

Portneuf Surgical Specialists

A Board Certified Team Approach to General Surgery

Drew W. McRoberts, MD was born and raised in Pocatello, the son of a surgeon. His father shared his 30 years of surgical experience with Dr. McRoberts and has continued to be available as a guide and mentor. Since graduating medical school, Dr. McRoberts has and will remain dedicated to the pursuit of the best surgical care of the patients served by Portneuf Surgical Specialists.

Dr. McRoberts is board certified in General Surgery, a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, and co-founder of Portneuf Surgical Specialists. The surgical partnership facilitates communication among surgeons, develops lasting relationships for best patient practices, accommodates existing and future surgical demands and most importantly, provides a satisfying care experience for patients by delivering care more efficiently. He presently serves as Chief of Surgery and Trauma Director for Portneuf Medical Center. Dr. McRoberts received his medical degree from the University of Washington School of Medicine in Seattle, Washington and completed his Surgical Residency and Internship at the University of Washington Hospital. He has over 20 years of surgical experience.

He enjoys participating in outdoor activities, traveling, and spending time with his family. He also looks forward to learning, understanding, and introducing new and innovative methods and technology to our surgical community.

"We are a group of board certified general surgeons dedicated to providing a full spectrum of surgical care with respect for our patients and community," says Dr. McRoberts. **"We are proud to offer comprehensive surgical treatment to those with general, vascular, colon and rectal, thoracic, and oncologic disorders. Together with our care team, we combine excellent quality surgical care with compassion as we guide our patients and their families through the treatment and healing process. We are pleased to accept new patients to our practice by referral and look forward to participating in their care."**



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Drew W. McRoberts, MD
Trauma Director
Chief of Surgery

Medical School: University of Washington School of Medicine
Residency and Internship: University of Washington Hospital
Board Certifications & Affiliations: General Surgery, Thoracic Surgery, Fellow of the American College of Surgeons
Specialties: General Surgery, Colon & Rectal Surgery, Gastroenterological Surgery, Laparoscopic Surgery, Trauma & Emergency Surgery
Private Practice for 17 years in Pocatello before joining Portneuf Surgical Specialists in 2011

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Katie Fritz, MD is a product of the west having grown up on a ranch in Chinook, Montana, a small town in North Central Montana. After graduating high school, she left the small town with a hope of returning to the northwest after completing medical school. Portneuf Medical Center fulfilled that dream. It was close to Montana, but more importantly, she was attracted to the vision for PMC to be the tertiary referral center in the region; the place in southeast Idaho to go for surgery.

Dr. Fritz is a board certified General Surgeon. She attended Creighton University Medical School in Omaha, Nebraska and completed residency training at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas, Texas. She has special interest and expertise in general surgery and an interest in the treatment of thyroid conditions, colon cancer, trauma and emergency surgery, and breast surgery.

Dr. Fritz is a gourmet cook who likes to try new recipes and discover new flavors. She enjoys the outdoors and has rediscovered the joy of the changing seasons since moving to Pocatello.

“Portneuf Surgical Specialists is a group of dedicated, highly-trained, and sub-specialized surgeons capable of providing comprehensive surgical services from pediatrics to geriatrics and from oncology to trauma,” says Dr. Fritz. “We offer a comprehensive, integrated plan of care for each patient, taking into account his or her unique needs and health situation. When it comes to our patients and our practice, we are constantly learning and advancing. We are a team and we are all in it together striving to provide the best for all patients.”



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Katie Fritz, MD
General Surgeon

Medical School: Creighton University Medical School, Omaha, NE

Residency and Internship: Baylor University Medical Center, Dallas TX

Board Certifications & Affiliations: Board certified by the American Board of Surgery, Fellow in American College of Surgeons, American Society of Breast Surgeons, American Hernia Society, Advance Trauma Life Support Instructor, Society of Laparoendoscopic Surgeons

Specialties: General Surgery, Breast Surgery, Thyroid Surgery, Colon & Rectal Surgery, Trauma & Emergency Surgery, Melanoma Surgery

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Alian Garay, MD understands all the complex issues that surround weight related health concerns. In fact, with his oversight and vision, PMC's Weight Management Institute has developed into a highly respected, interdisciplinary resource for patients throughout southeast Idaho. Innovations in minimally invasive surgery, caring support of the Weight Management Institute's team and PMC's new state-of-the-art surgical facility designed for the care of bariatric patients greatly enhances a patient's success, recovery time, and well-being.

