



Dr. Frantzides and “The Gentler Surgery”

A variety of ailments of the colon can be treated by the laparoscopic approach including colon cancer, diverticulitis, inflammatory bowel diseases (ulcerative colitis, Crohn's), and colon polyps and tumors. Dr. Frantzides was one of the first surgeons in the United States to perform minimally invasive colectomy—a procedure originating in 1991. Since then, he has performed all types of laparoscopic colon surgery including right and left colectomy, sigmoid colectomy, ileocecectomy, total proctocolectomy, abdominoperineal resection, low-anterior resection, and colostomy take-down. He was also the first in the world to introduce and publish the laparoscopic correction of malrotation of the colon (Surgical Laparoscopy and Endoscopy. 6: 73-75, 1996).

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Dr. Frantzides is professor of surgery at Northwestern University. He is recognized worldwide as an expert in the field of laparoscopic surgery and is a charter member of the United States Laparoscopic Founders' Society. His experience in laparoscopic gastrointestinal surgery is one of the most extensive in the U.S.

He has traveled internationally to perform and teach laparoscopic operations. During the last 16 years, he has organized 31 laparoscopic courses through which 331 surgeons were trained in laparoscopic surgery, he has made more than 200 contributions to medical literature and has published 2 books on laparoscopic surgery. Dr. Frantzides 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 is also credited with inventing two surgical instruments used in laparoscopic surgery. Because 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 Surgery. See complete curriculum vitae for Dr. Frantzides at www.laparoscopicexperts.com.

For Kathleen Kahn, meeting Dr. Frantzides was a lucky coincidence. Kahn, who had suffered with diverticulitis for six months, was told by her gastroenterologist to make an appointment with Dr. Frantzides, but she ended-up in the hospital before that time. “He saw me in the hospital the next day and he couldn't have had a better bedside manner,” Kahn reflects. Once she was discharged, she met with Dr. Frantzides and his team in their clinic where he and his physician assistant Lesley Placeway explained to her the risks and benefits of a laparoscopic colectomy, as well as what she could expect and the low chance of colostomy. Performing Kahn's colectomy laparoscopically had her out of the hospital in a little over 48 hours with only a few punctures and back to moving around town in about a week. The procedure, though complex in nature, left Kahn symptom-free. “My recovery exceeded my expectations,” she says. “They reconnect your bowel and you're anxious about its function. They told me what to do, I listened, and I had no problems at all.” Her swift recovery astonished not only her, but those around her, as well. “I work with two dozen surgeons,” says Kahn, who is a physician assistant by trade. “Nobody could believe that I had this surgery laparoscopically. They were really impressed.” When asked to reflect on her experience, Kahn is satisfied. “It is clear that Dr. Frantzides regards surgery as the work of his life. Not only are he and his staff kind and encouraging, but I was treated like a human being and not just a customer.” Kahn states that she “lucked out” finding Dr. Frantzides, as she was unaware that colectomy performed laparoscopically was even possible. She credits Dr. Frantzides' surgical skill and bedside manner as second to none and offers some advice on the surgical experience. “If you can have surgery this way, why in a million years, would you want to have an open incision versus this?” she beams. “I'm a success story!”

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BARIATRIC SURGERY

Laparoscopic Gastric Bypass (Weight loss surgery)

COLON/RECTUM/SMALL INTESTINE

Laparoscopic Enterectomy (Resection of small bowel)

Laparoscopic Ileocecectomy

(Resection of small intestine and cecum)

Laparoscopic Colectomy

Laparoscopic Low Anterior Resection of the
rectosigmoid colon

Laparoscopic Abdominoperineal Resection

Laparoscopic Total Proctocolectomy

Laparoscopic Rectopexy

Laparoscopic Appendectomy

ESOPHAGUS

Laparoscopic Fundoplication (Gastroesophageal
Reflux Surgery)

Laparoscopic Hiatal Hernia Repair with or without
mesh

Laparoscopic Esophagomyotomy (Heller Myotomy -
For the treatment of Achalasia)

Laparoscopic Esophagectomy

Laparoscopic Transgastric Esophageal Mucosal
Resection (For the treatment of severe dysplasia)

Hernia

Laparoscopic Inguinal Hernia Repair

Laparoscopic Ventral/Incisional Hernia Repair

Laparoscopic Femoral Hernia Repair

Laparoscopic Diaphragmatic Hernia Repair
(Congenital or Traumatic)

Kidney/Adrenal

Laparoscopic Nephrectomy (Kidney removal)

Laparoscopic Donor Nephrectomy

Laparoscopic Adrenalectomy

LIVER/BILE DUCTS/GALLBLADDER

Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy (Removal of the gall
bladder)

Laparoscopic Common Bile Duct Exploration

Laparoscopic Liver Biopsy

Laparoscopic Hepatectomy (Removal of a segment of
the liver)

Laparoscopic Liver Cyst Drainage/Removal

Laparoscopic Radiofrequency Ablation of Liver Tumors

Pancreas

Laparoscopic Pancreatectomy (Resection of a
segment of pancreas for benign/malignant disease)

Laparoscopic Pseudocystojejunostomy/
Pseudocystogastrostomy (Drainage of
Pancreatic Cyst)

SPINE

Laparoscopic Anterior Spinal Fusion

SPLEEN

Laparoscopic Splenectomy

STOMACH

Laparoscopic Highly Selective Vagotomy (For treat-
ment of duodenal ulcers)

Laparoscopic Truncal Vagotomy and Pyloroplasty

Laparoscopic Gastrectomy Partial/Total (Resection for
benign and malignant disease)

Laparoscopic Gastrojejunostomy

Laparoscopic Gastrostomy

OTHER

Diagnostic Laparoscopy

Laparoscopic Peritoneal Dialysis Catheter Placement

Laparoscopic Mesenteric/Retroperitoneal Lymph Node
biopsy

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