Hooman Shabatian, MD

Board-Certified Bariatric Surgeon | Medical Director | Expert Medical Consultant

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Professional Summary

Board-certified bariatric surgeon with over two decades of hands-on surgical experience, including more than 15 years at high-volume bariatric surgery centers across Southern California. I have performed thousands of weight loss procedures with a primary focus on gastric bypass, sleeve gastrectomy, duodenal switch, one anastomosis gastric bypass, endoscopic sleeve gastroplasty, and intragastric balloon placement. Since 2008, over 95% of my surgical practice has been dedicated to the care of bariatric patients.

I currently hold bariatric surgery privileges at four hospitals in Southern California and serve as Medical Director of Mount Sinai Surgery Center in Tarzana, a leadership role I've held since 2010. My breadth of clinical experience, attention to perioperative detail, and commitment to surgical safety make me uniquely qualified to review and analyze adverse outcomes in bariatric surgery. I am actively expanding my work as a medical-legal consultant, offering expert reviews, chart audits, and opinions on standard of care in bariatric surgical cases.

Areas of Expertise

- Gastric Bypass (Roux-en-Y and One Anastomosis)
- Sleeve Gastrectomy
- Duodenal Switch Endoscopic Sleeve Gastroplasty
- Intragastric Balloon Placement
- Surgical Complications and Revisions
- Medical-Legal Record Review & Expert Case Analysis
- Perioperative Risk Management in Obesity Surgery

Education

- M.D. Chicago Medical School at Finch University of Health Sciences, 2001
- M.S., Applied Physiology Chicago Medical School, 1997
- B.S., Biology University of California, Los Angeles, 1995

Postgraduate Training

- Bariatric Surgery Fellowship, LA Weight Loss, Los Angeles, CA | 2008–2009
- General Surgery Residency, Kaiser Permanente Medical Center | 2003–2008
- General Surgery Residency, Loyola University Medical Center | 2002–2003
- Surgical Internship (Categorical), Lincoln Medical & Mental Health Center, NYC | 2001–2002

Professional Experience

- Medical Director
 Mount Sinai Surgery Center, Tarzana, CA | 2010–Present
- Lead a high-volume bariatric program with multidisciplinary team coordination
- Perform advanced minimally invasive and endoscopic bariatric procedures
- Oversee protocol implementation for surgical safety, outcomes tracking, and patient education
- Bariatric Surgeon
 Private Practice and Affiliate Hospitals | 2009–Present
- Maintain bariatric privileges at four Southern California hospitals
- More than 95% of case volume dedicated to bariatric surgery since 2008
- Extensive experience managing complex cases, revisions, and postoperative complications

Medical-Legal Services Offered

- Expert review of bariatric surgery cases
- Standard of care opinions and declarations
- Chart review and summary for attorneys
- Consultations on post-surgical outcomes, complications, and cause of death evaluations