Dr. Garay is certified by the American Board of Surgery and is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He is the only board certified, fellowship trained bariatric surgeon in southeast Idaho and offers the gastric bypass and gastric sleeve. Prior to medical school, Dr. Garay served in the US Navy. He then went on to attend medical school at the University of Texas at Houston, completed his surgical residency at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center in Denver, Colorado and finished his fellowship training at Legacy Health Systems in Portland, Oregon.

After his residency in the Intermountain west, Dr. Garay, his wife, and his two daughters wanted to stay in the area. He enjoys mountain biking, hiking, camping, and skiing. Pocatello offered everything they were looking for including good practice with great partners, outdoor activities, smaller and safer community with good schools and ideal weather.

"As a group of surgeons we collaborate and help, guide and assist each other without hesitation," says Dr. Garay. "This fosters camaraderie and certainly improves the quality of care we provide to our patients."



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Alian Garay, MD

Medical Director of Bariatric Surgery
Medical Director of Perioperative Services
General Surgeon

Medical School: University of Texas Medical School, Houston, TX

Residency and Internship: University of Colorado Health Sciences Center – Surgical Residency

Fellowship: Legacy Health Systems, Portland, OR; Fellowship in Bariatric / minimally invasive / foregut surgery

Board Certifications & Affiliations: Board Certified by the American Board of Medical Specialties in General Surgery; Fellow of the American College of Surgeons; Society of American Gastrointestinal & Endoscopic Surgeons; American Society for Metabolic & Bariatric Surgery

Specialties: Bariatric Surgery; General Surgery; Foregut Surgery

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Gregg Marshall, MD grew up in Logan, Utah. He graduated from Utah State University with a degree in Chemistry and Biochemistry; and minors in Russian and Biology. He then went on to attend medical school at Oregon Health and Sciences University in Portland, Oregon. Afterwards, he completed residency training at the University of Colorado in Denver, Colorado.

While in his youth, Dr. Marshall's mother battled ulcerative colitis; she was in and out of hospitals frequently. Surgical intervention brought his mother relief from the constant pain. These experiences left a lasting impression on Dr. Marshall. In choosing a career in medicine, he knew he wanted to have the skills necessary to effectively care for others and help them find relief.

Dr. Gregg Marshall is a board certified General Surgeon. He also has special interest and expertise in the surgical treatment of various cancers.

Dr. Marshall met and married his wife Bobbi while they were attending Utah State University. They are the proud parents of three boys, two girls, and another baby soon to arrive in February 2015. Dr. Marshall enjoys playing piano, basketball, racquetball, soccer, and camping with his family.

"Portneuf Surgical Specialists have a strong camaraderie and unique blend of experience," says Dr. Marshall. "We meet as a group weekly to discuss cases, clinical pathways and models of patient care for increased efficiency, less hospitalization, improved outcomes, safety, and reduced surgical times. We partner with our patients so they have the best team and the right care at the right time."



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Gregg Marshall, MD
General Surgeon

Medical School: Oregon Health Sciences University, Portland OR

Residency and Internship: University Colorado Denver Hospital

Board Certifications & Affiliations: Board Certified by the American College of Surgeons in General Surgery, American Society of Breast Surgeons, American Hernia Society, Advance Trauma Life Support Instructor

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Kate Preston, MD is a board certified general surgeon. She grew up in Lafayette, Louisiana and attended medical school at Louisiana State University in New Orleans and completed residency in Phoenix, AZ at the Phoenix Integrated Surgical Residency Program which offered Level I Trauma Center and excellent general surgery training. Dr. Preston was offered a position at a well-respected general surgical practice in Phoenix, Arizona but fell in love with the idea of moving to Pocatello where she could get involved with the community and get to know her patients on a personal level. She has a broad practice in general surgery with a special interest in treating breast issues.

Her hobbies include riding horses, snowboarding, wake boarding, and triathlons. She and her husband, a member of Arizona Air National Guard as a KC-135 pilot, have one young son. When considering where to practice, Dr. Preston decided to work with Portneuf Surgical Specialists because of their collaborative teamwork and expertise in providing top notch surgical care.

“We rely on a teamwork approach to ensure that each patient receives personalized care,” says Dr. Preston. “Our group provides a comprehensive, integrated plan of care for each of our patients.”



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Kate Preston, MD

General Surgeon

Physician Liaison for the Cancer Committee

Medical School: Louisiana State University School of Medicine, New Orleans

Residency and Internship: Banner Good Samaritan Medical Center; Phoenix Integrated Surgical Residency Program, Phoenix AZ

Board Certifications & Affiliations: Board Certified by the American College of Surgeons in General Surgery, American Society of Breast Surgeons, American Hernia Society, Advance Trauma Life Support Instructor

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