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## **Master Robotic Surgeon Expands Savannah Hospital's Care Capabilities**

*Savannah, GA (April 28, 2023)* — Memorial Health is pleased to announce fellowship-trained master robotic and general surgeon, T. Ellis “Chip” Barnes IV, MD, has joined its Memorial Health University Physicians network.

Dr. Barnes hails from St. Louis, MO, and obtained his medical degree from the University College Dublin in Ireland. Upon completing his dual residency at Vanderbilt University Hospital and the Carolinas Medical Center, Dr. Barnes pursued a Mastery of General Surgery fellowship in Savannah. Prior to joining Memorial Health, he was a member of a large surgical group in Savannah.

Dr. Barnes provides advanced surgical care for a variety of conditions, including, but not limited to, acid reflux, hernias (hiatal, ventral, and inguinal), gallbladder disease as well as colon cancer and esophageal cancer. He leverages technologically advanced minimally invasive techniques to support the care and recovery of his patients.

“The ability to care for my patients at their most vulnerable moments drives me to deliver the best possible care I can,” says Dr. Barnes. “I am committed to improving the quality of life for my patients and look forward to continuing this dedication as a member of the Memorial Health surgical team.”

Dr. Barnes joins surgeons Robert Kelly, MD, and Oliver Whipple, MD, at Memorial Health University Physicians Surgical and Bariatric Care. For more information, or to make an appointment or referral, please visit [memorialhealthdoctors.com](http://memorialhealthdoctors.com) or call (912) 350-3438.



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