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Bio

BIO

Dr. Robin Cisco is a board certified general surgeon and fellowship-trained endocrine surgeon. She specializes in surgery of the thyroid, parathyroid and adrenal glands and has expertise in lymph node dissection for thyroid cancer. Dr Cisco received her medical degree at Duke University before moving to Stanford for general surgery residency. During her residency, she completed a two-year research fellowship in surgical oncology, with a focus on cancer immunology.

After residency, she completed an endocrine surgery fellowship with the internationally recognized UCSF Division of Endocrine Surgery. She is the author of multiple publications related to endocrine surgery and surgical oncology and has an interest in minimally invasive approaches to thyroid, parathyroid and adrenal surgery. She is currently the Physician Leader of Stanford's Endocrine Oncology Cancer Care Program (CCP).

Dr. Cisco focuses on providing outstanding surgical care in an environment that is supportive of her patients and their families. She enjoys patient education and preoperative counseling, and seeks to lessen the anxiety that often comes with a recommendation for surgery. She currently sees patients both in San Jose at Stanford's Cancer Center South Bay and in Palo Alto in the Endocrine Oncology and Surgery clinic.

CLINICAL FOCUS

- General Surgery
- Endocrine Surgery

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Clinical Associate Professor, Surgery - General Surgery

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- Physician Leader, Endocrine Oncology Cancer Care Program, (2021- present)

BOARDS, ADVISORY COMMITTEES, PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Active Member, American Association of Endocrine Surgeons (2018 - present)
- Member, Association of Women Surgeons (2018 - present)
- Member, Pacific Coast Surgical Association (2017 - present)
- Fellow, American College of Surgeons (2014 - present)

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Residency: Stanford University Dept of Surgery (2011) CA
- Internship: Stanford University Dept of Surgery (2005) CA
- Fellowship: University of California, San Francisco (2012) CA
- Board Certification: General Surgery, American Board of Surgery (2011)
- Medical Education: Duke University School of Medicine (2004) NC
- BA, Stanford University , English and Economics (1997)

LINKS

- Get a Second Opinion: <https://stanfordhealthcare.org/second-opinion/overview.html>
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Publications

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- **Risk of permanent hypoparathyroidism requiring calcitriol therapy in a population-based cohort of adults older than 65 undergoing total thyroidectomy for Graves' disease.** *Thyroid : official journal of the American Thyroid Association*
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- **Adverse Cardiovascular Outcomes Among Older Adults with Primary Hyperparathyroidism Treated with Parathyroidectomy vs. non-operative Management.** *Annals of surgery*
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