

**Klaus Thaler M.D., F.A.C.S.**  
**Professor of Surgery**  
**Laparoscopic and Gastrointestinal Surgery**



Dr. Thaler spent the last five years at the University of Missouri as Director of Gastrointestinal Surgery and as Co-chair of the Robotic Surgery Program at the academic rank of Professor of Surgery.

Dr. Thaler earned his medical degree at the University of Vienna. He completed his residency in general surgery at the University of Vienna in Austria and at Oregon Health and Science University in Portland, Oregon. He completed a research fellowship in colorectal surgery at the Cleveland Clinic and a clinical fellowship in laparoscopic and bariatric surgery at the Center for Minimally Invasive Surgery in Portland, Oregon.

As a fellow of the American College of Surgeons, Dr. Thaler is board certified in the US and in Europe.

Dr. Thaler's clinical and research focus is laparoscopic and endoscopy surgery of the digestive tract including single incision laparoscopy and Natural Orifice Translumenal Endoscopic Surgery (NOTES). He was one of the first in country who performed clinical trials in the area of natural orifice surgery and who was also the investigator in an international trial that investigates transoral, incisionless weight loss surgery to treat morbid obesity (TOGA Study). All these technologies are ground breaking innovations that will change the surgical landscape forever and enable surgeons to perform surgery without scars in the future. Dr Thaler's work is published in over hundred peer reviewed papers and six books.

As expert in his field, Dr. Thaler has given more than 50 lectures at national and international societies in recent years. He is actively involved in national and committees and societies including the Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons (SAGES), the Surgical Society of the Alimentary Tract (SSAT), the American College of Surgeons (ACS), the American Society of Gastroenterology (ASGE), and the American College of Physician Executives (ACPE).

Dr. Thaler is married, his wife's name is Sibylle and he has two children, David (19, he is a college freshman at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor) and Nici (16, she is a sophomore and plays competitive volleyball). In his time off work he loves to cook and, together with his wife Sibylle has a passion for good movies, theater and opera. He likes to work out on a regular basis and to go running in the woods with his dog (black lab named Bruiser). With his wife Sibylle, he also shares the love for golf and traveling. Besides watching soccer and tennis (as an active soccer and tennis player in high school and college), Dr. Thaler has also found his passion watching football, basketball and baseball.