

# PAUL PISKLAK, MD

## Cardiovascular Anesthesiologist and Intensivist

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### SUMMARY OF EXPERTISE

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Paul Pisklak, MD, is a triple board-certified physician with active certification in Anesthesiology, Critical Care Medicine, and Advanced Perioperative Transesophageal Echocardiography (TEE, ultrasound imaging of the heart via the esophagus) with over 12 years of clinical experience across Texas, Iowa and Colorado. He specializes in the perioperative care of patients undergoing complex cardiac, thoracic, and vascular procedures, including coronary artery bypass grafting (heart bypass surgery), heart valve replacement and heart valve repair surgery, aortic surgery (repair of major blood vessels), video-assisted thoracoscopic surgery (VATS) and management of critically ill patients in the intensive care unit (ICU). Dr. Pisklak has held multiple hospital appointments and has served on key committees focused on quality improvement, ethics, and cardiovascular outcomes. He has taught nurses and residents through formal lectures, simulation training, and clinical education programs. He has published peer-reviewed articles pertaining to cardiac anesthesiology pertaining to perioperative risk factors, outcomes and complications. In legal matters, Dr. Pisklak evaluates perioperative management, critical care decision-making, and cardiovascular anesthesia standards. He explains complex medical issues in clear, practical terms and connects clinical care to accepted standards of practice.

### CERTIFICATIONS/LICENSURES

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- ❖ Diplomate, American Board of Anesthesiology
- ❖ Diplomate, American Board of Anesthesiology - Critical Care Medicine
- ❖ Diplomate, Advanced Perioperative Transesophageal Echocardiography, National Board of Echocardiography
- ❖ Active medical licenses in Texas and Colorado

### EMPLOYMENT

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04/2026 to Current    **Anesthesiologist**  
**Ben Taub General Hospital / Baylor College of Medicine – Houston, TX**

02/2025 to Current    **Cardiac Anesthesiologist**  
**HCA West Houston – Houston, TX**

04/2024 to Current    **Cardiac Anesthesiologist**  
**HCA Southeast – Pasadena, TX**

02/2024 to Current **Cardiac Anesthesiologist**  
**HCA Medical Center** – Houston, TX

10/2021 to Current **Cardiac Anesthesiologist**  
**Valley View Hospital** – Glenwood Springs, CO

04/2021 to Current **Intensivist**  
**Texas Women's Hospital** – Houston, TX

10/2016 to 03/2026 **Cardiovascular Anesthesiologist and Intensivist**  
**Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital** – Sugar Land, TX

02/2024 to 08/2024 **Cardiac Anesthesiologist**  
**Mercy One Hospital** – Mason City, IA

12/2021 to 02/2023 **Intensivist**  
**St. David's Hospital** – Austin, TX

08/2014 to 08/2016 **Cardiovascular Anesthesiologist and Intensivist**  
**Texas Heart Institute, St. Luke's Hospital** – Houston, TX

## HOSPITAL PRIVILEGES

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- ❖ Valley View Hospital - Glenwood Springs, CO
- ❖ Ben Taub General Hospital - Houston, TX
- ❖ HCA Medical Center - Houston, TX
- ❖ HCA West Houston - Houston, TX
- ❖ HCA Southeast - Pasadena, TX
- ❖ Texas Women's Hospital - Houston, TX

## HOSPITAL COMMITTEES

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- 10/2016 to 03/2026 Cardiovascular Surgery Quality and Peer Review Committee (QPR) - Reviewed surgical cases brought before the committee when deviation from standard of care was questioned, rendered opinion regarding adherence to standard of care
- 10/2016 to 03/2026 STS committee - reviewed hospital's quarterly Society of Thoracic Surgery data for accuracy and assessed for opportunities for improvement
- 10/2016 to 03/2026 Ethics Committee - Provided guidance and policy development and served as an on-call consultant when ethical questions arose within our institution
- 10/2016 to 03/2026 Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery Section Committee - reviewed cases, complications, and opportunities for improvement

## EDUCATION/TRAINING

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- 08/2013-  
07/2014 **Critical Care Medicine Fellowship**  
Barnes-Jewish Hospital, Washington University at St. Louis - St. Louis, Missouri
- 07/2012-  
06/2013 **Cardiovascular Anesthesiology Fellowship**  
**Texas Heart Institute, St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital** - Houston, TX
- 07/2008-  
06/2012 **Anesthesiology Residency**  
**Baylor College of Medicine** - Houston, TX
- 07/2003-  
06/2008 **Medical School (M.D. Obtained)**  
**The University of Texas at Houston Medical School** - Houston, TX
- 01/2000-  
01/2003 **B.A.: Liberal Arts / Pre-Med**  
**The University of Texas At Austin** - Austin, TX  
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## LECTURES

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- ❖ Cardiac Anesthesiology and Critical Care Fellow Education - Designed and presented lectures to cardiac anesthesiology and critical care fellows on various topics pertaining to clinical care
- ❖ Anesthesiology Resident Education - Designed and presented lectures to junior anesthesiology residents explaining a basic framework of safe anesthesia care
- ❖ Grand Rounds - Presented at Baylor College of Medicine Anesthesiology Grand Rounds to faculty and house staff about management of a difficult cardiac anesthesia case
- ❖ Simulation at Houston Methodist Institute for Technology, Innovation and Education - Participated in the "train the trainer" course and acted as facilitator for a simulation course teaching general surgery residents
- ❖ Cardiovascular surgery Boot camp - Presented lectures on the basics of hemodynamics and pacemakers to newly-graduated nurses
- ❖ Cardiovascular Intensive Care Unit Knowledge Assessment - Provided clinical scenarios and exam questions as a way to test the progression of newly-graduated Cardiovascular Intensive Care nurses through orientation

## PUBLICATIONS

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- ❖ Pisklak PV, Tolpin DA, Youngblood SC, Collard CD, Pan W. Left atrial dissection after left ventricular aneurysm repair. *Echocardiography*. 2012 Aug;29(7):E163-5.
- ❖ Deng Y, Pisklak PV, et al. Association Between Preoperative Aspirin-Dosing Strategy and Mortality After Coronary Artery Bypass Graft Surgery. *Ann Surg*. 2015 Mar 30
- ❖ Tsai JY, Pan W, Lemaire SA, Pisklak P, et al. Moderate hypothermia during aortic arch surgery is associated with reduced risk of early mortality. *J Thorac Cardiovasc Surg*. 2013 Sep;146(3):662-7.

## VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

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- ❖ Volunteer Anesthesiologist, Guatemala - Volunteer Anesthesiologist with Faith in Practice, providing medical care at a volunteer-led hospital in Guatemala