

MEET RICHARD S. WILKENFELD, M.D., WITH TEXAS GASTRIC BANDING

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Richard S. Wilkenfeld, M.D., has been practicing in The Woodlands area for more than 26 years and is one of the most experienced Laparoscopic Surgeons in Texas. Dr. Wilkenfeld lives in the community where he works, allowing him to really get to know his patients.

In fact, personalized care is the foundation of his practice. Dr. Wilkenfeld and his staff are there to guide people through their entire weight loss journeys, available to their patients 24 hours a day. Patients see Dr. Wilkenfeld for all their adjustments and follow-up appointments, as opposed to a nurse practitioner or physician's assistant, as in most other bariatric practices. "It's important to me that I provide them the very best healthcare and personalized service possible."

Currently practicing general and bariatric (weight-loss) surgery, he was the first general surgeon in Montgomery County to perform laparoscopic gallbladder surgery. He currently performs laparoscopic Adjustable Band Surgery and Vertical Sleeve Gastrectomy. He is affiliated with the American Institute of Gastric Banding, the world's largest provider of outpatient lap band surgery.

Dr. Wilkenfeld received his medical degree from the University of Louvain, Belgium, and completed a surgery residency at St. John Hospital in Detroit, Michigan. He completed a fellowship

in cardiovascular surgery under Dr. Michael E. DeBakey at Baylor College of Medicine, Houston.

"To see the smiles on the faces of my patients when they lose weight and look and feel better is fantastic," said Dr. Wilkenfeld. 

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