

WORLD-CLASS SURGICAL CARE CLOSE TO HOME



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Dr. William Cioffi

What started 30 years ago with just four surgeons is now Rhode Island's largest multidisciplinary surgical group. Brown Surgical Associates' more than 50 surgeons are recognized for their experience in highly specialized areas of surgery, offering the latest surgical techniques such as minimally invasive and robotic-assisted surgery.

"These techniques lead to shorter hospital stays and quicker recoveries for the patient," says Dr. William Cioffi, BSA president.

Many BSA physicians participate in groundbreaking research and clinical trials, and all of them are on the teaching staff at the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, training the next generation of surgeons. Each is board-certified or board-eligible by the American Board of Surgery.

Along with expert care, BSA strives to provide the best patient experience possible. That means 13 offices, located conveniently throughout Rhode Island and southern Massachusetts, and surgeons who can operate at eight hospitals across the area.

OVER 45? GET SCREENED FOR COLORECTAL CANCER

Brown Surgical Associates' Division of Colorectal Surgery offers multidisciplinary expertise in the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of diseases of the anus, colon, and rectum - like colorectal cancer.

BSA surgeons are skilled at treating patients with colorectal cancer which, when caught early, is very treatable. Screenings, such as a colonoscopy, can help find cancer before it advances and, in some cases, can prevent it altogether.

Several organizations and government panels have recently reduced the recommended screening age from 50 to 45 for those at average risk for the disease.

DIFFERENT TREATMENTS FOR DIFFERENT HERNIAS



Not all hernias are the same. That is why Brown Surgical Associates' Comprehensive Hernia Center has surgeons who specialize in all types of hernias - from simple repairs to complex abdominal wall reconstruction.

To provide individualized care and ensure the best possible outcomes, BSA surgeons employ a wide variety of medical therapies and surgical techniques and approach each hernia in a holistic, comprehensive, and multidisciplinary manner.



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With the Same Surgeon, Mom and Daughter Survive Breast Cancer

A woman and her daughter say their lives were saved by the same doctor, years apart.

It was 20 years ago that Lucia Cornwell was first diagnosed with breast cancer. Center for Breast Health's Dr. Theresa Graves performed a lumpectomy, and Cornwell underwent chemo. When Cornwell's daughter was diagnosed with breast cancer 14 years later, there was no question they'd go to Dr. Graves for treatment.

While their doctor was the same, their experience was quite different. In the 14 years separating the pair's diagnosis, Brown Surgical Associates' Center for Breast Care implemented multidisciplinary clinics, which are teams of radiologists, pathologists, medical oncologists, radiation oncologists, plastic



The Center for Breast Care team at Brown Surgical Associates surgeons, and genetic counselors working together to provide patients the personalized care they need.

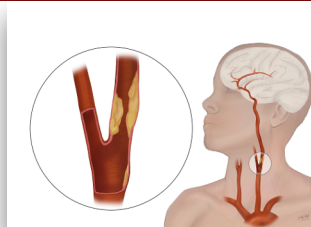
The Cornwells described it as one-stop shopping.

Surgical Oncology

Brown Surgical Associates surgical oncologists specialize in breast cancer, gastric cancer, melanoma, sarcoma, pancreatic cancers, colorectal cancers, hepatobiliary cancers, and endocrine tumors.

This high level of focused expertise allows for the use of specialized techniques that are appropriate for cancer patients, including hyperthermic intraperitoneal chemoperfusion (HIPEC), an increasingly popular cancer treatment in which chemo is delivered directly to cancer cells that have advanced into the abdominal peritoneal cavity (peritoneal carcinomatosis).

DON'T IGNORE CAROTID DISEASE

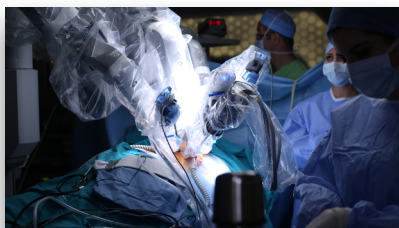


Even as a spotlight remains on COVID-19, every 40 seconds someone in the US suffers a stroke which can lead to debilitation or death. However,

fears about the pandemic have kept many patients from seeking the life-saving medical attention they need to treat a major cause of stroke – carotid disease.

Vascular surgeons at Brown Surgical Associates can perform minimally invasive procedures that give patients the care they need while shortening their hospital stay.

PIONEERING SURGERY WITH ROBOTICS



Robotic-assisted surgery is really broadening the possibilities in terms of pancreas and liver operations. Brown Surgical Associates surgeons are on the forefront of this technology, often performing groundbreaking procedures here in Rhode Island.



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For Kids, Obesity is a Side Effect of the Pandemic



While children haven't been among the hardest hit, the ongoing pandemic has had a definite impact on their health.

