

Melissa M. Felinski, D.O.

PRESENT TITLE:

Assistant Professor of Surgery
Associate Program Director, Minimally Invasive/Bariatric Surgery Fellowship
Director of Bariatric Surgery, Memorial Hermann Katy Hospital

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University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston | McGovern Medical School
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CITIZENSHIP:

United States of America

UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION:

2003-2007 University of Florida
 Gainesville, Florida
 Bachelor of Health Science, Cum Laude

GRADUATE EDUCATION:

2007-2011 Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine
 Fort Lauderdale, Florida
 Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine, with Distinction

POST-GRADUATE TRAINING AND FELLOWSHIP APPOINTMENTS

2011-2016 TriHealth – Good Samaritan Hospital
 Cincinnati, Ohio
 General Surgery Residency Program
 Chairman: George M. Kerlakian, MD
 Program Director: Kevin J. Grannan, MD

2016-2017 University of Texas Health Science Center
 Houston, Texas
 Minimally Invasive/Robotic/ Bariatric Surgery Fellowship
 Chairman: Richard J. Andrassy, MD
 Program Director: Erik B. Wilson, MD

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2016-2017 Clinical Instructor
 Department of Surgery
 Division of Elective General Surgery
 University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston

2017-Present Assistant Professor of Surgery
 Department of Surgery
 Division of Minimally Invasive Surgery
 University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston

HOSPITAL APPOINTMENTS:

2017-Present Memorial Hermann Texas Medical Center
 2017-Present Memorial Hermann Texas Medical Center Surgery Center
 2017-Present Memorial Hermann Katy Hospital
 2017-Present Memorial Hermann Sugar Land Hospital
 2017-Present Memorial Hermann Memorial City Hospital
 Pending Harris Health – Lyndon Baines Johnson (LBJ) General Hospital

LICENSURE:

State Medical Board of Ohio, License Number – 58.004241 (2011-2016)
 Texas Medical Board, License Number – Q7039 (Active)
 Controlled Substances Registration, Texas Department of Public Safety (Active)
 Controlled Substances Registration, Drug Enforcement Administration (Active)

CERTIFICATION:

Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support, expires 11/2017
 Advanced Trauma Life Support, expires 5/12/2020
 Advanced Surgical Skills for Exposure in Trauma (2014)
 American Board of Surgery #062549 (3/27/2017 – 12/31/2027)
 Basic Life Support, expires 5/2018
 Fundamentals of Endoscopic Surgery (2017)
 Fundamentals of Laparoscopic Surgery (2016)
 Intuitive Surgical da Vinci System Training as Console Surgeon (2016)
 National Board of Medical Examiners (USMLE Step 1)
 National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (COMLEX 1, 2CE, 2PE, 3)
 ASMBS Certificate of Acknowledgement of Satisfactory Training: Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery for Fellows (Pending)
 SAGES Certificate for Advanced GI/MIS and/or Flexible Endoscopy Fellowship (Pending)

ADVANCED TRAINING:

2014 August Laparoscopic Hernia Repair for General Surgery Residents
 The Ohio State University
 Columbus, Ohio

2016 August Medtronic
 Fellows in Minimally Invasive Surgery – Bariatric Program
 Center for Advancing Medical Learning and Simulation (CAMLS)
 Tampa, Florida

2016 September SAGES Flexible Endoscopy Fellows Course

Methodist Institute for Technology, Innovation and Education
(MITIE)
Houston, Texas

- 2016 October Intuitive Surgical, Inc.
Da Vinci System Training as a Console Surgeon
Intuitive Surgical Atlanta
Atlanta, Georgia
- 2017 March Apollo Endosurgery
OverStitch™ Endoscopic Suturing System for Endoscopic Sleeve
Gastroplasty
Surgical Innovation and Robotics Institute (SIRI)
Houston, Texas

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

American College of Surgeons, Associate Fellow
American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery
Association of Women Surgeons
Clinical Robotic Surgery Association
Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons

HONORS/AWARDS:

2003-2004 President's Honor Roll, University of Florida
2003-2007 Dean's List, University of Florida
2003-2007 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship, full-tuition merit scholarship
2004-2007 Southern Scholarship Foundation Scholarship
2007-2011 Chancellors' List, Nova Southeastern University College of
Osteopathic Medicine
2011 Top 10% of the Class of 2011 with Honors, Nova Southeastern
University College of Osteopathic Medicine
2011 Psi Sigma Alpha National Osteopathic Scholastic Honor Society
Theta Chapter

LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES:

2014-2016 TriHealth - Good Samaritan Hospital Graduate Medical Education
Committee, Resident Liaison

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

2007 May-July Anatomy Fellow
Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

2007 Teaching Assistant, Gross Anatomy
Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

**RESEARCH:
PUBLISHED**

1. Santin BJ, Lohr JM, Panke TW, Neville PM, **Felinski MM**, Kuhn BA, Recht MH, Muck PE. Venous duplex and pathologic differences in thrombus characteristics between de novo deep vein thrombi and endovenous heat-induced thrombi. *Journal of Vascular Surgery: Venous and Lymphatic Disorders*. 2015 Apr 30;3(2):184-9. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jvsv.2014.08.004>.

