

CURRICULUM VITAE

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SURGICAL EXPERIENCE

- Personal experience of 1,400 with bariatric procedures (80% Lap gastric bypass, 10% Lap sleeve gastrectomy, 2% Gastric band and 8% lap revisions (lap-band to bypass, Vertical banded gastroplasty to bypass, gastric bypass revision, sleeve gastrectomy to bypass))
- Experience in laparoscopic foregut surgery, solid organs, gastrointestinal and colorectal surgery
- Excellent safety and weight loss outcomes (please see statistics)

GRADUATE & POSTGRADUATE TRAINING

- 6/2002 - 8/2003: Fellowship Advanced Laparoscopic and Bariatric Surgery
Western Pennsylvania Hospital & Allegheny General
Hospital/ Allegheny University Campus
- 6/1996 - 6/2002: General Surgery Resident at Metropolitan Group Hospitals
at Chicago/ University of Illinois at Chicago
- 4/1995-4/2001: PhD at the University of Athens Medical School, "Cum Laude"
- 9/1987-7/1993: Aristotelio University of Thessaloniki Medical School
Diploma of Medicine: Degree "Very Good-7.5" (scale
Range: 0-10)

CLINICAL & ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS/ WORK EXPERIENCE

- 12/1/2013 – present : Director, Section of Metabolic and Bariatric surgery, Metropolitan Hospital, Athens, Greece
- 8/20/2007 – 11/29/2013: Chief, Section of Bariatric Surgery & Director, Bariatric Center at St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center, Hartford, CT, USA
- 9/1/2008 – present: Associate Professor of Surgery, University of Connecticut
- 9/1/2007 – 8/31/2008: Assistant Professor of Surgery, University of Connecticut
- 9/2003 – 8/31/2007: Assistant Professor of Surgery, University of Pittsburgh
- 9/2003 – 8/31/2007: Medical staff, UPMC Shadyside Hospital, Specialty in Minimally Invasive and Bariatric Surgery, Pittsburgh, PA, USA
- 9/2003 – 8/31/2007: Medical staff, UPMC Presbyterian Hospital, Specialty in Minimally Invasive and Bariatric Surgery, Pittsburgh, PA, USA
- 9/2003 – 8/31/2007: Medical staff, UPMC Magee Women’s Hospital, Specialty in Minimally Invasive and Bariatric Surgery, Pittsburgh, PA, USA
- 6/2004 – 8/31/2007: Medical staff, UPMC Passavant Hospital, Specialty in Minimally Invasive and Bariatric Surgery, Pittsburgh, PA, USA
- 10/2005 – 8/31/2007: Medical staff, UPMC St. Margaret’s Hospital, Specialty in Minimally Invasive and Bariatric Surgery, Pittsburgh, PA, USA
- 7/2002 - 12/2002: Medical staff, West Pennsylvania Hospital, Specialty in Minimally Invasive and Bariatric Surgery, Pittsburgh, PA, USA
- 7/2002 - 8/2003: Medical staff, Allegheny General Hospital, Specialty in Minimally Invasive and Bariatric Surgery, Pittsburgh, PA, USA
- 10/1993-8/1995: Worked as a general practitioner at the Greek Air Force, Athens, Greece

ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES IN MEDICAL SOCIETIES/ JOURNALS

- 7/2008 to 7/2010: Member of the Communications Committee of the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery
- 2007-2009: Editorial Advisory Board at Weight Loss Surgery Lifestyles magazine
- 6/2004 – present: Reviewer for the Surgical Endoscopy journal

- 1/2005 – present: Reviewer for the Journal of the Society of Laparoendoscopic Surgeons.
- 2010: Reviewer for the journal of Surgical Laparoscopy, Endoscopy and Percutaneous Techniques.

