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Born as a son of diplomat, I spent over 11 years abroad before starting my university education in Korea, and was exposed to different cultural and language background which allowed myself to be fluent in English, French, Spanish and Korean.

All the medical education including internship, surgical residency and fellowship in liver transplantation was done in Korea. I have been working in the field of liver transplantation over 10 years having operated in over 1000 liver transplantation including 700 living donor liver transplantation.

Having had interest in minimally invasive surgery, I started performing laparoscopic liver resection since 2008 and since then have done more than 800 purely laparoscopic liver resection including 400 major liver resections. With the aid of my extensive experience in both surgical arenas, I started purely laparoscopic donor hepatectomy both for pediatric and adult living donor liver transplantation since May 2013. In 2014, I performed the world first live surgery on purely laparoscopic donor hepatectomy and have done 2 more successful cases thereafter. I helped numerous centers, both domestic and overseas, establish the laparoscopic and/or living donor liver transplantation program and had more than 100 international visitors coming to my center to learn.

I have performed more than 80 cases of totally laparoscopic donor hepatectomies, including more than 70 cases for adult living donor liver transplantation, having one the largest series in the world.