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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Board-certified General Surgeon and Fellow of the American College of Surgeons with over 26 years of high-volume clinical experience. Recognized expert in advanced laparoscopic procedures, spanning abdominal wall reconstruction, complex colorectal surgery, and endoscopy. Proven track record of clinical leadership and service line creation, most notably developing a pioneering weekend colonoscopy screening program that significantly expanded regional patient access. Served as a Surgical Course Director for BD Pharmaceuticals, training peer surgeons in advanced laparoscopic ventral and inguinal hernia repair techniques. Brings extensive private practice and health system experience, optimizing OR efficiency, advancing minimally invasive surgical standards, and ensuring seamless clinical coverage.

CORE CLINICAL & LEADERSHIP COMPETENCIES

- **Surgical Expertise:** Advanced Laparoscopic Ventral & Inguinal Hernia Repair; Laparoscopic Colorectal Surgery.
- **Endoscopy & Program Development:** High-volume endoscopy; Co-developer of a specialized Saturday colonoscopy screening initiative.
- **Surgical Education & Proctoring:** Associate Clinical Professor (University of Louisville); Surgical Course Director (BD Pharmaceuticals).
- **Specialized Procedures:** Gastric Neurostimulator Placement (Complex Gastroparesis).
- **Practice Management:** Extensive experience coordinating multi-surgeon coverage across distinct hospital systems.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE & HOSPITAL APPOINTMENTS

Independent General Surgeon & Locum Tenens Provider (08/2026 – Present)

- Established an independent Professional Limited Liability Company (PLLC) to provide flexible, direct surgical coverage and expert witness consulting.
- Partner with regional facilities to complement current surgical staff, alleviate team burnout, and manage case volume on a part-time basis.

University of Louisville / U of L Health

- *Associate Clinical Professor* | Louisville, KY | (03/2022 – 05/2026)
 - University of Louisville Hospital (03/2019 – 05/2026).
 - Sts. Mary and Elizabeth Hospital (06/2002 – 05/2026).
- Served as the Director of the Bariatric Surgical Center of Excellence at Mary and Elizabeth Hospital since (03/2002 – 05/2026).
- Co-developed and launched a highly successful colonoscopy screening program at UL Mary & Elizabeth Hospital in 2021, pioneering the city's only Saturday colonoscopy service to drastically improve patient access and capture regional volume.
- Maintained a high-volume practice focused heavily on advanced laparoscopic hernia repairs, abdominal wall reconstruction, and endoscopy.
- Served as the exclusive regional provider for gastric neurostimulator placement, accepting complex gastroparesis referrals from across the area.

Previous Hospital Appointments & Practice Experience

- General and Surgical Endoscopy, Audubon Regional Medical Center | (07/1999 – 05/2011).
- General, Vascular and Surgical Endoscopy, Southwest Hospital | (06/1999 – 04/2008).
- Served as a Surgical Course Director for BD Pharmaceuticals, formally training and mentoring surgeons in Advanced Laparoscopic Hernia Repair.

CLINICAL STUDIES & LECTURESHIPS

National and International Studies:

- **2017:** Design of a comparative outcome analysis of open, laparoscopic, or robotic-assisted incisional or inguinal hernia repair utilizing surgeon experience. A Prospective, Multicenter Post-Market Study to Evaluate and Compare the Clinical Outcomes, Pain and Patient Quality of Life after Open, Laparoscopic or Robotic-Assisted Hernia (Incisional and Inguinal) Repair.
- **2018:** ORBERA Post-Approval Study.
- **2014 & 2009:** LAP-BAND AP Adjustable Gastric Band HERO post-approval studies.
- **2012:** LAP-BAND AP experience (APEX) longitudinal patient observational study.

Selected Lectureships (American College of Surgery Clinical Congress):

- Laparoscopic Ventral Hernia Repair (98th Clinical Congress, Chicago, IL, (10/2012).
- Advances in Hernia Repair: Composite mesh (94th Clinical Congress, Chicago, IL, (10/2009).
- Laparoscopic Hernia Repair (94th Clinical Congress, San Francisco, CA, (10/2008).
- Laparoscopic Ventral Hernia Repair: The Importance of the Visceral Barrier (93rd Clinical Congress, San Francisco, CA, (10/2007).

PUBLICATIONS & ABSTRACTS

- Heniford BT, Senler SO, Olsofka JN, Bergamini TM. (1998) The Continuing Challenge of Fournier's Gangrene in the 1990's. *American Journal of Surgery*.
- Heniford BT, Senler SO, Olsofka JM, Carrillo EH, Bergamini TM. (1998) May-Thurner syndrome: management by endovascular surgical techniques. *Annals of Vascular Surgery*, 12: 484-86.

EDUCATION & SURGICAL TRAINING

University of Louisville Hospitals | Louisville, KY

- Surgical Resident | (08/1994) – (05/1999.)
- **Honors:** J. David Richardson Award for Outstanding Clinical Resident (05/1999); John Perry Miles Award for Excellence (05/1997).

University of Louisville, School of Medicine | Louisville, KY

- Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) | (05/1994)
- **Honors:** Summa Cum Laude; Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) Medical Honor Society (05/1997); Doctor Max L. Garon Scholarship (1993); Doctor Arthur Barnett Medical Scholarship (06/1991).

Western Kentucky University | Bowling Green, KY

- Bachelor of Arts, Biology | (05/1990).
- **Honors:** Summa Cum Laude.

LICENSURE & BOARD CERTIFICATION

Board Certification:

- American Board of Surgery, General Surgery.
- Initial Certification: (12/11/2000).
- Years Recertification: 2010, 2020, 2023, 2025.
- Next Reverification Date: (01/05/2027).

State Medical Licenses:

- Kentucky (License #KY31325).

- Indiana (License #01062717A).

Fellowship:

- Fellow, American College of Surgeons (FACS), (05/2003).