



Kona Metabolic & Bariatric Surgery Center

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Introducing our team



Nathan Tomita, D.O., MPH is the Kona Metabolic & Bariatric Surgery Center *Program* Director. He attended medical school at Michigan State University School of Osteopathic Medicine in East Lansing, Michigan. He completed his residency in general surgery at the Henry Bi-County Community Hospital in Warren, Michigan. Before joining Ali'i Health in 2012, he was previously president and CEO of Mid-Michigan General Surgery, and also chief of surgery at Memorial Healthcare Center. He has performed hundreds of surgical weight loss procedures, most using minimally invasive, laparoscopic techniques. Dr. Tomita specializes in general surgery, bariatric surgery, women's breast health, and an incisionless procedure for the treatment of GERD.



Andrew Fedder, M.D. attended medical school at the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Medicine. He completed his residency in general surgery at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. Before joining Ali'i Health in May 2008, he was a general surgeon at Kona Community Hospital. Prior to that, he was with a general surgery group practice at Aurora Health Center in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. Dr. Fedder is board certified with the American Board of Surgery.



Ly Gau, D.O. Medical Program Director, attended medical school at Michigan State University. She completed her residency in internal medicine at Michigan State University/ Genesys Regional Medical Center and was a fellow in geriatrics at the University of Michigan Health System. Before joining Ali'i Health in November 2011, she was a geriatrician, long term care and hospice medical director at the Memorial Healthcare Center in Ososso, Michigan. She is a member of the American Geriatric Society and the American Osteopathic Association. Dr. Gau is board certified in geriatric medicine and internal medicine with the American Osteopathic Board of Internal Medicine.



Maria Oka, APRN, graduated with a master of science in nursing from the University of Nebraska Medical Center with specialty as a family nurse practitioner. She attended the University of Washington's Wound Care Management Program in Seattle, where she became a certified wound care nurse. Before joining Ali'i Health in July 2009, she worked as a nurse practitioner/wound care specialist in a general surgery clinic affiliated with Auburn Regional Medical Center in Auburn, Washington. Maria is certified with, and a member of, the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners.



Cheryl Gomes, RD graduated with honors from the University of Arizona with a bachelors in nutrition. She completed her dietetic internship at University Medical Center in Tucson, Arizona. She worked as a diet tech during school and as a dietician after graduating at a long term care facility in Tuscon. Later, she was the primary gastric bypass dietitian at a center of excellence located in the Southcrest Hospital. Cheryl moved to Hawai'i in 2005, and in addition to her work with Ali'i Health, she also works as a dietician at Life Care Center of Kona.



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