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“Minimally Invasive GI Surgery: Past, Present and (?) Future”

by Visiting Professor

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Dr. Soper’s research interests have revolved around the applications of minimally invasive surgery for gastrointestinal disease, laparoscopic ultrasound, alternative treatments for gallstones and motility of the gastrointestinal tract. More recently he has been involved in the early clinical experience with Natural Orifice Translumenal Endoscopic Surgery (NOTES), including per-oral endoscopic myotomy (POEM). He has published more than one hundred sixty-five manuscripts in peer-reviewed journals, edited fourteen textbooks and authored more than eighty book chapters.

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