HONORS-AWARDS-CERTIFICATIONS

- Bariatric Center of excellence surgeon since 2005, designated by the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery (ASMBS)
- Poster of distinction among 600 papers at the Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons/World Congress of Endoscopic Surgery. Balaji Jangam, MD, Kristine O’Hara, MD, Bruce Bernstein, PhD, Ravi Chhatrala, MD, Ioannis Raftopoulos, MD, PhD, FACS **OUTCOMES OF LAPAROSCOPIC ROUX-en-Y GASTRIC BYPASS AS A PRIMARY VERSUS REVISIONAL BARIATRIC SURGERY.**
- Selected for oral presentation at the SSAT along with 37 other papers among 300 papers originally submitted: Raftopoulos IS, Ercole JA, Udekwu AO, Luketich J, Courcoulas AP. Short and long-term outcome of Roux-en-Y gastric bypass stratified by BMI of 70 Kg/m². A comparative analysis of 825 procedures. The Society for Surgery of the Alimentary Tract, New Orleans, LA, May 15-20, 2004.
- Best poster award: Santos RS, Raftopoulos Y, Singh D, Maley R, Keenan RJ, Landreneau RJ. Interventional bronchoscopy for management of benign tracheal stenosis. American College of Chest Physicians Orlando, FL, October 25-30, 2003.
- Nominee paper for Resident/Trainee Award: Raftopoulos Y, Papasavas P, Hayetian F, Maurer J, Bononi P, Caushaj P, Gagne D. Improvement of hypothyroidism after laparoscopic Roux-en-Y gastric bypass. Presentation, American Society for Bariatric Surgery 20th Annual Meeting, Boston June 2003.
- 2003 Resident Research award in recognition for outstanding research submission, Allegheny General Hospital
- Award for excellence (>90%) in the IN-Service United States General Surgery exam 1999 and 2002
- Nominated from my residency program for the SAGES Junior Research Award

- Honor of excellence at high school graduation year awarded by the Mayor of Athens
- Graduated at top 3% of my medical school class
- Physician Recognition Award by the American Medical Association
- ECFMG Certification
- Certification of completion of the Human Subject Research Education
- Certification of appreciation from Advocate Health Care System
- Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS) Provider Certification
- Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS) Provider Certification

MEMBERSHIPS

- Fellow of the American College of Surgeons (FACS)
- American Society for Bariatric Surgery (ASBS)
- Society of American Gastrointestinal Endoscopic Surgeons (SAGES)
- Hartford County Medical Association
- Society of Laparoendoscopic Surgeons (SLS)
- National Register's Who's Who in Executives and Professionals
- Athens Medical Association (Greece)

BOARD CERTIFICATIONS

- *American Board of Surgery*
Board Certified since 10/2003
- *Greek Board of Surgery License Examinations*
Board Certified since 12/2002

INVITED FACULTY IN COURSES/MEETINGS

- Faculty member and speaker, "Intracorporeal anastomosis in colon surgery with the linear stapler", Laparoscopy and Colon surgery course, Lehigh Valley Hospital, Allentown, PA, March 25, 2008.
- Faculty member and speaker, "Gastric bypass in extremely superobese patients", Controversies and Progress in Obesity Surgery, Pittsburgh, PA, February 10, 2005

- Faculty member and speaker, “Single-stage procedures in the superobese patients”, Minimally Invasive Surgery Annual Summit, Steamboat Springs, CO, March 21, 2005
- Faculty member and speaker, “Outcomes of laparoscopic repair of inguinal hernias”, Minimally Invasive Surgery Annual Summit, Steamboat Springs, CO, March 21, 2005

