



Avraham Belizon, MD
*Specializing in laparoscopic
general and colorectal surgery*

Dr. Avraham Belizon is a graduate of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York. He completed a surgical residency at the North Shore Long Island Jewish Medical Center in New York and a Fellowship in Colon and Rectal Surgery at Cleveland Clinic in Weston, Florida.

Dr. Belizon has published numerous articles on surgical procedures, and post surgery physiology. Most significantly he has published landmark studies that looked at the benefits provided by laparoscopic surgery and other minimally invasive techniques. These articles have had a direct impact on the current management of colon and rectal diseases. As a result of his studies and publications, Dr. Belizon has frequently lectured at many symposiums and community groups locally, nationally and internationally.

Dr. Belizon has won multiple awards throughout his medical career, both in recognition of his important research and as a result of his excellent clinical skills.

In addition to his surgical training, Dr. Belizon, has been specially trained in laparoscopic and minimally invasive techniques which provide patients with quicker recovery, shorter hospital stays, and less scarring than patients who have conventional surgery.

First Place Research and Clinical Awards

2008

South Florida Chapter of the American College of Surgeons. Reoperative Ileal Pouch Surgery, Predictors of Success.

2006

European Association of Endoscopic Surgery. Surgical trauma induces proteolysis of IGFBP-3 in transgenic mice, and is associated with a rapid increase in serum levels of Matrix Metaloproteinase-9 (MMP-9).

Columbia University Medical Center Department of Surgery Research Competition. The effect of PPAR alpha agonist, fenofibrate, on tumor growth.

2004

Joint meeting of the Israeli Society of Colon and Rectal Surgery and Laparoscopic Surgery. Laparoscopic colectomy; Can you always convert?

