

Meet Your General Surgeon

Rafael Ruggieri, MD, FACS



Why I Chose Health Care

I have always known that I would become a physician. I have viewed it as one of my callings in life and have pursued it with the same vigor that I have my other callings in life, such as being a good father and husband.

Surgery Residency

Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

MD

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, IL

BA

BA with Highest Honors, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, IL

Department of General Surgery

In the Department of General Surgery Dr. Ruggieri diagnoses and treats diseases or injuries that require general surgery, and provides surgical management and care for cancer, with a special interest in Breast Cancer, Skin Cancer, and Colon and Rectal Cancer. Dr. Ruggieri cares for the surgical needs of both children and adults.

Hospital Affiliation

Carle Foundation Hospital

I am happily married with five children and enjoy spending time with my family, playing games and working around the house together. I try to make it to my children's school activities and appropriately balance all of the important components of life. I exercise regularly and try to take good care of my body in order to be able to best serve my patients and the others in my life. I have run the Christie Clinic Marathon twice and the Half-Marathon twice. I am an Eagle Scout and continue to support the Boy Scouts as a merit badge counselor and mentor young men as they work towards achieving the rank of Eagle as well. I am a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and actively participate in church related functions regularly.

At Christie Clinic our mission is 'We Listen. We Care.' I take this to heart, and intentionally take time to listen to my patients, answer their questions, and demonstrate that I really do care. I believe that this is of extremely high value in providing the best care for my patients.