MEDIA INTERVIEWS

- TV interview in two series W3 Channel, Connecticut, Better Family: Bariatric Surgery at Saint Francis Hospital, 11/28/2012
- Bariatric Surgery: No substitute for working at weight loss. Healthcare Ledger September 2007;4(9): 20-26 (article by Lisa Davis).
- Radio interview. WICC 600 AM South Connecticut, September 11, 2007 1.45pm-2pm.
- Doctor in Demand. Hartford Business Journal September 2007;15(44):28 (Fresh faces section by Emily Boisvert).
- Saint Francis Welcomes New Medical Director of Bariatric Surgery. St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center “Healthworks” journal Fall 2007page 19.
- Medical staff news. St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center “System NewsLink” journal August 2007, page 5).
- Weight Loss Surgery Risk: Brain Damage. Web MD Medical News 3/12/2007 Daniel J DeNoon.
Website address: <http://www.webmd.com/diet/news/20070312/weight-loss-surgery-risk-brain-damage>
- Digest Winter 2007. The Division of Minimally Invasive Bariatric and General Surgery at Magee
Website address: www.dept-med.pitt.edu/GI/PittDigestWINTER2007.pdf
- University Times Laparoscopic gastric bypass effective for recurrent GERD.
Website address: www.umc.pitt.edu:591/u/FMPro?-DB=ustory&-Format=d.html&-lay=a&storyid=2312&-

- Innovations Report. Gastric bypass works for GERD and obesity in patients with prior surgery
Website address: www.innovations-report.com/html/reports/medicine_health/report-36237.html
- Sexual Health.com. Gastric Bypass Surgery Eases GERD in the Obese.
Website address: sexualhealth.e-healthsource.com/?p=news1&id=522280

COURSES ATTENDED

- Certificate of the DaVinci Robotic System Training, Hartford, CT 11/6/2013
- Laparoscopic Duodenal Switch Preceptorship Certificate, Abington Memorial Hospital, Abington, PA, USA, 10/30/2013
- Body Contouring and Thighplasty Preceptorship Certificate, Danville, PA, USA, 10/2/2013
- Corset Abdominoplasty Preceptorship Certificate, Danville, PA, USA, 9/18/2013
- Laparoscopic REALIZE gastric band surgery, April 2009 Cininatti, OH
- Laparoscopic Single Incision Laparoscopic Surgery, March 2009 Cincinatti, OH
- Laparoscopic Band course, University of Louisville, May 11-13, 2006, Louisville KY
- Laparoscopic Colorectal course, Allegheny General Hospital, May 9, 2003, Pittsburgh, PA
- 2nd Annual Symposium for Surgery of the Foregut, Cleveland Clinic Florida, February 17-18, 2003, Miami, FL
- US Surgical Bariatric and Colorectal Surgery Course, December 4-5, 2002, Norwalk, CT.
- Laparoscopic innovations in Bariatric and Colon and Rectal Surgery, November 3-6, 2002, Palm Beach, FL
- Image-guided breast biopsy/ 87th ACS, October 2001
- Lymphatic mapping and the significance of sentinel node biopsy/ 87th ACS, October 2001
- Advanced course on Laparoscopic Colorectal Surgery/ IRCAD-EITS, Strasbourg/ France, June 15-16 2001

- Course on Laparoscopic Ventral Hernia/ Minimally Invasive Surgery Center at University of Illinois at Chicago, April 17 2001
- Course on Advanced Laparoscopic Surgery/ Minimally Invasive Surgery Center at University of Illinois at Chicago, October 20-21 2000
- Course in Hernia Surgery/ The Hernia Center (I Rutkow & A Robbins), New Jersey, February 2000

PARTICIPATION IN RESEARCH PROTOCOLS

1. The pharmacokinetic properties of fondaparinux in morbidly obese volunteers. \$129,000 grant from GlaxoSmithKline. (Principal Investigator). Completed & Submitted
2. UO1DK066557-01 NIH/NIDDK (9/30/2003 – 08/31/2008), Longitudinal Assessment of Bariatric Surgery-Data (LABS) Coordinating Center (Co-Investigator). Not Active
3. Enterra™ Therapy for Gastroparesis (Principal Investigator). Not active
4. Outcome of laparoscopic ventral hernia repair in morbidly obese patients with a BMI > 35 Kg/m². (Principal Investigator). Published
5. The prevalence of pelvic organ prolapse and urinary incontinence following weight reduction. (Co-Investigator). Not active
6. Laparoscopic gastric conditioning 3 weeks prior to esophagectomy in a dog model (Co-Investigator).
7. Colonoscopy training in a rat model (Principal Investigator). Published
8. Validation of an inanimate training model for advanced laparoscopic skills (Principal Investigator). Published
9. Validation of the Allegheny-West Penn Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease (AWGERD) Questionnaire (Co-Investigator).

