

THE CENTER FOR WELLNESS AND WEIGHT LOSS SURGERY (CWWLS)

OVERVIEW

- A research hospital and historically black college/university (HBCU) affiliate established in March 2008
- Provides comprehensive weight-loss programs in a friendly, boutique-like office setting
- Offers medical and surgical weight-loss options along with health/nutrition education, lifestyle/behavior modification, supplements/medications, and constant support
- Offers Post- Weightloss Body Contouring & other Plastic/Cosmetic procedures

MISSION

Promote a healthier society through nutrition, fitness and successful weight-loss

LEADERSHIP

MEDICAL DIRECTOR: Terrence M. Fullum, MD, FACS, Chief of Minimally Invasive and Bariatric Surgery at Howard University Hospital and Associate Professor of Surgery at Howard University College of Medicine in Washington, DC

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Graduate of Howard University College of Medicine
- Received minimally invasive and laparoscopic training at Yale University
- Board Certified in General Surgery
- Has performed over 1,500 weight loss surgeries and over 2,000 general surgeries using minimally invasive techniques
- Has developed and directed bariatric surgery programs at 5 institutions in the Washington, DC area
- Has trained hundreds of students, residents, and surgeons locally in minimally invasive laparoscopic and bariatric techniques

MEMBERSHIPS

- American Society for Metabolic & Bariatric Surgery
- American Medical Association
- National Medical Association
- Fellow of the American College of Surgeons

PUBLICATIONS/INTERNET

- Andrew I. Brill, MD, FACS, Kathakali Ghosh, MS, Candace L. Gunnarsson, Ed.D, John Rizzo, PhD, **Terrence M. Fullum, MD, FACS**, Craig A. Maxey, MBA, Stephen E. Brossette, MD, PhD. The Effects of Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy, Hysterectomy, and Appendectomy on Nosocomial Infection Risks. *Surg Endosc*, (accepted for publication Jan 2008).

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- **Terrence M. Fullum, MD**, Kanayochukwu J. Aluka, MD, Stephen J. McKenna, MD, Patricia L. Turner, MD. Preventing Anastomotic and Staple Line Leaks After Laparoscopic Roux en Y Gastric Bypass. *Surg Endosc*, (submitted for publication, Aug 2008).
- Reus Surgical Device: Once is Enough, The Washington Post, January 5, 2006.
- For more information about Dr. Terrence Fullum, visit: www.hubariatrics.com

PROGRAM DIRECTOR: Denia Tapscott, MD, Bariatrician and Internal Medicine physician at Howard University Hospital and Assistant Professor of Medicine at Howard University College of Medicine in Washington, DC

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Graduate of Georgetown University Medical School
- Board Certified in Internal Medicine
- Formerly Assistant Director of the Bariatric Surgery Center at a local hospital in Washington, DC
- Developed a comprehensive medical weight loss program called Personal Touch, PLLC in 2002 (incorporates nutritional, behavioral, and exercise counseling as well as medications and supplements to control appetite)
- Helps prepare patients for surgery as well as aid in their continued weight loss after surgery
- Helps non-surgery patients achieve and maintain successful weight loss medically

MEMBERSHIPS

- American Society of Bariatric Physicians

PRESENTATIONS/TALKS/INTERNET

- Guest Speaker on WHUR radio-Inside Edition with Harold Fisher, “Treatment of obesity” (Aug 2008)
- Presenter for Channel 9 News segment on Obesity/Overweight and Cardiovascular Risk factors (Sept 2008)
- Presenter for Channel 4 News segment on Metabolism and aging/Winter weight gain (Oct 2008)
- For more information about Dr. Denia Tapscott, visit: www.hubariatrics.com

PLASTIC SURGEON: Dr. Henry Paul, Jr., MD, FACS, Chief of Plastic Surgery & Co-director of the Combined Hand Surgery Service at Howard University Hospital and Assistant Professor of Surgery at Howard University College of Medicine in Washington, DC

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Graduate of Howard University College of Medicine
- Received Plastic Surgery training at Georgetown University Medical School
- Board Certified in Plastic Surgery
- Formerly Physician Director at Iconoplast Surgery, Inc in St. Louis, Missouri

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- Formerly Physician Director at WestStar Surgical, P.A. in El Paso, Texas
- Has trained hundreds of resident physicians, medical and nursing students, and surgical technicians throughout his 15 year career
- Performs a wide array of reconstructive procedures in Hand and Plastic surgery as well as Cosmetic procedures

MEMBERSHIPS

- American Society of Plastic Surgeons
- Fellow of the American College of Surgeons

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