

Maurizio De Luca is chief surgeon and head department of thoracic, abdominal and metabolic surgery at the Hospitals of Rovigo, Trecenta and Adria in Italy's Veneto region. He specializes in minimally invasive techniques and has spearheaded and helped standardize laparoscopic gastric banding procedures then in use around the world.

The departments he oversees perform bariatric-metabolic surgeries and minimally invasive thoracic and abdominal surgeries to address neoplasms and organ problems. He and his team also perform emergency and trauma surgeries.

Dr. De Luca obtained his medical degree at the University Federico II of Naples followed by his residency in surgical oncology. He graduated summa cum laude. He went on to complete his minimally invasive bariatric-metabolic surgery training at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City and at the Hospital Saint-Pierre in Brussels. He earned a master's degree in bariatric-metabolic surgery at the University Federico II of Naples, graduating summa cum laude.

He performed his first surgery to treat obesity, a gastric banding procedure, in 1993, and soon standardized the laparoscopic approach, developing one-day surgery and single-incision surgery protocols. Routinely he practice laparoscopic gastric banding, laparoscopic sleeve gastrectomy, laparoscopic gastric bypass, laparoscopic one anastomosis gastric bypass, laparoscopic biliopancreatic diversion, laparoscopic BPD-DS and laparoscopic revisional surgery.

Dr. De Luca has performed more than 7,000 bariatric-metabolic procedures, including many restoration, revision and conversion surgeries.

The obesity centers he directs have been certified "Centers of Excellence" by the Italian Society for Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery and Weight Related Disease (SICOB). Since 2008, he has served on the board of SICOB as secretary, IFSO delegate, and vice president.

Dr. De Luca is the author of 260 scientific articles. He serves on the editorial board of "Obesity Surgery", "Surgery for Obesity and Related Diseases" and "Surgical Endoscopy". He has authored and directed SICOB's 2008 and 2016 Italian guidelines on bariatric and metabolic procedures and now is working as coordinator on the 2023 Italian guidelines.

He also has authored the guidelines on bariatric and metabolic surgery for the European Association Endoscopic Surgery (EAES) Society, published by the end of 2021.

Currently, he serves as treasurer of International Federation for Surgery of Obesity and Weight Related Diseases – European Chapter (IFSO-EC). He has been Co-Chairman of the IFSO Position Statement Committee, having an intense IFSO activity, he recently published on Obesity Surgery “Bariatric Surgery In Class I Obesity. A Position Statement from the IFSO” (2014), “IFSO Statement: Credentials for Bariatric Surgeons” (2015) as first author, “Indication for Surgery for Obesity and Weight Related Disease: A Position Statement IFSO” (2016) as first author, “Mini Gastric Bypass-One Anastomosis Gastric Bypass (MGB-OAGB). IFSO Position Statement” (2018) as first author and “IFSO Update Position Statement On One Anastomosis Gastric Bypass (OAGB)” (2021) as first author.

Dr. De Luca lives in Vicenza. He is a certified sommelier, avid runner, yoga practitioner and cinephile who likes to read philosophy in what little spare time he finds. A native of Naples, he returns as often as possible visiting family.