

B. Monte Stewart, MD, FACS, is a board-certified general surgeon with more than 30 years of experience in military, community, and regional hospital settings. He provides general surgery services at Southern Coos Hospital & Health Center, supporting local access to surgical consultation, endoscopy, operative care, and emergency surgical evaluation for patients in Bandon and surrounding coastal communities.

His clinical background includes open and minimally invasive general surgery, upper and lower endoscopy, trauma, surgical critical care, and comprehensive perioperative management. He completed advanced fellowship training in trauma and surgical critical care at Los Angeles County–USC Medical Center. That training, together with many years in community practice, has prepared him to care for routine surgical problems as well as complex and urgent presentations.

At Southern Coos, Dr. Stewart works with local primary care clinicians, hospital staff, and regional referral centers to keep appropriate surgical care close to home. When a patient needs a higher level of care, he emphasizes timely transfer, clear communication, and an organized handoff. He also supports local referral development so patients and clinicians understand which surgical services can be provided in Bandon.

Dr. Stewart has practiced in Southern Oregon since 2001 and is president and owner of Bear Creek Surgery, PC, an outpatient surgical practice in Ashland. Bear Creek Surgery also operates the Hyperbaric Oxygen Treatment Center of Southern Oregon, which provides physician-supervised hyperbaric oxygen therapy. He is also founding president of the Hyperbaric Hope Foundation, a nonprofit organization that works to improve access to medically appropriate hyperbaric oxygen therapy.

A Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, Dr. Stewart served as president of its Oregon Chapter from 2022 to 2024. His professional work has included surgical quality improvement, peer review, continuing medical education, cancer-program oversight, and the education of medical students, surgical residents, and physician assistant students.

Before moving to Southern Oregon, Dr. Stewart served five years as a surgeon in the U.S. Army Medical Corps and attained the rank of Major. Four of those years were at William Beaumont Army Medical Center in El Paso, Texas, where he taught medical students and surgical residents and chaired the hospital's Cancer Committee.

Dr. Stewart graduated from Loma Linda University School of Medicine and completed his general surgery residency at Loma Linda University Medical Center. His professional interests include rural surgical access, emergency general surgery, surgical education, hyperbaric medicine, patient safety, and sustainable community healthcare. He is married to Dr. Tamara Stewart, an emergency physician, and they have five children.