

Dr. Robert J. Cerfolio

Dr. Robert J. Cerfolio, MD, has been the Chief of Clinical Thoracic Surgery and Director of Perlmutter Cancer Center at NYU Langone Medical Center LLC since June 01, 2017. Dr. Cerfolio serves at the University of Alabama (UAB) Hospital in Birmingham as the James H. Estes Family Lung Cancer Research Endowed Chair and Chief of Thoracic Surgery. During his tenure at UAB, he developed a four-arm robotic approach to treat patients needing lung cancer excisions, removal of cancerous esophageal tumors and tumor resections within the thoracic region. Along with his position at UAB, he serves as the Director of the American Association of Thoracic Surgery's Robotic Graham Fellowship and has trained a large percentage of thoracic surgeons in the U.S. and abroad. He received his first two years of Post-Doctoral Surgical Training at The University of Connecticut St. Francis Hospital. After a year of Urologic Surgical Training at Cornell and Memorial Sloan Kettering, he completed the last two years of his general surgical residency at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, where he also completed a cardiothoracic surgical fellowship. He joined UAB in 1996, where he served in numerous academic and clinical positions before being named Division Chief in Thoracic Surgery in 2002. He also serves as the Chairman of UAB's Business Intelligence Committee. He served as a Member of Thoracic Advisory Board of NVSS Corp. (Also known as Alveolus, Inc.) since June 2004. He has published over 150 original peer-reviewed articles, 40 book chapters and has given over 400 lectures and presentations at major international and national scientific meetings. He also has been an invited Visiting Professor at hundreds of major academic institutions in more than 22 countries. In 2014, he authored his first book, *Super Performing at Work and at Home: The Athleticism of Surgery and Life* and has completed his second book on leadership entitled, *Inspire*. He earned both his Undergraduate and Medical Degrees from the University of Rochester. Dr. Cerfolio received his MBA from the University of Tennessee.