

Laparoscopic Surgery for Morbid Obesity

Goal: To provide the highest quality of care to patients with obesity.

Plan: A multi-disciplinary approach to the treatment of obesity including:

- detailed nutritional and psychological counseling
- thorough medical evaluation
- regular support groups
- friendly and accessible office staff

Team:

George S. Ferzli, MD, FACS

Dr. Ferzli is an active Professor of Surgery at SUNY Health Science Center @ Brooklyn and Clinical Professor of Surgery – NYU Langone. In addition, he is Director of the Minimally Invasive Fellowship Program at NYU Lutheran. He has lectured in medical schools and universities as well as operated in hospitals in 59 cities throughout the world.

Dr. Ferzli is a recipient of the Ellis Island Medal of Honor and has been named as one of New York's best doctors by New York Magazine for the past 11 years. He regularly appears in Castle Connolly's list of America's top doctors and Marquis' Who's Who list. In 2004, Dr. Ferzli was bestowed the designation of Bariatric Surgery Center of Excellence by the American Society for Bariatric Surgery. Dr. Ferzli has more than 120 peer-reviewed published articles to his credit as well as participation in more than ten medical textbooks. As an innovator in minimally invasive surgery, he holds seven U.S. patents for laparoscopic surgical instruments.

Dr. Ferzli graduated from St. Joseph University School of Medicine in Beirut, Lebanon and completed his residency in General Surgery at Staten Island University Hospital. He is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons and is board certified in Surgery and Critical Care Medicine. He resides on Staten Island with his wife Berthe and their four children.

Corneliu T. Vulpe, MD

Dr. Vulpe is an active Assistant Clinical Professor at SUNY Health Science Center @ Brooklyn. He is currently an attending surgeon at NYU Lutheran and Staten Island University Hospital as well as Dr. Ferzli's associate. Dr. Vulpe is fluent in English, Spanish, French, Romanian and Italian.

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