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Baylor Scott & White Surgical Institute - Plano

GENERAL SURGERY

Baylor Scott & White Surgical Institute has been delivering quality healthcare to patients in the Dallas area for more than 50 years. BSW Surgical Institute - Plano's surgeons **Howard C. Derrick, M.D.**; **J. Nelson Littrell, M.D.**; **Elizabeth M. Papaila, M.D.** have once again been named *D Magazine* Best Doctors. They have maintained a longstanding reputation for consistently offering patients compassionate care and remain on the leading edge of surgical techniques. "The surgeons in this practice take a collaborative approach with patient education so they can make informed decisions about next steps, be that surgery or other healthcare interventions," says Dr. Papaila. "We genuinely care about people—not just procedures."

All board-certified surgeons, Drs. Derrick, Littrell, and Papaila perform a wide variety of surgical procedures and are sought after for their quality outcomes and expertise in minimally invasive surgery, including robotic surgery. Common surgeries include skin cancer removal, thyroid, reflux, hernia, appendectomy, and gallbladder surgery. They also provide emergency coverage for local hospitals.

Dr. Derrick helped launch Baylor Scott & White Medical Center-Plano as part of the credentialing committee and has previously served as chief of surgery for Baylor Scott & White Medical Center-Plano. Dr. Littrell currently serves as chief of the hospital's department of surgery, and Dr. Papaila is the medical director of surgical safety.

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