

## **Dimitrios Stefanidis, MD, PhD, FACS, FASMBS, FSSH**

### **Short Biosketch**

Dr Stefanidis is a professor of surgery with tenure and vice chair of education at the Indiana University department of surgery. He also serves as the chief of the Minimally Invasive and Bariatric Surgery, the medical director of the Bariatric program at IU Health North Hospital, and the surgical director of the IU comprehensive Accredited Education Institute.

Dr Stefanidis completed his medical school at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki in 1995 and his dissertation at the Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-University of Bonn School of Medicine in 1998. After completion of an internship in general surgery at the AHEPA hospital in Thessaloniki in 1999, Dr Stefanidis migrated to the USA for his general surgery residency training at the University of Texas Health Sciences Center in San Antonio, TX. Dr Stefanidis went on to complete a research fellowship in surgical simulation at Tulane University in New Orleans, LA and a minimally invasive and bariatric surgery fellowship in Charlotte, NC.

He joined the faculty of Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte, NC (now Atrium Healthcare) in 2006 where he served as attending general and bariatric surgeon in the department of surgery and the medical director of Carolinas Simulation Center an American College of Surgeons (ACS) accredited education institute (AEI). In 2016 Dr Stefanidis was recruited to join the department of surgery at Indiana University and lead its education efforts.

During his career Dr Stefanidis has demonstrated a passion for research and has published over 170 peer-reviewed papers in prestigious surgical journals, given over 200 scientific presentations at a national/ international stage, received more than 20 research awards, and obtained over \$2 million dollars in funding from the federal government and national organizations. He has mentored over 50 surgical faculty, fellows, residents, and students and is currently leading two very productive education and clinical outcome research teams. In 2018 he received the ASE Excellence in Innovation award for his work on mental skills curriculum development.

At the national level Dr Stefanidis is a board member of the Society of American Gastrointestinal Endoscopic Surgeons (SAGES), of the Association for Surgical (ASE), and the Institute for Surgical Excellence (ISE). He serves as the ASE secretary and is expected to preside over that organization in 2022. He further serves as chair of the SAGES guidelines committee, co-chair of the research committee of the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery, co-chair of the research and development committee of the ACS-AEI, chair of the Society for Simulation in Healthcare (SSH) novice research grant program and is active in several other national committees. He is a site surveyor for the ACS-AEI accreditation program. He also serves as associate editor for the Journal of Simulation in Healthcare and is the ASE recorder for the American Journal of Surgery.

His contributions to surgery and education have been recognized by the Society for Simulation in Healthcare which awarded him a presidential citation and elected him as its fellow, by the American College of Surgeons, who elected him as associate member of the Academy of Master Educators, and by SAGES who bestowed him an Excellence in Medical Leadership Award in 2018.

Dr Stefanidis is excited to participate in the Hellenic Diaspora Medical Forum in his alma mater!