

# **Dr. Marty Makary**

**Physician, Researcher, Author, Medical Commentator at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine & Johns Hopkins Center for Global Health**

Baltimore, MD, US

This won't hurt a bit! In fact, your audience will say "Ahh" when a Johns Hopkins School of Medicine physician and author is at the podium

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## **Biography**

Dr. Martin "Marty" Makary is a physician, researcher and medical commentator. He is the Mark Ravitch Chair in Gastrointestinal Surgery at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, and teaches health policy at the Johns Hopkins University School of Public Health.

Dr. Makary speaks nationally on new technology in surgical care, quality and safety in medicine, and health policy. He is a regular medical guest on CNN and FOX News, and is the author of several books on public health and surgery, patient safety, quality of care, and health policy. His latest book, Unaccountable, will be coming out in the Fall of 2012.

Dr. Makary served in a leadership role at the United Nations World Health Organization (WHO) Safe Surgery Saves Lives Initiative. He is a leading advocate for transparency in medicine and common-sense solutions to healthcare's problems, such as the Surgical Checklist, which he developed at Johns Hopkins.

His current research interests focus on the delivery of quality care, the science of medical errors and patient safety, international health, and health policy. He is internationally recognized for outcomes research and his work has been published in The New England Journal of Medicine and The New York Times.

Dr. Makary is also a champion for many innovative ideas in healthcare, including videotaping medical procedures so that patients can take home a copy for their records, lifting all restrictions on visiting hours in hospitals, as pioneered at Johns Hopkins, to promote family involvement, and allowing patients to see their doctor's notes in real-time.

He completed his education at Bucknell University, Thomas Jefferson University, and Harvard University and his general surgery residency at Georgetown University. He then completed advanced training in pancreas surgery at Johns Hopkins before joining the faculty as a GI surgeon.

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## **Availability**

Keynote, Moderator, Panelist, Workshop, Host/MC, Author Appearance, Corporate Training

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## **Industry Expertise**

Health and Wellness, Writing and Editing, Research, Media - Broadcast, Health Care - Facilities, Advanced Medical Equipment, Health Care - Providers, Public Policy

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Minimally-Invasive Surgery, Health Services Research, Cancer Therapy, Health Policy, Access to Healthcare, Public Health, Surgery in the Elderly, Laparoscopic Technology, Quality of Care & Patient Safety, Culture in Healthcare

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## **Event Appearances**

**Cost Savings at Johns Hopkins Through "Green" Practices in the Operating Room**  
National Congress on Healthcare Clinical Innovations, Quality Improvement and Cost Containment

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## **Accomplishments**

### **Mark Ravitch Chair in Gastrointestinal Surgery – Johns Hopkins Hospital**

From the 1889 opening of The Johns Hopkins Hospital, to the opening of the School of Medicine four years later, there emerged the concept of combining research, teaching and patient care. This model, the first of its kind, would lead to a national and international reputation for excellence and discovery. The mission of Johns Hopkins Medicine is to improve the health of the community and the world by setting the standard of excellence in medical education, research and clinical care.

### **Associate Professor, Surgery and Public Health – Johns Hopkins Center for Global Health**

The Johns Hopkins Center for Global Health was founded as a unique collaboration between three institutions – the Bloomberg School of Public Health, the School of Medicine, and the School of Nursing – that harnesses the expertise of its dedicated health and medical professionals to address a myriad of global health challenges. The Center pulls together Hopkins' extensive knowledge base to develop sustainable solutions that transcend the borders preventing good health throughout the world.

### **Author – Unaccountable: What Hospitals Won't Tell You and How Transparency Can Revolutionize Health Care**

As a busy surgeon who has worked in many of the best hospitals in the nation, Dr. Marty Makary can testify to the amazing power of modern medicine to cure. But he's also been a witness to a medical culture that routinely leaves surgical sponges inside patients, amputates the wrong limbs, and overdoses children because of sloppy handwriting. Unaccountable is a powerful, no-nonsense, non-partisan diagnosis for healing our hospitals and reforming our broken healthcare system.

### **Author – General Surgery Review, 2nd Edition**

General Surgery Review is a comprehensive review presented in a unique case-based format. Dr. Marty Makary has assembled the review in conjunction with his colleagues and many other national experts. Unlike many other books, General Surgery Review excludes controversial management in order to present an easy-to-remember foundation of knowledge. Thus, the book focuses on "the basics" to provide the reader with a broad command of the field.

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