

**Local Surgeon Among 1,827 Initiated
Into American College Of Surgeons**

Dr. Michael Sutker was among 1,827 Initiates from around the world who became Fellows of the American College of Surgeons (FACS) during the Convocation ceremony at the College's 2017 annual Clinical Congress in San Diego, California last month. This year's class of Initiates was among one of the largest ever admitted into the College.

Dr. Sutker is a Plano native who graduated from the University of Texas at Austin and earned his medical doctorate at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School in Dallas in 2008. He went on to also complete his general surgical internship and residency at UT Southwestern. He is certified by the UT-Southwestern Medical Center Southwestern Center for Minimally Invasive Surgery (SCMIS) Robotic Surgery Program and pursued an additional year of specialized training as a fellow in minimal invasive and bariatric surgery at the University of California San Francisco.

Dr. Sutker is currently practicing at Medical City Dallas Hospital located at [7777 Forest Lane](#) where he is a valued member of the medical staff serving as the Director of Robotic Surgery and the Chair of the Advanced Clinical Advisory Board. He also generously gives his time and expertise as a member of the General Surgery Performance Improvement and Intensive Care Unit committees. Dr. Sutker has a strong professional interest in robotic-assisted surgical techniques for the treatment of obesity, acid reflux, esophageal motility disorders, and paraesophageal hernias. He is skilled in the repair of abdominal wall defects, including inguinal, umbilical, ventral, and incisional hernias. Dr. Sutker also enjoys managing emergency surgical situations including gallbladder disease, appendicitis, and diverticulitis. In addition to the American College of Surgeons, Dr. Sutker also holds membership in other esteemed professional societies including the American College of Surgeons, American Medical Association, Texas Medical Association, Dallas County Medical Society, Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons (SAGES), and American Society of Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery (ASMBS).

By meeting the American College of Surgeon's stringent membership requirements, Fellows of the College have earned the distinguished right to use the designation of "FACS" (Fellow, American College of Surgeons) after their names. An applicant for Fellowship must fulfill the following requirements: possess the ability to speak and/or write in English; be a graduate of an approved medical school; possess documentation of the completion of the basic surgical requirements determined by his or her country; possess a full and unrestricted license to practice medicine in the country and state or province in which he or she practices; have completed three years of surgical practice; have a current hospital appointment; have a current surgical practice; and display ethical fitness and professional proficiency as established by references and documentation. Moreover, the surgeon's

acceptance as a Fellow of the College must be approved by three-fourths of its Board of Regents.

The Convocation ceremony was a highlight of the five-day meeting, which also featured reports on research-in-progress, postgraduate courses, panel discussions, symposia, and scientific and industrial exhibits. Total estimated attendance at the Congress was 11,895, including approximately 8,231 physicians. Allied health professionals and members of the scientific and consumer media also attended the meeting. The American College of Surgeons is a scientific and educational organization of surgeons that was founded in 1913 to raise the standards of surgical practice and to improve the quality of care for the surgical patient. The College is dedicated to the ethical and competent practice of surgery. Its achievements have established it as an important advocate for all surgical patients. The College has more than 80,000 members and is the largest organization of surgeons in the world. For more information, visit: www.facs.org

You can meet Dr. Sutker by appointment at his Dallas office located at [7777 Forest Lane, Suite A-331](#) [972-566-7860](tel:972-566-7860) or at the free bariatric surgery information session that he offers in his office on the first Monday of every month.