



Victoria Lyo, M.D., M.T.M.

Philosophy of Care

I believe in providing compassionate and expert care for my patients to obtain optimal outcomes and relief from their problems. I rely on current, data-driven best practices for my surgical recommendations as well as the rich expertise of my colleagues and mentors to ensure my patients do well.

I strive to listen thoroughly and communicate clearly to explain my clinical reasoning and recommendations so that patients completely understand their options and what to expect. I treat my patients with the same respect and kindness as I would want my own family to receive.

Clinical Interests

Dr. Lyo specializes in minimally invasive (laparoscopic and robotic) and traditional open techniques to address obesity, foregut diseases such as GERD, achalasia, and hiatal hernias, as well as abdominal wall and groin hernias, and gallbladder disease.

She is fellowship-trained in minimally invasive surgery and has expertise in:

- Foregut: esophageal dilation and stenting, Heller myotomy for achalasia, anti-reflux procedures, hiatal hernias, gastric funduplications and gastric resection, feeding tube placement, gastroparesis
- Bariatrics: gastric bypass, sleeve gastrectomy, revisional/redo surgery
- Hernia: complex abdominal wall reconstruction, component separation, groin hernias
- Biliary: gallbladder removal, bile duct exploration, laparoscopic-assisted ERCP

Research/Academic Interests

Dr. Lyo's research focuses on understanding the interactions between the gut microbiome and human host, specifically on how the microbiome contributes to obesity and wound healing. By better understanding this area, she aims to improve the management of obesity and outcomes after bariatric and hernia surgery.

Dr. Lyo has an extensive biomedical research background and holds a Master degree in Translational Medicine from UC Berkeley and UCSF. She is committed to developing innovative devices and products to bring into clinical practice.

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| Internships | University of California San Francisco, San Francisco CA 2011-2012 |
| Residency | General Surgery, University of California San Francisco, San Francisco CA 2012-2018 |
| Fellowships | Advanced GI and Minimally Invasive Surgery, Oregon Health & Science University, Portland OR 2018-2019 |
| Board Certifications | American Board of Surgery - General Surgery da Vinci Robotic Platform Certified |
| Professional Memberships | American College of Surgeons American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery Association of Women Surgeons Naffziger Surgical Society Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons Society of Asian Academic Surgeons |
| Honors and Awards | Pacific Northwest American College of Surgeons Bruce Wolfe Bariatric Research Award, 2019 UC San Francisco Lawrence Way Critical Thinking Award, 2018 UC San Francisco Dean's Prize in Research Award, 2011 Pancreas Club Best Oral Presentation Research Award, 2010 Howard Hughes Medical Institute Medical Research Fellowship, 2009, 2010 |
| Select Recent Publications | Lyo V, Schafer A, Stewart L. Roux-en-Y Gastric Bypass is a Safe and Effective Option that Improves |



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