

Bariatric Surgery clinical fellowship in the USA

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Bariatric surgery has been gaining popularity worldwide. It is still not easy to master the comprehensive perioperative bariatric patient care and advanced laparoscopic skills including intracorporeal hand-sewn anastomosis.

Currently there are 62 bariatric surgery fellowship training programs in the USA according to the Fellowship Council (<http://www.fellowshipcouncil.org/>). The organization monitors individual fellowship training and regulates the matching process to ensure high volume and high quality training. ?

I completed one year clinical laparoscopic bariatric surgery fellowship, predominantly LRYGB and LAGB, with some LSG at Legacy Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland, Oregon. Subsequently I am undergoing another clinical MIS/bariatric surgery fellowship predominantly LRYGB and LSG, with some LAGB at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas. Both hospitals are accredited as Bariatric Surgery Center of Excellence by Surgical Review Corporation.

I would like to share my experience with 7 bariatric surgeons and discuss the way to organize a bariatric training program.