PUBLICATIONS

ATTACHED PUBLICATIONS HAVE BEEN CITED 751 TIMES WITH 20 PUBLICATIONS HAVING BEEN SITED MORE THAN 10 TIMES. PLEASE SEE
http://scholar.google.gr/citations?view_op=list_works&hl=en&user=YtKAts0AAAAJ&gmla=AJsN-F4KnOWWX_d5aQwrGqFht_-iD0AT51-S0CCaGY5xrYpk0MBk9FWmJPxWYRfXMG3zLFvNvLyqgr5Ll3MY8VuIlg61YaAC

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866FiRx.

1. Peer reviewed Publications

1. **Raftopoulos I**, Bernstein B, O'Hara KM, Ruby JA, Chhatrala R, Carty J. Protein intake compliance of morbidly obese patients undergoing laparoscopic Roux-en-Y gastric bypass and its effect on weight loss, leptin and albumin. *Surgery for Obesity & Related Diseases* 2011 Nov-Dec;7(6):733-42.
2. Raftopoulos I, Reed JF 3rd, Bergamaschi R. Circumferential resection margin involvement after laparoscopic abdominoperineal excision for rectal cancer. *Colorectal Dis.* 2012 Apr;14(4):431-7.
3. A Gorin, **I Raftopoulos**. Patients with combined mood and eating disorders who had laparoscopic gastric bypass are more challenging postoperatively but can achieve comparable weight loss. *Obes Surg* 2009;19(12):1685-90.
4. **Raftopoulos I**, Bergamaschi R. Selection Criteria, Preoperative work-up and Postoperative Pathway for the Bariatric Surgery Patient in a U.S. center. *Minimally Invasive Chirurgie* (Accepted 6/25/2008)
5. Uchal M, Haughn C, **Raftopoulos Y**, Hussain F, Reed JF, Tjugum J, Bergamaschi R. Robotic camera holder as good as expert camera holder: a randomized crossover trial. *Surg Laparosc Endosc & Percut Tech* 2009;19(3):272-5.
6. **Raftopoulos I**, Martindale C, Cronin A, Steinberg J. The effect of extended post-discharge thromboprophylaxis on venous thromboembolism rates after bariatric surgery. A prospective comparison trial. *Surg Endosc* 2008 Nov;22(11):2384-91.
7. Zainabadi Kambiz, Courcoulas AP, Awais O, **Raftopoulos I**. Laparoscopic revision of Nissen fundoplication to Roux-en-Y gastric bypass in morbidly obese patients. *Surg Endosc.* 2008 Dec;22(12):2737-40.
8. **Raftopoulos I**, Courcoulas A. Revision of Jejunoileal bypass to Roux-en-Y gastric bypass. Technical considerations and outcomes from 2 cases. *Surg Obes Relat Dis* 2008;4(2):198-201.

