

WALTER J. SCOTT, MD, FACS

Thoracic Surgery
Chief, Division of Thoracic Surgery
Abington Health Physicians



Walter Joseph Scott, MD, earned his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Houston, where he graduated Summa Cum Laude in 1977. He completed his medical degree at the University of Chicago's Pritzker School of Medicine in 1981. Dr. Scott served as a surgical resident, senior resident of general surgery, and chief resident of general surgery at the University of Chicago Medical Center from 1981-1983,

1984-1986 and 1986-1987, respectively. In 2012, the American Association for Thoracic Surgery supported his attendance of Brandeis University's Heller School for Social Policy and Management.

Dr. Scott specializes in the early diagnoses and treatment of lung cancer, lung cancer staging with PET scanning, minimally invasive surgery techniques, robotic surgery for thoracic cancers (eg., lung cancer, esophageal cancer and other cancers involving the chest), lung nodules and mesothelioma. When treating patients, he strives to develop tailored treatment plans that offer the best chance of survival but also focus on quality of life.

Dr. Scott has won several awards, including being named one of Philadelphia's Top Doctors in Thoracic Surgery by *Philadelphia Magazine* each year from 2011 to 2016. He has been appointed by several universities and medical centers, as he is an expert in his field.

He has received grants for many national and international clinical trials that he has worked on as a co-investigator, principal investigator and director. Most recently, he is the recipient of the Foundation for Surgical Fellowships Grant Award for the 2015-2016 academic year.

He served as a member of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN), a group of US cancer experts that publish guidelines for treating nearly all types of cancer.

Dr. Scott has authored and co-authored over 100 academic articles, books, chapters and abstracts on thoracic cancers, treatments and surgery including a book for patients and families titled *Lung Cancer: A Guide to Diagnosis and Treatment* (Addicus Books).

He has held over 100 presentations, lectures and commentaries on topics such as lung cancer screenings and treatments and thoracic surgery.

Dr. Scott is a proud member of Abington Health Physicians, a network of over 200 primary care and specialty physicians.

Background

University of Houston
Houston, Texas
(Bachelor of Science, Summa Cum Laude, 1977)

University of Chicago
Pritzker School of Medicine
Chicago, Illinois
(MD, 1981)

University of Chicago Medical Center
Chicago, Illinois
(Surgical Resident, 1981-1983)
(Senior Resident, General Surgery, 1984-1986)
(Chief Resident, General Surgery, 1986-1987)

University of Chicago Medical Center
Chicago, Illinois
(Research Fellow, Cardiovascular Physiology, 1983-1984)
(Fellow, Cardiothoracic Surgery, 1987-1989)

Brandeis University
The Heller School for Social Policy and Management
Waltham, Massachusetts
(September 2012, supported by a grant from the American Association for Thoracic Surgery)

Fox Chase Cancer Center
Philadelphia, PA
(Chief, Division of Thoracic Surgery, 2001-2016)

Memberships

Society of Thoracic Surgeons
American College of Surgeons Oncology Group
Radiation Therapy Oncology Group
International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer
General Thoracic Surgical Club
American Society of Clinical Oncology
American Association for Thoracic Surgery

Fellowships

American College of Chest Physicians
American College of Surgeons

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