

Faculty Biography



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A graduate of Eastern Virginia Medical School in Norfolk, Virginia, Dr. Thomas started his surgical career in the United States Navy where he completed his surgical internship at Naval Medical Center in Portsmouth, Virginia and surgical residency at Naval Medical Center in San Diego, California. Additionally, he has served as a flight surgeon with the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, ship's surgeon on the USS John C. Stennis, staff surgeon and department head at Naval Hospital Bremerton, Washington.

Dr. Thomas ended his career with the Navy in 2009 to relocate to Phoenix, AZ. In 2011, he joined Maricopa Integrated Health System where he became involved in training surgical residents and medical students. In 2014, Dr. Thomas joined the Center for Minimally Invasive and Robotic Surgery to implement an integrated robotic surgery rotation for the MIHS surgical residency program. He completed the DaVinci robotic training and has fully integrated robotic surgery into his surgical practice. Dr. Thomas currently serves as the site director for the robotics rotation at MIHS and is an associate professor of surgery for the University of Arizona School of Medicine. He was awarded the "golden scalpel award" for surgical education at MIHS and is fully committed to the education and training of surgical residents.

Dr. Thomas believes that robotic surgery is the next logical step in laparoscopic surgery. "Robotic surgery allows one to complete surgery in the manner you would open, in a laparoscopic or minimally invasive environment. This gives our patients the advantage of having faster recovery, less post-operative pain and a quicker return to work and daily activities." When he is not educating medical students, residents and taking care of his patients, Dr. Thomas enjoys spending time with family and friends and keeping fit by playing basketball and running.

