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### Bio

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#### BIO

Dr. Esquivel is a board-certified, fellowship-trained bariatric and minimally invasive surgeon. She is a clinical associate professor of surgery at Stanford University School of Medicine. Specialties of Dr. Esquivel include foregut surgery and bariatric surgery. She performs robotic surgery as well as therapeutic surgical endoscopy.

She has developed the Bariatric Endoscopy Program of Stanford Health Care. She offers endoscopic sleeve gastropasty and endoscopic suturing of the gastric pouch and outlet after gastric bypass, and endoscopic sleeve revisions/reductions, for patients experiencing weight regain.

Dr. Esquivel has a great interest in helping everyone access the care they need. She values work that minimizes disparities and promotes health equity. Research interests of Dr. Esquivel range from the global, like minimum rates of surgery to support desirable outcomes, to the more specific, such as weight loss before bariatric surgery. She has studied access to surgical care in California, as well as access to care in Zambia, Guatemala, and other countries.

Dr. Esquivel has made numerous presentations on surgical care access, among other topics, at conferences including the American College of Surgeons Clinical Congress, Academic Surgical Congress, and the UK's Royal Society of Medicine. In addition, she has written more than two dozen articles on topics such as surgical outcomes, weight loss before bariatric surgery, and global access to surgical services. Her work has appeared in JAMA, the World Journal of Surgery, Journal of Surgical Research, Journal of Surgical Education, Lancet, and elsewhere.

Among her many honors, Dr. Esquivel has won the prestigious Samuel L. Kountz Humanitarian Award, awarded to a Stanford resident distinguished by professionalism, compassion, and respect for the dignity of others—attributes shared by the late Dr. Kountz, a trailblazing surgeon and the first African American surgical resident at Stanford. Dr. Esquivel also won the Resident Research Award of the Year in Stanford General Surgery and the Post-Doctoral Fellowship Award from Stanford's Hispanic Center for Excellence.

Dr. Esquivel also directs the "Service Through Surgery: Surgeons with an Impact" course in the Stanford University School of Medicine.

## CLINICAL FOCUS

- General Surgery
- Minimally Invasive Surgical Procedures
- Bariatric Surgery
- Surgical Endoscopy

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Clinical Associate Professor, Surgery - General Surgery

## PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Fellowship: Stanford Health Services - General Surgery Fellowship (2020) CA
- Residency: Stanford University Dept of General Surgery (2019) CA
- Board Certification: General Surgery, American Board of Surgery (2019)
- Medical Education: University of New Mexico School of Medicine (2012) NM

## Teaching

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### COURSES

#### 2025-26

- Service Through Surgery: Surgeons with an Impact: SURG 234 (Win)

#### 2024-25

- Service Through Surgery: Surgeons with an Impact: SURG 234 (Win)

#### 2023-24

- Service Through Surgery: Surgeons with an Impact: SURG 234 (Win)

#### 2022-23

- Service Through Surgery: Surgeons with an Impact: SURG 234 (Win)

## Publications

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### PUBLICATIONS

- **Timing of Antiobesity Medications and Adolescent Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery.** *JAMA surgery*  
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Kim, R. K., Kim, J. W., Angelotti, T., Esquivel, M., Tsui, B. C., Hwang, J. H.  
2024
- **Using AI and computer vision to analyze technical proficiency in robotic surgery.** *Surgical endoscopy*  
Yang, J. H., Goodman, E. D., Dawes, A. J., Gahagan, J. V., Esquivel, M. M., Liebert, C. A., Kin, C., Yeung, S., Gurland, B. H.  
2022
- **Faculty Lead Coaching as a Method to Enhance Feedback Culture and Communication Skills Development in Surgical Education-Needs Assessment (Study in Progress)**  
Nassar, A., Sasnal, M., Tung, J., Ko, A., Esquivel, M., Knowlton, L.  
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- **Laparoscopic Heller Myotomy and Toupet Fundoplication.** *World journal of surgery*  
Alimi, Y. R., Esquivel, M. M., Hawn, M. T.  
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- **Enhanced Recovery after Bariatric Surgery: Further Reduction in Opioid Use with the Introduction of Dexmedetomidine and Transverse Abdominis Plane Block**  
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- **Preoperative Weight Loss Before Bariatric Surgery-The Debate Continues.** *JAMA network open*  
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