9. **Raftopoulos I**, Courcoulas AP. Outcome of laparoscopic ventral hernia repair in morbidly obese patients with a BMI > 35 Kg/m². *Surg Endosc* 2007;21(12):2293-7.
10. **Raftopoulos I**, Courcoulas AP, Blumberg D. Should completely intracorporeal anastomosis be considered in obese patients undergoing laparoscopic colectomy for benign or malignant disease of the colon? *Surgery* 2006;140(4):675-683.
11. Haughn C, Uchal M, **Raftopoulos Y**, Rossi S, Santucci T, Torpey M, Pollice A, Yavus Y, Marvik R, Bergamaschi R. Development of a total colonoscopy rat model with endoscopic submucosal injection of the cecal wall. *Surg Endosc* 2006;20(2):270-273 **Imp. Factor: 2.057**
12. **Raftopoulos I**, Courcoulas AP. A Shrinking stomach. What you need to know about stomach surgery for weight loss. *Diabetes Forecast* 2006;59(7): 57-60.
13. **Raftopoulos I**, Courcoulas AP. Winning at weight loss. Stomach surgery for weight loss. *Diabetes Forecast* 2006;59(4):59-61.
14. Awais O, **Raftopoulos Y**, Luketich JD, Courcoulas AP. Acute, complete proximal small bowel obstruction after laparoscopic gastric bypass due to intraluminal clot formation. *Surgery for Obesity & Related Diseases* 2005;1(4):418-423.
15. **Raftopoulos Y**, Gatti GG, Luketich JD, Courcoulas AP. Advanced age and sex as predictors of adverse outcomes following gastric bypass surgery. *JSLs* 2005;9(3):44-53.
16. **Raftopoulos Y**, Patel N, Senagore A, Bergamaschi R. Recurrence rates after abdominal surgery for rectal prolapse: A multicenter pooled-analysis of 643 individual patient data. *Dis Colon Rectum* 2005;48(6):1200-1206 **Imp. Factor: 2.343**
17. **Raftopoulos Y**, Awais O, Fernando HC, Courcoulas AP, Luketich JD. Laparoscopic gastric bypass after antireflux operations for the treatment of gastroesophageal reflux disease in morbidly obese patients. Initial experience. *Obesity Surgery* 2004;14(10): 1373-1380 **Imp. Factor: 2.356**
18. **Raftopoulos I**, Ercole J, Udekwu AO, Luketich JD, Courcoulas AP. Outcome of Roux-en-Y gastric bypass stratified by a body mass index of 70 Kg/m². A comparative analysis of 825 procedures. *J Gastrointest Surg* 2005;9(1):44-53 **Imp. Factor: 1.990**

19. Santos RS, **Raftopoulos Y**, Singh D, Fernando H, Keenan RJ, Luketich J, Landreneau RJ. . Utility of total Stapled Mechanical Cervical Esophagogastric anastomosis after esophagectomy. A comparison to conventional anastomotic techniques.. *Surgery* 2004; 136(4):917-25 **Imp. Factor: 2.611**.
20. Uchal M, **Raftopoulos Y**, Bergamaschi R. Validation of a physical inanimate model for acquisition of laparoscopic motor skills. *Surg Endosc* 2005;19: 109-116 **Imp. Factor: 2.057**
21. **Raftopoulos Y**, Papasavas P, Hayetian F, Maurer J, Bononi P, Caushaj PF, Gagne D. Improvement of hypothyroidism after laparoscopic Roux-en-Y gastric bypass. *Obesity Surgery* 2004; 14: 509-513. **Imp. Factor: 2.356**
22. **Raftopoulos Y**, Nghiem DD, Gignac MR, Santos R, Young JC, Fowler D, Bergamaschi R. Comparison of open and hand-assisted laparoscopic live donor nephrectomy. *Surg Endoscopy* 2004; 18: 1519-1523 **Imp. Factor: 2.057**
23. Santos RS, **Raftopoulos Y**, Keenan R, Halal A, Maley RH, Landreneau RJ. Bronchoscopic palliation of primary lung cancer: Single or multimodality therapy? *Surg Endosc* 2004; 18: 931-936. **Imp. Factor: 2.057**
24. **Raftopoulos Y**, Landreneau R. Author's reply. *Surg Endosc* 2004; 18: 1825-1827. **Imp. Factor: 2.356**
25. **Raftopoulos Y**, Landreneau R, Hayetian F, Papasavas P, Naunheim N, Hazelrigg SR, Santos R, Gagne D, Caushaj P, Keenan R. Factors affecting quality of life after minimally invasive Heller myotomy for achalasia. *J Gastrointestinal Surg* 2004; 8: 233-239. **Imp. Factor: 1.990**
26. **Raftopoulos Y**, Papasavas P, Hayetian F, Keenan R, Santucci T, Gagne D, Caushaj P, Landreneau R. Clinical outcome of laparoscopic antireflux surgery in patients with irritable bowel syndrome. *Surg Endosc* 2004; 18(4): 655-659. **Imp. Factor: 2.057**
27. Andujar J, Birdas T, Papasavas P, **Raftopoulos Y**, Keenan R, Santucci T, Gagne D, Caushaj P, Landreneau R. Laparoscopic repair of large paraesophageal hernia is associated with a low incidence of recurrence and reoperation. *Surg Endoscopy* 2004; 18: 444-447. **Imp. Factor: 2.057**