Brown Surgical Associates pediatric surgeon Dr. Elizabeth Renaud says she's seen a dramatic

increase in the number of patients who are overweight or obese. Not only has she seen more teens referred to BSA's adolescent bariatric program, but she's also seen more younger patients presenting with conditions typically associated with adults - like gall stones.

Renaud says increased stress and reduced activity are likely causes. While surgery is an option for some teens, most are able to lose weight with lifestyle changes. She says parents can help reverse the weight gain by first keeping healthy food in the house.

BSA pediatric surgeon Dr. Joshua Honeyman says parents should also try to find ways to get their children moving again, whether that be in sports or other activities.

IS WEIGHT LOSS SURGERY RIGHT FOR YOU?

Obesity is a progressive and life-threatening condition marked by excess body fat, which can significantly reduce life expectancy. Health problems associated with obesity include but are not limited to diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease, and sleep apnea.

Determining whether bariatric surgery is right for you can be a lengthy, multi-step process that requires commitment. The bariatric surgery team at Brown Surgical Associates will work with you and explain the process and its requirements, and also assist you with any insurance authorizations.

SPOTLIGHT ON ENDOCRINE SURGERY



Dr. Peter J. Mazzaglia and Dr. Travis M. Cotton are fellowship-trained endocrine surgeons specializing in the surgical management of both benign and malignant diseases of the thyroid, parathyroid, adrenal, and endocrine pancreas.

Both have expertise in standard and minimally invasive procedures as well as surgeon-performed thyroid and parathyroid ultrasound and ultrasound-guided thyroid FNA biopsy.

PEDIATRIC SURGEONS: PROVIDING CARE FOR THE UNBORN, INFANTS & CHILDREN

Pediatric surgeons specialize in the surgical care of children from the unborn and newborns through teens.

Pediatric surgeons at Brown Surgical Associates treat each patient with expertise, skill, and compassion.

They are all board-certified in pediatric surgery and specialize in a wide array of pediatric issues, as well as fetal surgery.

Surgical care is provided in conjunction with other pediatric specialists at Hasbro Children's Hospital and Women & Infants Hospital.



Brown Surgical Associates Surgeons on the Forefront of Medicine



Dr. Abbas El-Sayed Abbas

The doctors at Brown Surgical Associates are more than just surgeons. They are educators, researchers, and innovators, often on the forefront of their fields.

Among them is Dr. Abbas El-Sayed Abbas. He recently took the helm of BSA's Thoracic Surgery Division and is one of the first surgeons in the world to use robotic surgical systems.

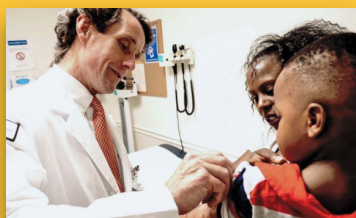
"My goal has always been to produce a first-rate academic thoracic program that is built on a foundation of unwavering excellence not only in clinical care but also in research and education. To create this, I

needed an institution that shared the same vision, and I am confident that I have finally found it at BSA, Lifespan, and Brown," says Dr. Abbas.

Thoracic diseases include lung cancer, esophageal cancer, and airway disease.

"I really believe that we can show our community that Rhode Island is second to none in delivering this level of care, whether it is in advanced minimally invasive thoracic procedures, or cutting-edge diagnostic tools that we will bring to the region," Dr. Abbas says. "I am confident that in Rhode Island we will become a draw for such procedures from the region at large."

World-Class Burn Care



Brown Surgical Associates surgeon Dr. David T. Harrington is the director of the Rhode Island Burn Center at

Rhode Island Hospital and Hasbro Children's Hospital - the state's only accredited burn center.

RIBC admits over 150 burn patients per year and has in excess of 1000 outpatient clinic visits per year to provide continued care for burn survivors. State-of-the-art burn care is provided to the patients treated at RIBC throughout the continuum of care, from initial injury through comprehensive rehabilitation and future reconstructive needs.

SURGICAL SPOTLIGHT: TRAUMA

Brown Surgical Associates' Division of Trauma and Surgical Critical Care provides comprehensive emergency medical care to adults and pediatric patients who suffer traumatic injuries.

BSA's goal is not only to provide the best surgical care possible in emergency situations but also to offer injury prevention programs in the communities it serves and to participate in clinical research that seeks to improve patient outcomes through innovative surgical techniques and trauma care management.



LIVING DONATIONS: THE GIFT OF LIFE

Brown Surgical Associates provides kidney transplantation to residents of southeastern New England. The transplant program began in 1997. As of 2019, more than 1,300 kidney transplants have been performed in recipients age 2 to 80. Approximately 50-60 kidney transplant procedures

are performed each year at Rhode Island Hospital, including 40% from living donors.

"When you stop and think about what people will do for other people, it's really incredible," says BSA transplant surgeon Dr. Adena Osband.



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