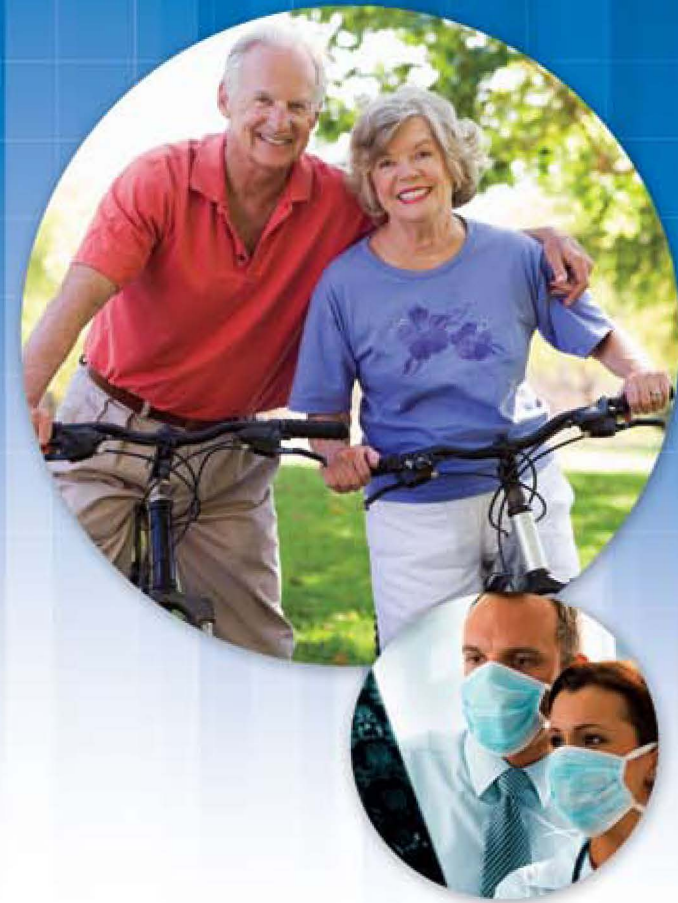


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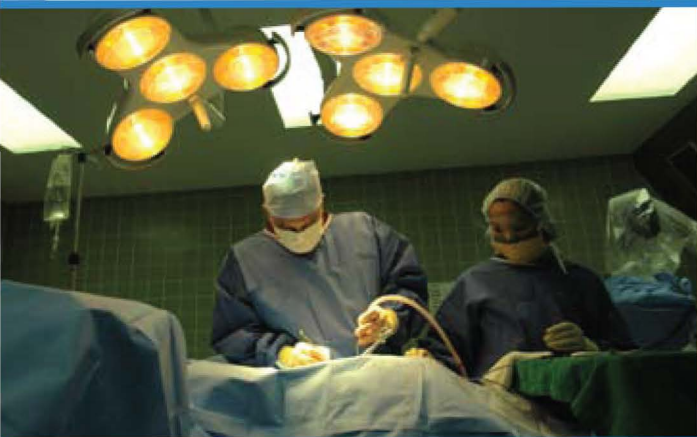
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You may not have a choice about having surgery, but you should have a say in what type of procedure is performed.

Patients need to be educated and informed about their surgical options so they can choose the best treatment to fit their lifestyle. Minimally invasive procedures are now offering a tremendous breakthrough in the treatment of a number of abdominal-related conditions, including: colon cancer and colon disease, appendicitis, ventral hernia, hemorrhoids, endometriosis, uterine cancer and acid reflux (GERD). Although the number of minimally invasive procedures is increasing, the adoption for many conditions has been slow. In fact, only 25 percent of abdominal procedures are performed laparoscopically

Advantages of Minimally Invasive Surgery

- Less blood loss
- Decreased need for blood transfusions
- Shorter hospital stays
- Decreased pain and need for postoperative pain medications
- Earlier resumption of regular diet
- Quicker recovery and return to normal activities



At Minimally Invasive Colon and Rectal Surgery of South Florida, patients undergo a comprehensive evaluation, to ensure that a correct diagnosis and treatment plan is formulated. Dr. Belizon is specially trained in the use of minimally invasive surgery and colostomy-sparing surgical methods. Areas of special expertise include:

- Anorectal disease
- Hemorrhoids
- Abscesses
- Anal fistula
- Anal fissure
- Polyps or adenomas
- Colonic dysmotility
- Colonoscopy
- Colorectal cancer (primary and recurrent)
- Colorectal polyps
- Constipation
- Crohn's disease
- Diverticulitis
- Fecal incontinence
- Inflammatory bowel disease
- Pelvic floor dysfunction
- Polyposis syndromes
- Pouchitis
- Rectal cancer
- Rectal prolapse
- Ulcerative colitis

Dr. Belizon is Certified by the American Board of Surgery. Attaining this certification means that he has specialized knowledge and experience relating to the diagnosis, preoperative, operative, postoperative and nonoperative management of surgical problems in these areas:

Alimentary tract — esophagus, stomach, small bowel and large bowel

Abdomen — diaphragm, biliary tract, liver, pancreas, and spleen

Breast, skin and soft tissue — benign and malignant disease

Head and neck surgery — trauma, vascular, congenital and cancerous disorders

Vascular surgery — arteries and veins, excluding the vessels in the brain, heart and lungs

Endocrine surgery — thyroid and parathyroid glands, the pancreas and adrenal glands

Surgical oncology — including coordinating management of the cancer patient

Comprehensive management of trauma — the responsibility for all phases of care of the injured patient including burns

Complete care of critically ill patients — with underlying surgical conditions

To be certified by the American Board of Surgery means that the surgeon has met a standard in surgery by fulfilling specified educational, evaluation and examination requirements.

You can rest assured knowing that your Surgeon has been thoroughly examined by the American Board of Surgery and that you are in very capable care.

If you have any questions regarding your plan of care, please don't hesitate to ask your doctor.

We believe in providing our patients with the most technologically advanced care while maintaining a human approach. We want you to be informed so that you can make the most appropriate decision regarding your care.

Your examination is not routine, but tailored to your specific needs and symptoms. When you call to make an appointment please tell the receptionist briefly what your concern is. She can then reserve ample time with the doctors for you. Patients are seen by appointment only. Emergencies are always given priority and will be worked into our daily schedule.