

Faculty Biography



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Dr. DeMeester earned his medical degree at Loyola Stritch School of Medicine in Chicago and completed a residency in General Surgery at the University of Michigan. He completed a Cardiothoracic Surgery residency at Washington University in St. Louis. To gain further expertise with complex foregut problems and to refine his skills in minimally invasive laparoscopic and thoracoscopic procedures he undertook a one-year esophageal surgery fellowship at the University of Southern California. He joined the faculty of the USC Department of Surgery in 1997. He received his board certification in thoracic surgery in 1997.

Dr. DeMeester has held numerous faculty appointments, including Chief of Thoracic/Foregut Section at LAC/USC Medical Center. He has contributed to over 130 peer reviewed publications, 24 book chapters and 4 textbooks.

Dr. DeMeester has published research on allograft rejection in rat lungs, Barrett's esophagus, and laparoscopic nissen fundoplication. He is internationally known as a thought leader in foregut surgery, and has been an invited speaker at over 75 conferences. His major areas of clinical and laboratory research interests include diaphragmatic function as it relates to pulmonary and esophageal disorders, Barrett's esophagus and intestinal metaplasia of the cardia, esophageal adenocarcinoma, tracheal reconstruction and minimally invasive approaches for pulmonary and esophageal surgery.

Dr. DeMeester is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, and a member of the American Surgical Association, the American Gastroenterological Association, The Society of Thoracic Surgeons and SAGES.