28. Kouraklis G, Kouskos E, Glivanou A, **Raftopoulos J**, Karatzas G. Perforated carcinoma of the sigmoid colon in an incarcerated inguinal hernia: Report of a case. *Surgery Today* 2003;33(9):707-708. **Imp. Factor: 0.501**
29. Kouraklis G, Theocharis S, Vamvakas , Evagelidakis E, Glinavou A, **Raftopoulos J**, Karatzas G. Cyclin D1 and Rb protein expression and their correlation with prognosis in patients with colon cancer. *Dig Dis Sci* 2003;48(12):2284-2289. **Imp. Factor: 0.645**
30. Kouraklis G, Kakisis J, Theocharis S, Glinavou A, **Raftopoulos J**, Gogas J, Karatzas G. Prognostic significance and correlation with survival of bcl-2 and TGF-b RII in colon cancer. *Dig Dis Sci* 2003; 48(12): 2284-2289. **Imp. Factor: 2.438**
31. **Raftopoulos I**, Vanuno D, Khorsand J, Kouraklis G, Lasky P. Comparison of open and laparoscopic prosthetic repair of large ventral hernias. *JSLS* 2003; 7: 227-232. **Imp. Factor: Unknown**
32. **Raftopoulos I**, Vanuno D, J Khorsand, J Ninos, G Kouraklis, P Lasky. Outcome of laparoscopic ventral hernia repair in correlation with obesity, type of hernia and hernia size. *J Laparoendosc & Adv Surg Tech A* 2002;12(6):425-9. **Imp. Factor: 0.873**
33. Kouraklis G, Glivanou A, Kouvaraki M, **Raftopoulos J**, Karatzas G. Anal lesion resulting from implantation of viable tumour cells in a pre-existing anal fistula. A case report. *Acta Chir Belg* 2002; 102(3): 212-213. **Imp. Factor: 0.269**
34. Kouraklis G, Mantas D, Glivanou A, Kouskos E, **Raftopoulos J**, Karatzas G. Diverticular disease of the small bowel: a report of 27 cases. *Int Surg* 2001; 86(4): 235-239. **Imp. Factor: 0.366**
35. **Raftopoulos I**, Lee T, Byrne MP. A case of large retroperitoneal lipoma. *Archives of Surgery* 2002;137:865-6. **Imp. Factor: 2.549**
36. Franko, J, Salkowski R, **Raftopoulos I**. A rare variation of Amyand's hernia. *Am J Gastroenterology* 2002;97(10):7-8. **Imp. Factor: 3.953**
37. Kouraklis G, Misiakos E, Glivanou A, **Raftopoulos I**, Karatzas G. Management of enterochromaffin-like gastric carcinoid tumour metastasized to the liver. *Scand J Gastroenterol* 2002; 37(2):246-248. **Imp. Factor: 1.847**

