Biography

Geoff is a Melbourne Upper Gastrointestinal Surgeon. He obtained his medical degree from Monash University and his Australian qualifications in Surgery in 2007. He then undertook two sub-specialty clinical fellowships in world-leading surgical units in the United States, first in laparoscopy and advanced gastrointestinal surgery at the University of North Carolina, and then in oesophageal surgery at the University of Southern California. As a faculty member of both these universities, he provided advanced management of upper gastrointestinal disease to his patients with an emphasis on minimally-invasive surgery.

Geoff works in both the private and public hospital systems, operating at Cabrini Hospital and Knox Private Hospital and at Eastern Health. Geoff is director of the MUGISG oesophageal physiology laboratory performing pH and impedance studies and high-resolution oesophageal manometry.

Geoff's interests include:

- Cancers of the oesophagus and stomach
- Assessment and management of oesophageal function and disease
- Management of gastro-oesophageal reflux disease (GORD)
- Advanced endoscopic procedures including the POEM procedure for achalasia and G-POEM for gastroparesis
- Hiatal hernias
- Bariatric (weight loss) surgery – sleeve gastrectomy, gastric bypass and intragastric balloon

Qualifications

Fellowship of the American College of Surgeons, FACS
Fellowship of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, FRACS

Research outputs

Correction: Management of symptomatic, asymptomatic, and recurrent hiatal hernia: a systematic review and meta-analysis (Surgical Endoscopy, (2024), 10.1007/s00464-024-10816-9)

Multi-society consensus conference and guideline on the treatment of gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD)

Process for quality assessment review of societal guidelines—an editorial to accompany "multi-society consensus conference and guideline on the treatment of gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD)"

Minimally invasive surgery: hiatal hernia repair—a narrative review
Is peroral endoscopic myotomy (POEM) ready to replace laparoscopic Heller's myotomy for achalasia?—comments on recent systematic review

Preoperative Diagnostic Workup for GERD and Hiatal Hernia: An Evidence and Experience-Based Approach

Novel association of achalasia with hereditary sensory and motor neuropathy with sensorineural deafness

Guidelines for the management of hiatal hernia

Central venous line placement prior to gastric bypass improves operating room efficiency

SAGES guidelines for the surgical treatment of esophageal achalasia

Laparoscopic management of gastric band erosions: a 10-year series of 49 cases

Treatment options and outcomes for celiac artery compression syndrome

SAGES Evidence-Based Guidelines for Surgical Treatment of Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease

Guidelines for surgical treatment of gastroesophageal reflux disease

Reply

High Case Volumes and Surgical Fellowships Are Associated with Improved Outcomes for Bariatric Surgery Patients: A Justification of Current Credentialing Initiatives for Practice and Training

Low Correlation between Subjective and Objective Measures of Knowledge on Surgery Clerkships

Proximal Esophageal pH Monitoring: Improved Definition of Normal Values and Determination of a Composite pH Score

The effect of surgical volume and the provision of residency and fellowship training on complications of major hepatic resection

Laparoscopic robot-assisted completion cholecystectomy: A report of three cases

Prevalence of thrombophilias in patients presenting for bariatric surgery

Endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography with single-balloon enteroscopy Is feasible in patients with a prior Roux-en-Y anastomosis

Recent trends in bariatric surgery case volume in the United States

The impact of socioeconomic factors on patient preparation for bariatric surgery

Clinical application of laparoscopic bariatric surgery: An evidence-based review

Risk-group targeted inferior vena cava filter placement in gastric bypass patients

National trends in esophageal surgery—are outcomes as good as we believe?

Robotic choledochojejunostomy with intracorporeal Roux limb construction

Endoscopic management of recurrent primary bile duct stones

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CARDIAC TROPTONIN-I LEVELS AND THE NEED FOR CORONARY ARTERY REVASCULARISATION PROCEDURES IN PATIENTS AT HIGH RISK OF CORONARY ARTERY DISEASE
Prizes

SAGES International Ambassador Award
Kohn, Geoffrey (Recipient), 2014

SAGES Best Fellow’s Research Paper
Kohn, Geoffrey (Recipient), 2009

SSAT Clinical Science Plenary Presentation Winner
Kohn, Geoffrey (Recipient), 2009

D.S. Rosengarten Surgical Trainee Research Prize
Kohn, Geoffrey (Recipient), 2001

Australian Orthopaedic Association Prize
Kohn, Geoffrey (Recipient), 1997

Box Hill Hospital Prize in Medicine
Kohn, Geoffrey (Recipient), 1997

Robert Power Scholarship in Surgery
Kohn, Geoffrey (Recipient), 1997

Press/Media

Incision-free surgery
Geoffrey Kohn
1/05/20
1 item of Media coverage

Implementing an Evidence-based Approach to Selection of Type of Laparoscopic Bariatric Surgery
Geoffrey Kohn
14/07/09
1 Media contribution

International Medical Graduates and the Surgical Fellowship: A Guide for Program Directors and Prospective Fellows
Geoffrey Kohn
23/09/08
1 Media contribution

Knox Private Hospital surgeon Geoff Kohn performs peroral endoscopic myotomy
Geoffrey Kohn
20/09/16
1 item of Media coverage

Academic positions

ADJUNCT CLINICAL ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
Eastern Health Clinical School Research
MONASH UNIVERSITY
1 Sept 2023 → present

President
Australasian Neurogastroenterology and Motility Association
Thebarton, Australia
1 Jan 2018 → 1 Jan 2020

**Guideline Committee Co-chair**
Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons
Los Angeles, United States of America
1 Jan 2017 → present

**Secretary**
Australasian Neurogastroenterology and Motility Association
Thebarton, Australia
1 Jan 2016 → 1 Jan 2018

**Thoracic / Foregut Fellow**
University of Southern California
Los Angeles, United States of America
1 Jan 2009 → 1 Jan 2010

**Clinical Instructor, Division of Gastrointestinal Surgery**
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Chapel Hill, United States of America
1 Jan 2007 → 1 Jan 2009