Our Surgeons



Ihor N. Ponomarenko M.D., F.A.C.S

Dr. Ihor N. Ponomarenko is a board certified general surgeon and has specialty

training in Surgical Oncology. Dr. Ponomarenko is the Division Chief of General Surgery at Griffin Hospital and Cancer Liaison Physician for its Center for Cancer Care. He is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and the Society of Surgical Oncology. His surgical interests include breast, robotic hernia repair and gallbladder surgery. He specializes in thyroid, upper digestive tract and colorectal malignancies. He received his medical degree from Jefferson College. He completed his Surgical Residency at SUNY Downstate and his Surgical Oncology Fellowship at Roger Williams Medical Center.



Leland J. Soto III M.D., F.A.C.S

Dr. Leland J. Soto III is a board certified general surgeon. Dr. Soto serves as

Director of the Surgical Physician Assistant Program at Griffin Hospital. He is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and is a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps. His surgical interest are in breast, robotic hernia repair and gallbladder surgery. He specializes in advanced laparoscopic/robotic surgery, including colon resection, hiatal hernia repair, adrenalectomy, and splenectomy. He received his medical degree from Dartmouth Medical School and completed his Surgical Residency at the University of Minnesota.

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About Griffin Faculty Physicians

Griffin Faculty Physicians is a multi-specialty medical group affiliated with Griffin Hospital. Griffin Faculty Physicians provides high-quality medical care and unparalleled service to the Lower Naugatuck Valley area and surrounding communities.



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Griffin Faculty Physicians Surgical Specialists offer patients expert care in a wide range of surgical treatments and diagnostic procedures. Our person-centered focus ensures individualized and high-quality care that makes the patients' needs our top priority.



Convenient, expert and efficient care

Providing you with ease of mind is important to us, so we see most patients within one week and urgent matters can be accommodated that day or the next day. Our office is conveniently located across the street from Griffin Hospital and across the hall from the Hewitt Center for Breast Wellness, providing us with quick access to advanced technology.

Diagnostic Procedures

Our office is fully equipped to perform therapeutic and diagnostic procedures, including:

- Basal and Squamous Cell Cancer Excision
- Cyst and Lipoma Excision
- Abscess Drainage
- Fine Needle Aspiration (ultrasound guided) for Breast Cysts, Lymph Nodes, and Head and Neck Masses
- Core Needle Biopsy (ultrasound guided) for Breast Masses and Lymph Nodes

Surgical Treatments

Our expert surgeons specialize in a wide range of treatments, including robotic-assisted surgery using Griffin Hospital's state-of-the-art da Vinci Xi Surgical System, which provides minimally-invasive surgery that results in faster recovery and improved outcomes.

Head and Neck

- Thyroid and Parathyroidectomy
- Parotidectomy

Breast

- Lumpectomoy and Mastectomy
- Sentinel Lymph Node Biopsy/Dissection

Gastric Resection

• Benign and Malignant Disease

Hepatobiliary/Pancreas

- Cholecystectomy
- Bile Duct Resection
- Pancreatic Resection
- Pancreatic Pseudocyst

Colorectal

- Colon Resection
- Rectal Resection
- Perirectal Abscess/Pilonidal Abscess

Laparoscopic/Robotic Procedures

- Cholecystectomy
- Colon Resection
- Nissen Fundoplication
- Paraesophageal Hernia Repair
- Gastrectomy
- Appendectomy
- Splenectomy
- Adrenalectomy

Hernia Repair

- Robotic Inguinal and Femoral Hernia
- Robotic Ventral and Incisional Hernia
- Open Inguinal and Umbilical Hernia

Melanoma

- Wide Excision and Graft Reconstruction
- Sentinel Lymph Node Biopsy
- Lymph Node Dissection