

# ERIC ELSTER

MD

**Department of Primary Appointment:**

School of Medicine

Surgery

**Title**

Dean, School of Medicine

**Location:** Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, Bethesda, MD

**Research Interests:**

Clinical Decision Support

Trauma

## EDUCATION

University of South Florida College of Medicine, MD 1991 - 1995

University of South Florida (Honors Program), BA Interdisciplinary Studies 1987 - 1991

National Naval Medical Center, General Surgery

Internship 1995 - 1996

Resident in General Surgery 1997 - 2001

Chief Resident, General Surgery 2001 - 2002

National Institutes of Health, Organ Transplant Service

Transplant Fellow 2003 - 2005

## BIOGRAPHY

School of Medicine Dean Dr. Eric Elster received his undergraduate and medical degrees from the University of South Florida in Tampa as a recipient of the U.S. Navy's Health Professional Scholarship Program. Upon graduation, he completed a general surgery residency at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, MD. Dr. Elster served as ship's surgeon aboard the USS Kitty Hawk during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Upon returning from the Persian Gulf, he completed a solid organ transplantation fellowship at the National Institutes of Health; and then directed a translational research program at the Naval Medical Research Center in Silver Spring, MD, with a focus on developing improved diagnostics and therapies for serious traumatic injuries, transplantation, and advanced operative imaging.

Before his retirement from active service, Dr. Elster was last deployed as a surgeon and Director of Surgical Services at the NATO Role 3 Military Medical Unit in Kandahar, Afghanistan. He is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons; and a member of the Society of University Surgeons, American Society of Transplant Surgeons, the Southern Surgical Association, the Halsted Society, and the American Surgical Association. Dr. Elster has published over 150 scientific manuscripts in leading journals including JAMA, Annals of Surgery, American Journal of Transplantation, and Science Translational Medicine, and has received numerous research grants spanning all aspects of surgery.