

## **New Fellowship Program Offered in Minimally Invasive Colon and Rectal Surgery**

*Houston surgical group selected as one of five sites in U.S.*

Houston, TX ([PRWEB](#)) July 28, 2008 -- As leaders in the field of minimally invasive surgery (MIS), Colorectal Surgical Associates (CSA) of Houston, recently began a Fellowship Training program in conjunction with the University of Texas. Dr. Eric Haas, board certified colorectal surgeon, is the director of the unique program and Drs. T. Bartley Pickron and Anne Le, both board certified colorectal surgeons, serve as faculty.

"The high volume of advanced surgical cases at CSA allows surgeons in our Fellowship Program to have experience in MIS for colon cancer, diverticulitis, inflammatory bowel disease, and pelvic floor colorectal surgery including sphincter incontinence and prolapse repair," according to Dr. Haas. "We also have a National Robotic Surgery training center and are establishing protocols of robotic surgery for colorectal diseases."

CSA is one of five sites in the United States offering this type of Fellowship Training Program in minimally invasive (MIS) colon and rectal surgery. The fellowship was developed in response to the high demand for specialized training in the field of laparoscopic colon and rectal surgery, a specialty of CSA. The fellowship is part of a consortium of four minimally invasive fellowships in Houston known as MIST - Minimally Invasive Surgery of Texas.

The consortium allows other fellows to rotate through the CSA program and receive additional MIS laparoscopic expertise and training. The fellowships in Houston are in the areas of Foregut and Bariatric Surgery along with MIS.

"This is an exciting time for CSA and our patients," says Dr. Haas. "We are truly on the cutting edge of minimally invasive and robotic colorectal surgery. Our patients have smaller scars and incisionless surgery with less pain, shorter hospital stays and quicker recovery times."

For more information on colon and rectal diseases, visit the web site at [www.houstoncolon.com](http://www.houstoncolon.com) or call 713-790-0600.

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