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Professional Summary

Board-certified urologist with active clinical practice in robotic urologic surgery, urologic oncology, general urology, benign prostatic hyperplasia, and prostate cancer care.

Engineering-trained physician with undergraduate engineering education at The Cooper Union, medical education at SUNY Stony Brook, and surgical and urologic training at Indiana University.

Longstanding hospital-based leadership in minimally invasive and robotic adult urologic surgery at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center.

Experience includes robotic oncology, renal surgery, BPH procedures, transperineal prostate biopsy program development, live operative teaching, robotic proctorship, and clinical research.

Available for independent standard-of-care review in state and federal matters for plaintiff or defense counsel.

Current Professional Positions

- Innovative Urology - Urologist
- Chief of Minimally Invasive and Robotic Adult Urologic Surgery, Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, Newark, New Jersey
- Hospital Appointment, RWJBarnabas Health Rahway Hospital, Rahway, New Jersey
- Urologist / Robotic Surgery Consultant, West Virginia (locum tenens), 2025-present - performs robotic urologic surgery on site in West Virginia hospital practice, with remote participation in preoperative planning and postoperative care

Prior Professional Position

- Urologist, Associates in Urology / UGNJ / New Jersey Urology / Summit Health, West Orange, New Jersey, August 2003 - May 2025

Licensure

- New Jersey - License No. 25MA07571500 (issued 2003; expires June 30, 2027)
- New York - License No. 342455 (issued February 24, 2026; expires January 31, 2028)
- West Virginia - License No. 35932 (issued October 27, 2025; expires June 30, 2027)

Board Certification

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Education

- Bachelor of Science in Engineering, The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art, New York, New York, 1993 - summa cum laude
- Doctor of Medicine, State University of New York at Stony Brook, Stony Brook, New York, 1997 - Alpha Omega Alpha

Postgraduate Training

- Surgical training, Indiana University, Indianapolis, Indiana, July 1997 - June 1999
- Urology residency, Indiana University, Indianapolis, Indiana, July 1999 - June 2003

Hospital Appointments

- Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, Newark, New Jersey - Chief of Minimally Invasive and Robotic Adult Urologic Surgery, November 2004-present
- RWJBarnabas Health Rahway Hospital, Rahway, New Jersey - September 2012-present

Clinical Practice Focus

- Robotic urologic surgery
- Urologic oncology
- General adult urology
- Benign prostatic hyperplasia
- Prostate cancer diagnosis and treatment
- Transperineal prostate biopsy
- Renal and adrenal surgery

- Minimally invasive and complex urologic reconstruction where indicated

Procedural / Surgical Expertise

- Robotic radical prostatectomy
- Robotic partial nephrectomy and nephrectomy
- Robotic simple prostatectomy
- Robotic cystectomy and urinary reconstruction
- Robotic pyeloplasty and other advanced minimally invasive urologic surgery
- BPH procedures including UroLift and Rezum
- Transperineal prostate biopsy
- Single-port and advanced robotic surgery
- Retzius-sparing and transvesical prostatectomy approaches

Leadership and Program-Building Roles

- Chief of Minimally Invasive and Robotic Adult Urologic Surgery, Newark Beth Israel Medical Center
- Intuitive Surgical robotic surgeon-led instructor, Newark Beth Israel Robotic Training Center, 2006-2012
- Intuitive Surgical robotic proctor, 2005-2014
- Original member, Robotic Kidney Consortium, 2007-2008
- Developed transperineal prostate biopsy programs at RWJ University Hospital Rahway, Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, Short Hills Surgical Center, and Summit Health office sites
- Live da Vinci prostatectomy transmitted from Newark Beth Israel to the American Urological Association annual meeting, Atlanta, May 22, 2006
- Live da Vinci nephrectomy transmitted from Newark Beth Israel to the American Urological Association annual meeting, Anaheim, May 20, 2007

Selected Distinguishing Clinical Experience

- Early adopter of Rezum steam therapy for BPH
- Early adopter of UroLift implant therapy for BPH
- Credentialed by Intuitive Surgical for single-port surgery
- Developed patient-safety positioning innovation described in the Savatta Pink Lat Pack
- Developed and expanded transperineal prostate biopsy programs in New Jersey
- Early robotic milestone cases in regional practice settings included robotic bladder creation, robotic simple prostatectomy, robotic anterior exenteration, robotic partial nephrectomy, and robotic radical prostatectomy

