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Jeffrey Bell M.D., F.A.C.S.



Dr. Jeffrey Bell joined Fayetteville Surgical Associates in 2006 after a four-year tour of duty in the U.S. Air Force when he was stationed as a Major at Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Dr. Bell was the Medical Director of General Surgery at the 377th Medical Group and an Attending Surgeon at the New Mexico Veterans Affairs Hospital. Dr. Bell feels very fortunate to have participated in the education of many surgical residents and physician assistant students while in Albuquerque. He was an Assistant Professor of Surgery at the University of New Mexico and the General Surgery Course Director for the University of St. Francis Physician Assistant Program. He was deployed to Kirkuk, Iraq with the 506th EMEDS during Operation Iraqi Freedom where he was awarded an Air Force Achievement Medal.

Dr. Bell was raised in Fayetteville and graduated from Fayetteville High School as a National Merit Finalist. He attended the University of Arkansas on an Arkansas Scholarship and received a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering with Magna cum Laude Honors. He was honored as the Dow Chemical Outstanding Junior in Chemical Engineering and spent a year during his undergraduate education working for Dow Chemical in Freeport, Texas. His experience at Dow included plant process control, project engineering, and basic science in the Designed Chemicals Research and Development Group.

He obtained his Doctor of Medicine degree at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School and was inducted into the Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society. After medical school, he completed his general surgery residency at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas. His American Board of Surgery exam score was in the top ten percent of all surgeons in the United States.

Dr. Bell's professional interests include advanced laparoscopy, surgical technology surgical endocrinology, and surgical oncology. He offers expertise in laparoscopic and open surgery for gallbladder disease, benign and malignant colon disease, gastroesophageal reflux disease, small bowel disease, and hernias. Dr. Bell attempts to tailor his surgical approach to the needs of each patient. He has a special interest in thyroid and parathyroid disease and is very active in the treatment of hyperparathyroidism in patients with renal failure. He has a busy surgical endoscopy practice and performs upper and lower endoscopy for screening, diagnosis, and treatment of gastrointestinal disease. He enjoys the recent addition of Medical Students to Northwest Arkansas and is pleased to be involved in medical education.

He has specialized training in breast ultrasound, sentinel node biopsy for breast and skin cancer, and laparoscopic colon surgery. He also has additional training from the University of New Mexico in endovascular and vascular surgery.

Dr. Bell offers laparoscopic gallbladder surgery (cholecystectomy), laparoscopic hernia repair, laparoscopic colon surgery, and laparoscopic treatment of gastroesophageal reflux (GERD). He has been trained to perform peripheral vascular angiography and angioplasty as well as open peripheral vascular surgery. During his Air Force career, Dr. Bell had an extremely busy endoscopic practice and performs upper gastroesophageal endoscopy (EGD) and colonoscopy. He has also worked in many of the hospitals of northern New Mexico, including the state's only Level I trauma center, where he obtained additional experience in emergency general surgery, surgical critical care, and trauma surgery.

Dr. Bell is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and was certified by the American Board of Surgery in 2003. He continues to hold the position of Assistant Professor of Surgery at The University of New Mexico School of Medicine.