

Curriculum Vitae - Julie Ellner, MD, FACS

Undergraduate Education 1985-1989

Dr. Ellner attended Hastings College in Hastings, NE as well as studied at Central College, London, England before graduating with a Bachelor of Arts, cum laude, in pre-medicine from Immaculata College in Philadelphia, PA.

Medical School & Residency 1989-1999

Dr. Ellner received her Medical Degree from **Tufts University School of Medicine** in Boston, MA. She completed her general surgery residency at the **University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics**, where **she was trained by Dr. Edward Mason, known as the "Grandfather of Bariatric Surgery."**

Honors & Awards

- 1985-1986 Athletic Scholarship, Hastings College
- 1985-1989 College and National Dean's Lists
- 1987-1989 Academic Scholarship Recipient
National Science Honor Society
- 1989 Delta Epsilon Sigma, National Scholarship Honor Society
Kappa Gamma Pi, Post-graduate Honor and Service Society
Graduated Cum Laude
- 1992 Medical Alumni Scholarship Recipient

Memberships

American Society for Bariatric Surgery
Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons
Fellowship of the American College Surgeons

Private Practice and Teaching

In 1999, Dr. Ellner entered private practice with Drs. G. Wesley Clark and Alan Wittgrove in San Diego, CA and became the **first woman to perform the laparoscopic gastric bypass.**

In March 2005, Dr. Ellner established her own practice and became **Medical Director of the Alvarado Hospital Medical Center Bariatric Program.**

Dr. Ellner has been a **clinical instructor in over 50 Bariatric Surgery Courses**, teaching surgeons how to perform the laparoscopic gastric bypass. She presents educational seminars across the country.

Personal Interests

Dr. Ellner enjoys studying English History and the Ancient Greek language, surfing, horseback riding, kickboxing, gardening, home canning and antiques.