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**SPECIALTY:** General Surgery

**BACKGROUND:** Moved to the United States of America from Lithuania in 1993.

**BOARD  
CERTIFICATION:** General Surgery

**LICENSE:** Licensed Physician and Surgeon, State of Illinois

**PAST  
POSITION:** Elkhart Clinic LLC  
General Surgeon, August 2011-January 2013.

**CURRENT  
POSITION:** Progressive Surgical Associates  
General Surgeon, January 2013  
  
Medical Director, The Breast Center  
Silver Cross Center for Women's Health

**POST GRADUATE  
TRAINING:** **University of Illinois - Metropolitan Group Hospitals  
Residency in General Surgery, Chicago, IL**  
General Surgery Resident, June 2006 - June 2011.

**Da Vinci Surgical System Surgeon Training: Hands-on Porcine  
Lab Robotic Surgery Course for General Robotic Surgery,**  
Chicago, IL. 2013

**Da Vinci Surgical System Surgeon Training: Hands-on Porcine  
Lab Robotic Surgery Course for Single-Site General Robotic  
Surgery, Chicago, IL. 2013**

**Advanced Hernia Repair Course Using da Vinci System,**  
Celebration, FL August 13th, 2014.

**American College of Surgeons Clinical Congress 2014.** October 26-30, 2014. San Francisco.

**EDUCATION:**

**Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science/ The Chicago Medical School,** Degree – Doctor of Medicine, July 2002 - June 2006.

**Applied Physiology Program,** August 2001 - May 2002  
Indiana University-School of Medicine.

**Graduate Program in Chemistry,** August 2000 - August 2001  
Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis  
Co-op Masters Industrial Program.

**Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry**  
Magna Cum Laude, May 2000  
Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL.

**Kaunas Medical Academy,** October 1995 - March 1996  
Kaunas, Lithuania.

**PROFESSIONAL  
EXPERIENCE:**

**Research Aide,** NIU Faraday Laboratories, DeKalb, IL, Summer 1999, Spring 1998. Worked in Dr. Gaillard's physical chemistry laboratory. Studied the photochemical reactions involved in light induced damage to the human retina. Mastered techniques in UV-visible absorption and fluorescence spectroscopy, HPLC, and time-resolved spectroscopy.

**Research Aide,** Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Program, NIU, DeKalb, IL, Spring 1999. Conducted laboratory studies to characterize properties of fluorescent component, lipofuscin.

**CLINICAL  
ROTATION  
PROGRAMS:**

**Clinical Rotation,** Child Family Health International, Oaxaca, Mexico, Summer 2003. Worked with physicians in city and rural hospitals.

**Clinical Exposure Program,** Spring 2003. Shadowed Dr. McDonnell in his Vascular Surgery clinic. Helped to evaluate patients and provided needed care to post-operative patients.

**ADDITIONAL**

**Aids Educator,** Women to Women Program, Summer 2000-

**EXPERIENCES:**

Winter 2001. Conducted and presented Aids awareness seminars to the inner city and unprivileged women.

**Volunteer**, VNA Community Hospice, Indianapolis, IN, Fall 2000-Winter 02. Worked with terminally ill patients providing care to them.

**Teaching Assistant**, NIU, DeKalb, IL, Spring 2000 and IUPUI, Fall 2000. Taught introductory chemistry laboratory and recitation sections to undergraduate students.

**Volunteer**, Cook County Hospital, Chicago, IL, Summer 1998. Worked in the Emergency Room as a liaison between the patient's family and the Emergency Room staff. Helped to register patients. Provided comfort and extra measure of care to patients.

**ACTIVITIES:**

**Member**, American College of Surgeons, Summer 2005 - present.

**Member**, Indiana State Medical Association, August 2011 - present.

**Resident Member**, American Medical Association, Summer 2002-2008.

**Resident Member**, Association of Women Surgeons, Summer 2010-2011.

**PUBLICATIONS:**

**Mateo de Acosta D.; Ragauskaitė I.; et al.**

Chilaiditi's Syndrome Complicated by a Closed Loop Small Bowel Obstruction: A Case Report and Literature Review. Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Vol 8, Iss 4, April 2012

**Fichera A.; Ragauskaitė L.; Silvestri T.M.; et al.**

Preservation of the Anal Transition Zone in Ulcerative Colitis. Long-Term Effects on Defecatory Function. Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery, 11:1647-1653, December 2007.

**Ragauskaitė, L.; Heckathorn, R.C.; Gaillard, E.R.**

Environmental Effects on the Photochemistry of A2-E, a Component of Human Retinal Lipofuscin. Photochemistry and Photobiology, Vol 74, Iss 3, September 2001.

**PRESENTATIONS:** Chicago Colon and Rectal Society. The Fate of the Anal Transition Zone after Stapled Ileal-Pouch Anal Restorative Proctocolectomy for Ulcerative Colitis. A Prospective Observational Study. March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2006, Second Place.

**RESEARCH:** The Fate of Transition Zone and Long Term Outcomes after the Restorative Proctocolectomy with Stapled Ileal Pouch-Anal Anastomosis as a Surgical Treatment of Ulcerative Colitis: A Prospective Study of 200 Patients. Principle Investigator: Dr. Fichera. Sept. 2005-March 2006, University of Chicago, IL.

**INTERESTS:** Crossfit, Languages, Reading, Art Book Collecting.

**LANGUAGES:** Fluent in English, Lithuanian, and Russian. Conversant in Spanish.

**ACHIEVEMENTS:** First Place, City of Chicago General Surgery Resident Jeopardy, March, 2009. Chicago, IL.

Nominated for College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Golden Anniversary Alumni Award at Northern Illinois University, July 2009. DeKalb, IL.

William C. Allen Award for Clinical Excellence and Humanitarianism, MGH Residency, June 11, 2010. Chicago, IL.

2014 First Female General Surgeon in the State of Illinois to Complete a da Vinci Single Site Procedure.