

Dr. Robert Conter Brings Surgical Expertise to Lancaster

By Susan Beam

For the past 22 years, Dr. Robert Conter has combined surgical expertise and medical insight to bring the highest levels of care to his patients at Hershey Medical Center. Now, Dr. Conter will bring that same skillfulness and commitment to patient care to Lancaster, as part of General and Surgical Oncology Specialists of Central PA. At Lancaster Regional Medical Center, patients can now take advantage of Dr. Conter's experience and the comfort of a specialty surgeon at home in Lancaster County.

Born and raised in Chicago, Dr. Conter's relationship with the medical community began at an early age. "I grew up about a block away from a hospital, and my mother was an employee there. It felt like a second home to me," he explained. "I must have met at least a hundred doctors during my childhood."

Thus began an interest in the medical profession, with a focus on surgery. "With those influences, I knew I always wanted to be a doctor. My mother says by age seven, I was telling her I wanted to be a surgeon," said Dr. Conter. "For me, surgery offers a chance to give a patient direct, hands-on care. It allows me to participate in all aspects of patient care and have a positive impact on their lives."

After completing his undergraduate work at the University of Arizona, Dr. Conter returned home to Chicago for medical school at Rush University. For his residency, he moved on to UCLA, where he was honored with the Surgical Resident of the Year award. He has also been awarded the Excellence in Surgical Education Award several times, and since 2002 has been named "Best Doctor" by a peer review.

Moving to Pennsylvania, Dr. Conter began his work at Hershey Medical Center taking care of patients and training the next generation of doctors, earning the rank of Associate Professor of Surgery at Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine. He continues to teach review courses for the American Board of Surgery Qualifying and Certifying examinations.

"I've always enjoyed teaching for two reasons. First, I like staying on the front lines of medical advances. Second, I enjoy working with the new doctors," said Dr. Conter. "There is a great sense of satisfaction in helping someone else understand the art of surgery – how to perform a procedure, how to judge what is and is not appropriate, and how to give the best possible care to a patient."

That feel for patient care eventually lead Dr. Conter to Lancaster Regional Medical Center. "I was seeing a lot of

patients from Lancaster, and I was drawn to the idea of offering them care closer to home, in their own community," said Dr. Conter.

"I first came down to the hospital to just observe the hospital and staff," he continued. "I was impressed by the hospital's cleanliness, and by the number of friendly nurses interacting hands-on with patients. I still remain very impressed with the nursing care here – both on the floor and in ICU."

After experiencing the hospi-

tal, Dr. Conter knew he wanted to bring his talents to the Lancaster community. "I am an old world trained doctor– when I was trained; I was trained to do everything. I still do all routine general surgeries," he said. "I also do specialty surgeries, including complications from surgery, complex abdominal surgery, and gastrointestinal surgical oncology."

Dr. Conter remains an old-world surgeon in other way – his unending commitment to what is best for his patients. "When I visited Lancaster Regional, I

saw patients being treated like family," he said. "My goal is to be able to offer Lancaster patients the option to have surgery here at home, where they're comfortable and can be surrounded by loved ones."

Dr. Conter's office is located in the Medical Arts Building, 233 College Avenue, across the street from Lancaster Regional Medical Center. His office phone number is 717-735-9187.

We welcome Dr. Conter to Lancaster.

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Lancaster Regional Medical Center is pleased to announce a new affiliation with Dr. Robert Conter, and his practice General and Surgical Oncology Specialists of Central PA.

Robert L. Conter, MD, FACS, is a graduate of Rush Medical College. He completed his surgical residency at UCLA Hospital and Clinics. He also completed a two-year surgical gastrointestinal research fellowship during his residency. Dr. Conter spent

the majority of his professional career in Central Pennsylvania, at Hershey Medical Center, before the recent opening of his practice in Lancaster.

In addition to general surgery, Dr. Conter performs complex gastrointestinal surgery and gastrointestinal oncology surgery. The majority of his cases will be performed at Lancaster Regional Medical Center.

General and Surgical Oncology Specialists of Central PA offices are at 233 College Avenue, Suite 203, conveniently located in the medical office building directly across from Lancaster Regional Medical Center.



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