

Peter Harris brings a career in medical devices with companies such as Hewlett-Packard and GE Medical, but has found equal challenges and rewards in working at the start-up level and as a consultant. His BSc in Telecommunications (Wits. Univ., Johannesburg) was the bridge that connected him to Hewlett-Packard, where he quickly found an affinity with their EKG interpretation and data storage systems- gaining expert knowledge that led to his permanent relocation from South Africa to the US.

In a chance exposure to the bariatric surgery field, he noticed that the total adoption rate of all legacy bariatric surgeries was less than one percent of the obese population. Although uninitiated in bariatric surgery at the time, this led to his conceiving the gastric volume-reduction surgery now known as LGP (laparoscopic gastro plication), and a companion device, to enable the surgeon to provide a surgically simple, safe, quick, and easy surgery priced for self-pay.

Peter's expertise in clinical applications includes bariatric surgery, CO2 surgical lasers, diagnostic cardiology, and cosmetic lasers. He has made significant contributions to technology in each of these areas, and in each case dramatically incremented sales revenues and company growth.

He has found it very rewarding to be a Guest Lecturer for the UW Department of Bioengineering for 4 years as a Capstone Project Advisor, presenting lectures titled: Market Analysis; Testing Plan – Regulatory and Investor Considerations; Market Analysis and Financial Considerations; How Does a Designer Create a Product?

Peter is an enthusiastic member of the Board of Directors of a local Community Foundation, which makes valuable contributions to his local community. He is passionate about supporting and educating our youth and helping them succeed, as they are the heart of the next generation. In his spare time, Peter enjoys sailing, SCUBA diving and fishing and has been fortunate to hone his skills in oceans around the world. He is also thrilled to be finishing up an extensive restoration of his 1966 Alberg 35-foot sailboat.