38. **Raftopoulos I**, Vanuno D, Kouraklis G. Primary T-cell lymphoma of the thyroid arising in a background of Hashimoto's thyroiditis. *J Clin Oncology* 2001; 19(5): 3576-80. **Imp. Factor: 9.868**
39. **Raftopoulos I**, Haid SP. Carotid endarterectomy with reimplantation of the internal carotid artery: perioperative risk, and incidence of recurrent stenosis in 167 procedures. *Cardiovasc Surg* 2000; 8(7): 519-525. **Imp. Factor: 0.822**
40. Johnson PE, **Raftopoulos I**. In situ splitting of a rib graft for reconstruction of the orbital floor. *J Plast & Reconstructive Surgery* 1999; 103(6): 1709-1711. **Imp. Factor: 1.518**
41. **Raftopoulos I**, Meller JL, Harris V, Reyes HM. Cryptococcal osteomyelitis in a pediatric patient. *J Ped Surgery* 1998; 33(5): 771-773. **Imp. Factor: 1.304**
42. **Raftopoulos Y**, Furey WW, Kacey DJ, Podbielski F. Tumor implantation after CT-guided biopsy of lung cancer. *J Thoracic Cardiovasc Surg* 2000; 119: 1288-9. **Imp. Factor: 2.842**
43. **Raftopoulos I**, Davaris P, Karatzas G, Karayannacos P, Kouraklis G. Level of α -catenin expression in colorectal cancer correlates with invasiveness, metastatic potential, and survival. *J Surg Oncol* 1998; 68: 92-99. **Imp. Factor: 1.502**
44. Kouraklis G, Glivanou A, **Raftopoulos I**, Alevisou V, Karatzas G. Epidural analgesia attenuates the systemic stress response to upper abdominal surgery: a randomized trial. *Int Surg* 2000; 85(4):353-357. **Imp. Factor: 0.366**
45. **Raftopoulos I**, Kouraklis G. Dysfunction of the E-cadherin-catenin complex cell adhesion cascade in epithelial cancers. *Oncol Reports* 1996; 3: 793-803. **Imp. Factor: 1.171**
46. **Raftopoulos IS**, Kouraklis G. The role of integrins in the progression and metastasis of colon cancer. *Int J Surg Sci* 1995; 2: 189-193. **Imp. Factor: Unknown**
47. Koullias G, Kouraklis G, **Raftopoulos I**, Davaris P, Papadopoulos S, Golematis B. Increased estrogen receptor and epidermal growth factor gene product co-expression in surgically resected gastric adenocarcinomas. *J Surg Oncology* 1996; 63: 166-171. **Imp. Factor: 1.502**
48. **Raftopoulos I**, Kouraklis G. The role of integrins in the development and progression of colorectal cancer. *IATRIKI (Greek Medical Journal)* 1996; 9: 15-20.

49. **Raftopoulos I**, Kouraklis G. The role of E-cadherin and α -catenin in the differentiation and prognosis of gastrointestinal malignancies. IATRIKI (Greek Medical Journal) 1997; 11: 236-242.

2. Published Abstracts

IMPACT FACTOR (TOTAL): 86.056

1. Kristine O'Hara, Bruce Bernstein, Ravi Chhatrala, Balaji Jangam, Judy Carty, **Ioannis Raftopoulos**. Protein intake compliance of morbidly obese patients undergoing laparoscopic Roux-en-Y gastric bypass and its effect on weight loss, leptin and albumin. SOARD 2010;6(3S):S11-S12.
2. Balaji Jangam, Bruce Bernstein, Kristine O'Hara, Ravi Chhatrala, Danielle Cuzzone, Andrea Cronin, **Ioannis Raftopoulos**. Clinical, biochemical, radiologic and respiratory predictors of sleep apnea severity in morbidly obese patients undergoing bariatric surgery. SOARD 2010;6(3S):S73-S74.
3. Balaji Jangam, Kristine O'Hara, Bruce Bernstein, Ravi Chhatrala, **Ioannis Raftopoulos**. Outcomes of laparoscopic Roux-en-Y gastric bypass as a primary versus revisional bariatric surgery. Surg Endosc 2010;24 Supplement 1:S197-198.
4. Kristine O'Hara, Bruce Bernstein, Ravi Chhatrala, Balaji Jangam, Judy Carty, **Ioannis Raftopoulos**. Protein intake compliance of morbidly obese patients undergoing laparoscopic Roux-en-Y gastric bypass and its effect on weight loss, leptin and albumin. SOARD 2010;5:4.
5. Balaji Jangam, Bruce Bernstein, Kristine O'Hara, Ravi Chhatrala, Danielle Cuzzone, Andrea Cronin, **Ioannis Raftopoulos**. Clinical, biochemical, radiologic and respiratory predictors of sleep apnea severity in morbidly obese patients undergoing bariatric surgery. SOARD 2010;5:22.
6. A Gorin, **I Raftopoulos**. Patients with combined mood and eating disorders who had laparoscopic gastric bypass are more challenging postoperatively but can achieve comparable weight loss. SOARD 2008;4:365.
7. **I Raftopoulos**, C Martindale, A Cronin, J Steinberg. Weight Loss expectations after laparoscopic gastric bypass are influenced by preoperative body mass index. Surg Endosc 2008;22 (Suppl1): S201.

