

# C. Francisco Espinel, MD, FACS

Board Certified General Surgeon & Breast Surgical Oncologist

## Expert Witness Profile

### Areas of Expertise:

- **Breast Surgery:** Management of breast cancer, nipple-sparing mastectomies, neoadjuvant systemic therapy, and complications of breast oncology.
- **General Surgery:** Acute care surgery, abdominal pain/acute abdomen, bariatric surgical emergencies, and laparoscopic /robotic procedures.
- **Vascular/Trauma:** Experience in vascular emergencies and surgical complications.
- **Surgical Education:** Standards of care in resident and medical student supervision.

## Professional Experience

**MedStar Montgomery Medical Center | Olney, MD Attending Surgeon, Breast Oncology & General Surgery (2021–Present)**

- Active clinical practice focusing on high-volume breast oncology, acute care surgery and elective general surgery
- Actively involved in teaching and standard of care surgical care
- Over 15 years of experience in breast and general surgery

**Virginia Hospital Center | Arlington, VA General Surgeon / Vice-CMO of VHC Physician Group (2013–2021)**

- Lead the Acute care service, a high volume service and operated on the hundreds of critically ill patients
- Co- director of the surgical residents and medical students
- Leadership in Peer Review and Infection Control committees, providing deep insight into hospital safety protocols and "Standard of Care" adherence.

## Education & Training

- **Fellowship:** Breast Oncology, Columbia University Medical Center, NY.
- **Residency:** General Surgery, George Washington University & University of Pennsylvania.
- **Medical Degree:** Universidad Autónoma de Guadalajara (Fifth Pathway: New York Medical College).

## Certifications & Licensure

- **Board Certified:** American Board of Surgery (Current).
- **Fellow:** American College of Surgeons (FACS).
- **Licensed In:** District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia.

## Honors & Leadership

- **Past President:** Arlington County Medical Society (2021).
- **Top Doctor:** Recognized by *Washingtonian*, *Northern Virginia Magazine*, and *Castle Connolly* (2016–Present).
- **Hall of Fame Top Doctor:** *Washingtonian Magazine*
- **Academic Appointment:** Assistant Professor of Surgery, MedStar Georgetown University.

## Litigation Support Services

- Available for Plaintiff or Defense.
  - Case review, Certificate of Merit, Deposition, and Trial Testimony.
  - Expertise in Surgical Peer Review and Clinical Competency assessment.
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