



## Dr. Constantine Frantzides Honored for Excellence in Laparoscopic Surgery

*Dr. Frantzides is recognized as a worldwide expert in his field.*

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CHICAGO, IL, November 24, 2014 /24-7PressRelease/ -- Dr. Constantine Frantzides, MD, Ph.D., FACS of the Chicago Institute of Minimally Invasive Surgery (CIMIS), has been recognized for showing dedication, leadership and excellence in laparoscopic surgery.

Dr. Frantzides has established himself as a leading expert in the field of laparoscopic surgery. Dr. Frantzides is the Director of CIMIS, the director of the laparoscopic and bariatric fellowship program at St. Francis Hospital and a visiting professor of surgery at University of Illinois in Chicago. He is recognized worldwide as an expert in the field of laparoscopic surgery and has published three books and over 200 peer-reviewed articles. He is one of the most experienced practitioners of laparoscopic gastrointestinal surgery in the world.

Dr. Frantzides created the Minimally Invasive Surgery Center at the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee and was the Director of the center from 1995-1997. Dr. Frantzides has served as the Director of the Minimally Invasive Surgery Center and professor of surgery at the University of Chicago from 1997 to 2000. He was also the Chairman of the Department of Surgery at Weiss Memorial Hospital from 1997-2000. Dr. Frantzides was the Director of Minimally Invasive Surgery at Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center in Chicago and professor of surgery at Rush University. He was also the director of Minimally Invasive Surgery from 2003-2006 and director of the Minimally Invasive Surgery Fellowship Program from 2003-2008 at Northshore University Healthcare. Under his leadership, and because of his high volume of procedures and excellent outcomes Evanston Northwestern Healthcare was named a "Center Of Excellence" by the American College of Surgeons. In addition Dr. Frantzides was Professor of Surgery at Northwestern University from 2004-2009.

Dr. Frantzides has traveled internationally to perform and teach laparoscopic operations. In recognition of his efforts in teaching advanced laparoscopic techniques, he was named Honorary Member of the Brazilian Society of Surgery, the Hellenic Surgical Association, and the Greek Laparoscopic Society. During the last 24 years, he has organized 31 laparoscopic courses through which 331 surgeons were trained in laparoscopic surgery. In 1995, he created the first laparoscopic fellowship program in the United States for training young surgeons in the art of minimally invasive surgery. Dr. Frantzides is a member of numerous professional societies and has been the recipient of several awards and honors, as well as grants from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and from the surgical industry. He became involved in his profession because he aspired to be a doctor since he was young.

He was the first in the world to introduce and perform 14 different laparoscopic procedures. In recognition of his academic activities in laparoscopic surgery as well as his surgical skills he was given the "Achievement Award for Advanced Laparoscopic Surgery" by the American Society of General Surgeons.

He was recently inducted into Worldwide Registry and also maintains affiliations with the American College of Surgeons, the Society of University Surgeons, the Laparoscopic Society, among many other prestigious organizations. In recognition of his excellence within the field of healthcare, Dr. Frantzides was named as America's Top Doctor by Castle Connolly in 2014. He has also been recognized as a Top Doctor in Chicago by Chicago Magazine in 2014 and a Most Compassionate Doctor by the Consumer Research Council in 2013. In years to come, Dr. Frantzides is dedicated to continuing his trend of excellence and providing patients with top-quality care.

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