Curriculum Vitae

**Michael H. Safir, MD**

Diplomate, American Board of Urology

Diplomate, ABU – Urogynecology and Reconstructive Pelvic Surgery

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**RECONSTRUCTIVE GENITO-URINARY SURGERY**

Michael Safir, MD URPS is a board certified and dual-fellowship trained reconstructive urologist. He has practiced reconstructive urology for 25 years and has been performing transgender and non-binary surgery for 8 years. He completed surgical fellowship training in male and female reconstructive urology at UCSF and UCLA, respectively. He graduated from the Honors Program in Medical Education at Northwestern University, where he obtained his Bachelors and Medical Degrees. He is Board Certified by the American Board of Urology and has additional subspecialty certification in Urogynecology and Reconstructive Pelvic Surgery (URPS). He is a member of the World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH) and the American Urological Association (AUA). He previously served as President of the Los Angeles Urological Society for two terms. He is licensed as a physician and surgeon by the Medical Board of California.

Dr Safir has extensive surgical experience in transgender and non-binary genital procedures, as well as male and female reconstructive genital surgery for the cis-gender community. He is a leading surgeon in performing phalloplasty, metoidioplasty and vaginoplasty. He is skilled in urethral reconstruction and management of urological surgical complications. He is a compassionate advocate for the transgender and non-binary community.

**PROFESSIONAL** Align Surgical Associates 2022 - present

**EXPERIENCE** Santa Monica, CA

Crane Surgical Associates 2017 – 2022

San Francisco

Skyline Urology 2011 - 2017

Sherman Oaks, CA and West Hills, CA

Southern California Center for Advanced Urology 2006 - 2017

West Hills, CA

Western Urologic Associates 2000 - 2006

West Hills, CA

Urological Faculty Associates 1999 - 2000

New York Medical College

Hawthorne, NY

**EDUCATION**

Fellowship: Reconstructive Urology and Trauma

Department of Urology

UCSF - San Francisco, CA

Director: Jack W. McAninch, MD

Fellowship: Female Urology, Neuro-urology and Urodynamics

Department of Urology

UCLA – Los Angeles, CA

Director: Shlomo Raz, MD

Residency: Residency in Urology

Northwestern University Medical School – Chicago, IL

1992-1997

Internship: Surgery

Northwestern University Medical School – Chicago, IL

1991-1992

Medical: Northwestern University Medical School – Chicago, IL

Honors Program in Medical Education

1987-1991

Undergraduate: Northwestern University College of Arts and Sciences – Evanston, IL

Honors Program in Medical Education

1985-1989

**FACULTY**

**POSITIONS** New York Medical College 1999-2000

Assistant Professor of Urology

University of California, San Francisco 1998-1999

School of Medicine

Clinical Instructor

University of California, Los Angeles 1997-1998

School of Medicine

Clinical Instructor

**POSITIONS** President LA Urological Society 2013-15

Vice President LA Urological Society 2012-13 Secretary LA Urological Society 2011-12

**HONORS** Dr. Susan Pearlman Award

Northwestern Women's Physicians Assoc.

“Awarded to the one graduating resident, among all specialties at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, who best exemplifies academic excellence, special leadership skills and compassion for patients”

Pfizer Scholars in Urology Award

“For leadership, innovation and outstanding achievement at Northwestern University Medical School”

Medical School Research Fellowship

Memorial Sloan-Kettering Medical Center

New York, NY

National Merit Scholar

Westinghouse Science Honors Talent Search

Semi-finalist

**LICENSURE** Physician and Surgeon – State of California 1997 - present

**PROFESSIONAL**

**ORGANIZATIONS** World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH)

American Urological Association (AUA)

Western Section AUA

**CERTIFICATION** Diplomate, American Board of Urology 2002 - present

Diplomate, ABU Urogyn and Pelvic Reconstruction 2013 - present

**COMMITTEES** Chairman, Department of Surgery 2006 – 2008

West Hills Hospital and Medical Center

Member, Utilization Management 2002-2006

Valley Presbyterian Hospital

Member, Operating Room Committee 1999-2000

Member, Operating Room Committee 1998-1999

San Francisco General Hospital

**BOOKS** Safir MH, Boyd CN, Pinson TE: Overcoming Incontinence: A Woman’s Guide to Treatment.  Addicus Books: 2008.

**PUBLICATIONS** Odeluga N, Reddy S, Safir M, Crane C, Santucci : Optimization of Second Stage Metoidioplasty – Urology – 156:303, 2021

Hanley K, Wittenberg H, Gurjala D, Safir M, Chen E: Caring for Transgender Patients: Complications of Gender-Affirming Genital Surgeries – Annals of Emergency Medicine -78:409, 2021

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Santucci RA, McAninch JW, Safir M, Mario LA, Service S, Segal M:Validation of the American Association for the Surgery of TraumaOrgan Injury Severity Scale for the Kidney - Journal of Trauma,50:195, 2000

