

Thoracic Surgery

Thoracic surgery is another area in which the general surgeon who has additional training in trauma surgery has an advantage. Thoracic surgery is a surgery of the chest. Primarily this involves surgery for cancer and benign conditions. Many thoracic procedures can now be performed with what is called video assisted thoroscopic surgery (VATS). This minimally invasive procedure allows the surgeon to use a small camera through a less than one inch hole in the chest to visualize the area of concern, and through several other small incisions insert appropriate equipment to perform the procedure.

Of course, many procedures still need to be performed in an open fashion requiring formal operative intervention in the chest. This includes many of the lung cancers and other major conditions of the chest. Dr. Platnick offers both video assisted thoroscopic surgery and open surgery for all disorders of the chest including lung cancer, congenital abnormalities and biopsies.