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Philosophy of Care

I believe in taking care of patients as if they were my own family member. I recognize that many patients are hesitant about having surgery and I think it is crucial to have a thorough discussion covering the indications, risks and benefits of an operation before proceeding. I believe that it is critically important that we provide the best possible care to each and every patient that comes through our door. Residents play a big part in the care that we provide at UC Davis and I encourage their participation in treating all patients.

Clinical Interests

Dr. Leshikar is a general surgeon who specializes in Trauma Surgery and Surgical Critical Care. He primarily works in the inpatient setting caring for patients with complex injuries and those who require emergency general surgery operations. In addition to trauma surgery, he sees patients in clinic who require hernia surgery, including abdominal wall reconstruction.

Research/Academic Interests

Dr. Leshikar believes strongly in the importance of education and learning in the hospital. He serves as the Associate Program Director of both the General Surgery Residency and the Surgical Critical Care Fellowship where he helps design the trainee's curriculum and prepare them to ultimately take excellent care of their patients. He is also involved in teaching medical students and nursing education to help reinforce the strong teamwork atmosphere that we have at UC Davis.

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Internships General Surgery, UC Davis Medical Center, Sacramento CA 2009-2010

Residency General Surgery, UC Davis Medical Center, Sacramento CA 2010-2015

Fellowships Surgical Critical Care, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas TX 2015-2016

Board Certifications American Board of Surgery - General Surgery
American Board of Surgery - Surgical Critical Care

Professional Memberships Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society, UC Davis School of Medicine Chapter
American College of Surgeons, Fellow
UC Davis Surgical Association, President
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Honors and Awards Outstanding Faculty Member in a Teaching Capacity, UC Davis, 2019
Chief of Staff Award, UC Davis, 2019
Faculty: Outstanding Leadership In and Outside of the Operating Room, UC Davis, 2018
Outstanding Faculty Member in a Teaching Capacity, UC Davis, 2018
Resident and Faculty: Outstanding Leadership In and Outside of the Operating Room, UC Davis Department of Surgery, 2015
Outstanding Resident and Role Model in a Teaching Capacity, UC Davis Department of Surgery, 2015
Outstanding Intern, UC Davis Department of Surgery, 2010
University Honors, University of Texas at Austin, 2000, 2001, 2002

Select Recent Publications Guenther T, Chen S, Wozniak C, Leshikar D. Fatal cardiac injury sustained from an air gun: Case report with review of the literature. *Int J Surg Case Rep.* 2020;70:133-136. Published online 2020 May 11. doi:10.1016/j.ijscr.2020.04.039.

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