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Dr. Layani started his formal training in laparoscopic surgery in France (1990). Since being admitted to the Royal Australian College of Surgeons in 1998, he has been honored by numerous national and international institutions for his role as an educator and facilitator for new developments in bariatric surgery. He is currently a major contributor to research being done in the US regarding new surgical treatments for obesity.

A number of highly respected surgeons around Australia and the world have completed varying components of their formal training under his guidance and many have gone on to establish themselves in private practice. He was the head surgeon for Weight Loss Solutions Australia (WLSA) at John Flynn Private Hospital in Queensland, Australia and has been in private practice for over 12 years.

His WLSA multidisciplinary model for onsite assessment, care, and support is the hallmark standard for pre and post-operative clinical management of a bariatric patient. His centre of excellence approach to the treatment of obesity and co-morbid complications is a major factor in his extremely low complication rates and positive patient outcomes.

To date, Dr Layani has done close to 5000 bariatric procedures, including Laparoscopic Adjustable Gastric Banding (LAGB), Vertical Sleeve Gastrectomy (VSG), and Gastric Bypass (GB) and omega loop GB. Whilst LAGB remains the most commonly performed procedure in Australia in the past, Dr. Layani has been at the forefront of the VSG revolution in Australia. His decision to perform VSG as a revision bariatric procedure for failed gastric band at John Flynn Private Hospital in Queensland started about 7 years ago and he has since gone on to perform over 2000 of these procedures as primary procedure and over 250 revision procedures (LAGB to VSG, Open Stapling to VSG, and Lap Bypass following VSG) as well as lap MGP after VSG.