8. Zainabadi Kambiz, **Raftopoulos I**. Effect of Histamine-2 blockers or proton pump inhibitors on the incidence of anastomotic ulcer after laparoscopic Roux-en-Y gastric bypass. *SOARD* 2007;3:301.
9. **Raftopoulos I**, Barbara Mikash. Comparison of selective clipping vs. routine oversewing of the gastric remnant staple line on postoperative hemorrhage after laparoscopic Roux-en-Y gastric bypass. A prospective non-randomized comparison trial. *SOARD* 2007;3:304.
10. Laura Ludwig , DO, **Yannis Raftopoulos**, MD Chris Haughn, MD Samuel Szomstein, MD Peter Rovito, MD Raul Rosenthal, MD Roberto Bergamaschi, MD. Impact of adding routine intraoperative endoscopy to laparoscopic gastric bypass for refractory morbid obesity. A Multicenter prospective study. *SOARD* 2007;3:314.
11. Zainabadi Kambiz, Courcoulas AP, Awais O, **Raftopoulos I** . Laparoscopic revision of Nissen fundoplication to Roux-en-Y gastric bypass in morbidly obese patients. *Surg Endosc* 2007; 21 (Suppl 1): S304.
12. **Raftopoulos I**, Courcoulas AP. Outcome of laparoscopic ventral hernia repair in morbidly obese patients with a BMI > 35 Kg/m². *Surg Endosc* 2007; 21 (Suppl 1): S14.
13. **Raftopoulos I**, Awais O, Courcoulas AP. Laparoscopic revision of open vertical banded gastroplasty to Roux-en-Y gastric bypass. *Surg Endosc* 2007; 21 (Suppl 1): S280.
14. **Raftopoulos I**, Courcoulas AP, Blumberg D. Feasibility, technique and outcome of laparoscopic left hemicolectomy with completely intracorporeal anastomosis using a linear stapling technique. *Surg Endosc* 2007; 21 (Suppl 1): S183.
15. Denne J, Yangchun Du, **Raftopoulos I**, D'Amico F, Courcoulas P. Provider volume impacts in-hospital mortality following gastric bypass surgery. *Surg Endosc* 2007; 21 (Suppl 1): S300.
16. McCloskey CA, **Raftopoulos I**, Padovan GI, Courcoulas AP. Laparoscopic Retrocolic Roux-en-Y gastric bypass in patients with BMI > 60Kg/m². *Surg Endosc* 2006;20(Suppl1):S305.

- 17. Raftopoulos I**, Courcoulas AP, Blumberg D. Should completely intracorporeal anastomosis be considered in obese patients undergoing laparoscopic colectomy for benign or malignant disease of the colon? *Surgery*
- 18. Raftopoulos IS**, Ercole JA, Udekwu AO, Luketich J, Courcoulas AP. Short and long-term outcome of Roux-en-Y gastric bypass stratified by BMI of 70 Kg/m². A comparative analysis of 825 procedures. *Gastroenterol* 2004; 126 (4): A775 Suppl.
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