

## A Longitudinal Analysis of the General Surgery Workforce in the United States, 1981-2005

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In a retrospective longitudinal analysis published in April 2008, the authors concluded that "the overall number of general surgeons per 100 000 population has declined by 25.91% during the past 25 years. The decline has been most marked in urban areas. However, more remote rural areas continue to have significantly fewer general surgeons per 100 000 population. These findings have implications for training, recruiting, and retaining general surgeons".

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## Effect of Esthetic Outcome after Breast-Conserving Surgery on Psychosocial Functioning and Quality of Life

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Workers from the University of Michigan & VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System concluded in their paper published in July 2008 that "pronounced breast asymmetry after breast-conserving surgery (BCS) is significantly correlated with poor psychosocial functioning. Identifying patients at risk for postoperative asymmetry at the time of consultation may allow for improved referral for supportive counseling, prosthetics, and reconstruction".

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