Gousse AE, Barbaric ZL, Safir MH, Madjar S, Marumoto AK, Raz S: Dynamic half Fourier Acquisition, Single Shot Turbo Spin-Echo Magnetic Resonance Imaging for Evaluating the Female Pelvis - Journal of Urology, 164: 1606, 2000

Gousse AE, Safir MH, Ziadlourad S, Raz S: Life Threatening Anaphylactoid Reaction Associated with Indigocarmine Injection - Urologv, 56: 508, 2000

Safir MH, McAninch JW: Diagnosis and Management of Trauma to the Kidney - Current Opinion in Urology, 9: 227, 1999

Safir MH, McAninch JW: Management of Complex Violent Trauma to the Upper Urinary Tract - Trauma, 1: 323, 1999

Safir, MH, Gousse AE, Rovner E, Ginsberg DA, Raz S: Four Defect Repair (FDR) of Grade 4 Cystocele - Journal of Urology,160: 587, 1999

Safir MH, Gousse AE, Raz S: Voiding Dysfunction and Urodynamic Findings in a Mother and Daughter with Mitochondrial Myopathy - Journal of Urology, 160: 830, 1998

Safir MH, Gousse AE, Raz S: Bladder Diverticula Causing Urinary Retention in a Female Patient without Bladder Outlet Obstruction - Journal of Urology, 160: 2146, 1998

Gousse AE, Safir, MH, Raz S: Tubulovillous Adenoma in Cecal Segment after Cecocystoplasty - Journal of Urology, 160:490, 1998

Safir MH, Smith N, Hansen L, Kozlowski J: Acute Adrenal Insufficiency following Unilateral Radical Nephrectomy - Geriatric Nephrology and Urology, 8: 101, 1998

Safir MH, Schaeffer AJ: Urinary Tract Infection: Simple and Complicated. AUA Update Series, 16(10): 74, 1996

Multiple Sclerosis Council for Clinical Practice Guidelines: Urinary Dysfunction and Multiple Sclerosis. Paralyzed Veterans of America , 2000 – Expert Reviewer

Safir, MH, Gousse AE, Raz S: Voiding Function and Dysfunction. In: Oxford Textbook Of Surgery. Edited by P Morris and W Wood.  Oxford University Press: Oxford, 2000

Safir MH, McAninch JW: Genitourinary Trauma. In: Comprehensive Urology. Edited by R Weiss. Mosby Press: London, 1999

**TEXTBOOK** Safir, MH, Gousse AE, Raz S: Voiding Function and Dysfunction. In: Oxford Textbook Of Surgery. Edited by P Morris and W Wood.  Oxford University Press: Oxford, 2000

Safir MH, McAninch JW: Genitourinary Trauma. In: Comprehensive Urology. Edited by R Weiss. Mosby Press: London, 1999

**PRESENTATIONS**  “Single-Stage Urethroplasty: Management of Long-Segment Urethral Disease'' MH Safir, L Mario and JW McAninch, presented at AUA Annual Meeting, Dallas, TX 1999

“Utility of a Neural Network to Predict the Need for Exploration Following Renal Trauma'' MH Safir, L Mario and JW McAninch, presented at AUA Annual Meeting, Dallas, TX 1999

“Voiding Dysfunction and Repair of Grade IV Cystocele'' MH Safir, AE Gousse, DA Ginsberg and S Raz, presented at Urodynamic Society Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA 1998

“A Novel Culdoplasty for Repair of Enterocele Obviates the Need for Sacrospinous Fixation'' MH Safir, AE Gousse, DA Ginsberg and S Raz, presented at AUA Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA 1998

“Anterior Vaginal Sling: Six Year Experience with 425 Cases” AE Gousse, MH Safir, K Safman and S Raz, presented by Dr. Gousse at AUA Annual Meeting San Diego, CA 1998

“Endoscopic Injection of Small Intestinal Submucosa (SIS) for Correction of Vesicoureteral Reflux'' MH Safir, EY Cheng, B Kropp, S Badylak and WE Kaplan, presented at the AUA Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA 1997

“Transforming Growth Factor Beta (TGF-B) in Normal Development and UPJ Obstruction'' MH Safir, EY Cheng, and M Maizels, presented at the North Central Sections of AUA, Tucson, AZ 1996

“Obstructed Cystic Dysplastic Kidney (OCDK): A Dilemma in Diagnosis and Management'' GJ Andros, LS Palmer, M Maizels and MH Safir, presented at the North Central Section of AUA, Tucson, AZ 1996

“The Role of TGF-B in Human Fetal Ureteropelvic Ontogeny and in the Response to Pediatric Urinary Obstruction'' M Maizels, EY Cheng, P Chu and MH Safir, presented at the American Academy of Pediatrics Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA 1995

“Adjunctive Radiographic Testing Clarifies the Diagnosis of Atypical Hydronephrosis in the Neonate'' MH Safir, S Fernbach and M Maizels, presented at the Society for Fetal Urology Meeting, San Francisco, CA 1994