

# *Dr. Frantzides Offers a Gentler Surgery for Severe Obesity*

**Constantine T. Frantzides MD, PhD, FACS, has joined Evanston Northwestern Healthcare as the Director of Minimally Invasive Surgery, and brings internationally recognized skill in laparoscopic gastric bypass surgery.**

Several different surgical procedures are available to treat morbid obesity; Dr. Frantzides specializes in a minimally invasive technique that doesn't require a large incision or long recovery time. Patients lose weight and, thanks to an extensive follow-up program, keep it off. With more than 700 procedures to his credit, Dr. Frantzides' experience in laparoscopic gastrointestinal surgery is among the most extensive in the United States.

A charter member of the United States Laparoscopic Founders' Society, Dr. Frantzides created the Minimally Invasive Surgery Center at the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee. He was also the Director of the Minimally Invasive Surgery Center at the University of Chicago and at Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center.

Dr. Frantzides has traveled internationally to perform and teach laparoscopic operations, and has received several research grants from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and industry. He was the first in the world to introduce and perform 12 different laparoscopic procedures. In addition, he developed a new, safer technique for laparoscopic gastric bypass and is also credited with inventing two surgical instruments used in laparoscopic surgery.

Dr. Frantzides holds free support groups for those contemplating bariatric surgery for weight loss several times a month. Dates for upcoming support group meetings include:

- **March 29** – 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Highland Park Hospital in Meeting Room 1
- **April 5** – 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Highland Park Hospital Health and Fitness Center in Buffalo Grove
- **April 7** – 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Evanston Hospital in Room G954
- **April 8** – 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Park Center in Glenview in Room 100

For more information,  
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