

GINTARAS ANTANAVICIUS, MD

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Gintaras Antanavicius, MD earned his medical degree from Vilnius University Medical School. He completed his residency in general surgery at Temple University in 2005, where he was awarded The Lester A. Dunmire Award for his clinical and scholarly achievements. He completed his fellowship in minimally invasive bariatric surgery at the University of Minnesota in 2008.

Dr. Gintaras Antanavicius (known as Dr. G) is a board certified, fellowship trained and highly experienced bariatric - metabolic surgeon. He has performed over 1700 bariatric operations. He specializes in advanced laparoscopic and complex robotic bariatric surgery including The Roux-en-Y gastric bypass, biliopancreatic diversion with duodenal switch, vertical sleeve gastrectomy and revisional surgery. New technologies and techniques, such as endoscopic incisionless procedures and new Xi robotic system applications, are routine additions to his broad surgical repertoire.

“Treat your patient like you would want your mother to be treated,” Dr. Antanavicius tells his students, residents and fellows. He currently serves as program director of the Bariatric Fellowship at Abington – Jefferson Health. Additionally, he is an assistant professor of surgery at Temple University School of Medicine and clinical assistant professor at Drexel University College of Medicine.

Throughout his career, he has received multiple bariatric fellowship grants to continue his work and research. Dr. Antanavicius has been invited to present his research findings at more than 20 medical conferences and events.

He has co-authored over 40 peer reviewed papers and chapters within the medical field, covering topics such as high risk surgical patients, internal hernias during pregnancy after gastric bypass surgery, laparoscopic surgery and complications in the morbidly obese population undergoing biliopancreatic diversion, robotic duodenal switch results and more. He is particularly interested in the metabolic effects of bariatric surgery, especially DM resolution after surgery.

He is an involved member of the O.R. Block Time Committee, Robotic Surgery Committee, Department of Surgery Residency Advisory Committee and the Graduate Medical Education Committee at Abington – Jefferson Health. He is also a member of the Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons' Educational Resources Committee.

He is fluent in English, Lithuanian and Russian.

Background

Vilnius University Medical School
Vilnius, Lithuania
(MD, 1995)
(Resident, 1995-1996)
(Resident, Ortho-Trauma, 1996-1997)

Yale University
Waterbury, CT
(Fellow, Joint Replacement, 1997-1998)

Temple University
Pittsburgh, PA
(Resident, General Surgery, 2000-2005)

University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, MN
(Fellow, Minimally Invasive Bariatrics, 2008)

The Western Pennsylvania Hospital
Pittsburgh, PA
(Laparoscopic General Surgery, 2005-2007)

Professional Memberships

American College of Surgeons
American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery
Society of American Gastrointestinal Endoscopic Surgeons
Clinical Robotic Surgery Association

The Institute for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery (IMBS) offers a high quality comprehensive approach to weight loss, featuring a full range of services, including several of the latest surgical options, ongoing support and counseling, an exercise program, a nutrition plan and lifetime of follow-up care. IMBS is committed to treating metabolic diseases and conditions, including type-2 diabetes, hypertension, high cholesterol, non-alcoholic fatty liver disease and obstructive sleep apnea.

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