, MD**

**LOCATION**  
Texas Medical Center

**SCHEDULING**  
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### EXPERTISE

- Kidney transplant
- Living donor kidney transplant
- Pancreas transplant
- Pancreatic surgery

### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** Tulane University, New Orleans, LA

**Residency:** General Surgery, Mount Sinai, New York, NY

**Fellowship:** Transplant Surgery, The University of Texas Health Science Center, Houston, TX



**Constance  
Mobley, MD, PhD**

**LOCATION**  
Texas Medical Center

**SCHEDULING**  
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### EXPERTISE

- Acute and critical care surgery
- Kidney transplant
- Liver and biliary diseases
- Liver surgery
- Liver transplant

### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN

**Residency:** General Surgery, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

**Fellowships:** Surgical Critical Care, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI; Transplant Surgery, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA



## Ashish Saharia, MD

### LOCATIONS

Texas Medical Center  
Sugar Land

### SCHEDULING

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### EXPERTISE

- Bile duct cancer
- Cancer surgery
- Kidney transplant surgery

### EXPERTISE

- Liver cancer
- Liver transplant surgery
- Pancreas transplant surgery
- Pancreatic cancer

### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** Jawaharlal Nehru Medical Colledge, Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh, India

**Residency:** General Surgery, Houston Methodist Hospital, Houston, TX

**Fellowships:** Pediatric Cancer Surgery, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memphis, TN; Transplant Surgery, University of Tennessee, Memphis, TN



## Paul Schroder, MD, PhD

### LOCATION

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### SCHEDULING

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### EXPERTISE

- Donor procurement
- Kidney transplant

### EXPERTISE

- Minimally invasive living donor nephrectomy
- Pancreas transplant

### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** University of Toledo, Toledo, OH

**Residency:** General Surgery, Duke University, Durham, NC

**Fellowship:** Abdominal Organ Transplant, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI



## Caroline Simon, MD

### LOCATION

Texas Medical Center

### SCHEDULING

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### EXPERTISE

- Benign and malignant tumors of the liver, gallbladder, bile duct, and pancreas
- Cancer surgery
- General surgery

### EXPERTISE

- Hepatobiliary surgery
- Kidney transplantation
- Living and deceased donor liver transplantation
- Pancreas surgery
- Portal hypertension surgery
- Robotic surgery
- Transplant surgery

### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** University College Cork, Cork, Ireland

**Residency:** General Surgery, Rhode Island Hospital/Brown University, Providence, RI

**Fellowship:** Transplantation & Hepatobiliary Surgery, Lahey Hospital & Medical Center/Tufts University, Burlington, MA



## Stephanie Yi, MD, MPH

### LOCATION

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### SCHEDULING

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### EXPERTISE

- General surgery
- Kidney transplant
- Laparoscopic and robotic donor nephrectomy

### EXPERTISE

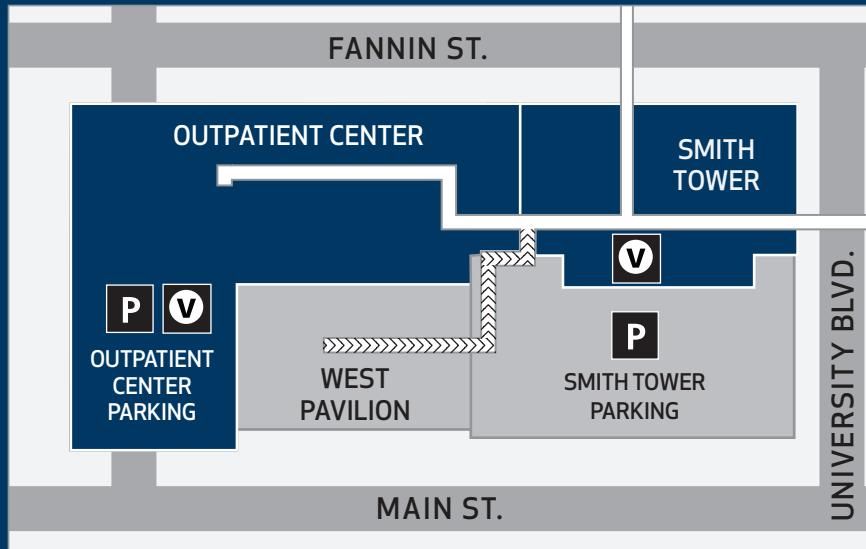
- Pancreas transplant
- Parathyroid disease
- Robotic surgery

### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** University of Buffalo/SUNY, Buffalo, NY

**Residency:** General Surgery, Houston Methodist Hospital, Houston, TX

**Fellowship:** Abdominal Transplant Surgery, Houston Methodist Hospital, Houston, TX



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### TEXAS MEDICAL CENTER

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- **Bariatric Surgery:** SURG HMH SM 1501
- **General Surgery:** SURG HMH SM 1501
- **MIS GI Surgery (Morris/Reardon):** SURG HMH SM 2435
- **Surgical Oncology:** SURG HMH SM 1501
- **Thoracic Surgery:** SURG THOR HMH SM 1501
- **Transplant Surgery:** call 713.441.5451 or fax



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