SUBMITTED

1. **Felinski M**, Bajwa SK, Shah SK. Erosion of gastric band tubing presenting as port-site cellulitis. *CRSLS, MIS Case Reports from SLS 2017-* in press.
2. **Felinski M**, Harmouch M, Wilson EB, Shah SK. Endoscopy in Obesity: A Comprehensive Guide. Chapter 12: Weight Recidivism after Gastric Bypass and Endoscopic Solutions.
3. **Felinski M**, Purtell A, Wilson EB, Shah SK. *SAGES Manual of Bariatric Surgery*. Chapter: Robotic Conversion and Revisional Surgery.
4. **Felinski M**, Harmouch M, Wilson EB, Shah SK. Complications in Bariatric Surgery. Chapter: Gastric Band Erosion.

ACTIVE

1. **Felinski M**, Shah SK. Management of LAGB Complications: Reflux, Band Erosion, Dilated Esophagus. In: Thompson CC, ed. *Bariatric Endoscopy*, 2nd ed. Springer Science+Business Media, Media, PA
2. **Felinski M**, Shah SK. The evolving experience of simultaneous LVAD and sleeve gastrectomy in morbidly obese patients with severe heart failure.
3. **Felinski M**, Shah SK. ECMO rescue for severe aspiration pneumonitis in patients with roux-en-Y gastric bypass: Report of 2 cases
4. **Felinski M**, Shah SK. Single Institution Retrospective Review of Robotic Para-esophageal Hernia Repair (2003-2016)

POSTER PRESENTATIONS:

1. Snyder B, Wilson E, Wilson T, Mehta S, Bajwa K, Klein C, **Felinski M**. A randomized trial comparing reflux symptoms in sleeve gastrectomy patients with or without hiatal hernia repair. *ASMBS 2016 Annual Meeting*, New Orleans, Louisiana. November 2-4, 2016.

ORAL PRESENTATIONS**LOCAL/REGIONAL**

1. **Felinski M**. Review of Epiphrenic Diverticulum. Multidisciplinary GI-Surgery Conference, Departments of Surgery and Gastroenterology, TriHealth - Good Samaritan Hospital, Cincinnati, Ohio. April 18, 2013.
2. **Felinski M**. Penetrating Neck Trauma. Grand Rounds, Department of Surgery, Division of Trauma, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio. May 30, 2013.
3. **Felinski M**, Kelley, SR. A Systematic Review of the Mucosa-Associated Lymphoid Tissue (MALT) Variant of Primary Rectal Lymphoma: Is there an optimal treatment?

- TriHealth Resident Research Presentations, Department of Surgery, TriHealth - Good Samaritan Hospital, Cincinnati, Ohio. September 5, 2014.
4. **Felinski M.** Review of Carcinoid Tumors. Multidisciplinary GI-Surgery Conference, Departments of Surgery and Gastroenterology, TriHealth - Good Samaritan Hospital, Cincinnati, Ohio. October 23, 2014.
 5. **Felinski M.** Issues in Geriatric Trauma and TQIP Guidelines. Grand Rounds, Department of Surgery, Division of Trauma, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio. January 22, 2015.
 6. **Felinski M.** Pancreatic Cancer, Have We Made Any Progress? Grand Rounds, Department of Surgery, TriHealth - Good Samaritan Hospital, Cincinnati, Ohio. April 17, 2015.
 7. **Felinski M.** Robotic Surgery: A Revolution or a Rip-off? Grand Rounds, Department of Surgery, TriHealth - Good Samaritan Hospital, Cincinnati, Ohio. February 19, 2016.

NATIONAL

1. **Felinski M, Kelley, SR.** A Systematic Review of the Mucosa-Associated Lymphoid Tissue (MALT) Variant of Primary Rectal Lymphoma: Is there an optimal treatment? Western Surgical Association 123rd Scientific Session, Napa Valley, California. November 10, 2015.
2. **Felinski M, Tymitz K.** Gastric Diverticulum Resection: A Minimally Invasive Approach. SAGES 2016 Annual Meeting, Video presentation, Boston, Massachusetts. March 17, 2016.