Clinical Trials / Research / Innovation

- Principal Investigator - ESCALATE / MANA RBM: Phase III randomized study comparing Xtandi or Nubeqa with Radium-223 versus Xtandi or Nubeqa with placebo in mCRPC patients. 2020.
- Sub-Investigator - PINNACLE: prospective multicenter randomized study evaluating the Optilume BPH Catheter System in men with symptomatic BPH. 2021.
- Sub-Investigator - Advantagene / ProstAtak: randomized controlled trial of ProstAtak as adjuvant to upfront radiation therapy for localized prostate cancer. 2020.
- Earlier research experience includes laparoscopic nephrectomy and partial nephrectomy in swine (1999), high-intensity focused ultrasound treatment of the swine kidney (2001), and gene therapy for treatment of prostate cancer (2001-2002).

Publications

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- Finley DS, Savatta DS, Rodriguez E, Kopelan A, Ahlering TE. Transperitoneal robotic-assisted laparoscopic radical prostatectomy and inguinal herniorrhaphy. *Journal of Robotic Surgery*. 2008.
- Rogers CG, Menon M, Weise ES, Gettman MT, Frank I, Shephard DL, Abrahams HM, Green JM, Savatta DJ, Bhayani SB. Robotic partial nephrectomy: a multi-institutional analysis. *Journal of Robotic Surgery*. 2008.
- Jobbagy Z, Guerrieri C, Savatta D, Chattu S, Fyfe-Kirschner B. A rare case of angiomyomatous hamartoma of periaortic lymph node and synchronous angiomyolipoma of the kidney: a diagnostic pitfall for lymph node involvement by angiomyolipoma. *Human Pathology: Case Reports*. 2020.

Selected Abstracts / Meeting Presentations

- DiTrollo J, Savatta DJ, LaSalle M. Pubo-Urethral Pexy Facilitates and Improves Results in Radical Robotic Prostatectomies. *Engineering and Urology Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, May 2009*.

- Savatta DJ, Olesnicky L, Tsang P. Extent of prostate cancer in patients presenting with presumed minimal tumor burden. ASCO Genitourinary Cancers Symposium, Orlando, Florida, February 2007. Abstract published in Journal of Clinical Oncology. 2007;25(18 suppl).
- Greenstein M, Olesnicky L, Savatta DJ. Prostate Cancer with Schistosoma Haematobium. Society of Laparoendoscopic Surgeons annual meeting, New York, New York, 2007.
- Olesnicky L, Jackson A, Galdon P, Savatta DJ, Galdieri L, Torres J, Tsang P. The Changing Blood Transfusion Practice in Minimally Invasive Robotic-Assisted Prostatectomies. 95th United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, February 2006. Abstract published in Modern Pathology. 2006;19(Suppl 1).

Selected Presentations / Invited Lectures / Teaching

- Mens Health Night with Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, recurring presentations, 2013-2019, 2022, 2023
- Robotic Urologic Surgery, Grand Rounds, Jersey City Medical Center, 2015
- Prostate Cancer Screening, Saint Barnabas Ambulatory Care Center, 2013
- Robotic Advances in Urologic Robotic Surgery - Beyond Robotic Prostatectomy, American College of Surgeons New Jersey Chapter Meeting, 2008
- How to Build a Comprehensive Robotic Surgery Program - The Newark Beth Israel Experience, Robotic Surgery Symposium, Chicago, 2008
- Faculty, 1st Worldwide Robotic Renal Symposium, 2008
- Robotic Surgery in Urologic Oncology, Oncology Society of New Jersey Meeting, 2007

Professional Societies

- American Urological Association
- Fellow, American College of Surgeons

Honors

- Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society
- Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society
- Regional Top Doctor / Top Cancer Doctor recognition, multiple times
- NJ Biz Forty Under 40

Medico-Legal Experience

- Retained for confidential medico-legal review in urology matters for both plaintiff and defense counsel
- Work has included record review, case screening, and standard-of-care assessment
- Prior matters have not required deposition testimony to date

Areas of Expert Review

- Robotic urologic surgery
- Urologic oncology
- General urology
- Benign prostatic hyperplasia and procedural management
- Prostate cancer diagnosis and treatment
- Renal mass and kidney surgery
- Perioperative urologic care
- Adult urologic standard of care
- Hospital-based urologic process and operative decision-making

References available on request.