Daryl R. Sander, MD, FACS
General Surgeon
Dr. Sander graduated from The Ohio State University College of Medicine. After completing his residency at Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus, Ohio, he joined Dr. Novack in July, 1991. He performed the first laparoscopic gallbladder surgery at both Galion Community and Bucyrus Community Hospitals.
He is certified by the American Board of Surgery and is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He is also a member of the Ohio State Medical Association, Crawford County Medical Society, and is licensed by the State Medical Board of Ohio.

Eric P. Kuivinen, MD
General Surgeon
Dr. Kuivinen received his medical license from Wright State University School of Medicine in Dayton, Ohio. After completing a residency in general surgery at Huron Hospital in Cleveland, Dr. Kuivinen completed a chief residency in general surgery. Throughout his academic and professional experience, he has received numerous academic honors as well as an Excellence in Service award. Dr. Kuivinen comes to the Bucyrus and Galion area from the state of Georgia, where he had extensive experience in general surgery at many Georgia medical centers. Dr. Kuivinen is licensed by the State Medical Board of Ohio.

P. Stephen Novack, DO
Non-operating Surgeon
Dr. Novack was born in Atlanta, Georgia and graduated from Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1982. Following internship and residency, he served four years in the U.S. Air Force, including a tour of duty in Saudi Arabia during Desert Shield.
He came to Crawford County in May, 1991 to begin private practice. He is certified by the American Osteopathic Board of Surgery and is a member of the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons, American Osteopathic Association, Crawford County Medical Society, and is licensed by the State Medical Board of Ohio.

OFFICE HOURS:
Monday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Tuesday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Wednesday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Thursday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Friday: 9:00 am to 12:00 noon

Our office is closed daily from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm. Office hours are subject to change due to holidays, meetings and inclement weather.

LOCATION
We are located between Bucyrus and Galion at 1593 Olentangy Road.

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Our physicians are board certified general surgeons, fully capable of performing a wide range of modern procedures including:

- Appendectomy*
- Breast Surgery
- Endoscopy Procedures
- Gallbladder Removal*
- Gastrointestinal Surgery*
- Hernia Repairs*
- Lymph Node Biopsies
- Thyroidectomy
- Treatment of Skin lesions
- And Much More

*Choice of laparoscopic approach

Surgeries are performed at Galion Community, Bucyrus Community and in some cases, Morrow County Hospitals at the discretion of the patient and referring physician. Many procedures can be done safely in the office setting.

SCOPE OF OUR PRACTICE

OUR GOAL
We feel that surgery requires mutual understanding, respect and confidence between the physician and patient. Our goal is to offer you the highest standard of surgical care and our hope is that you will reciprocate by showing confidence in our judgement.

ABOUT OUR STAFF
Our fully-qualified medical office staff will assist you with scheduling appointments or answering questions about your medical treatment or financial concerns. Please do not hesitate to ask for assistance at anytime and if your call requires a physician’s attention, one will be notified as quickly as possible. Everyone in our practice works as a team dedicated to performing our duties efficiently and courteously.

ABOUT YOUR FIRST VISIT
For many people, the anxiety of a surgical experience can be overwhelming. That’s why we at Avita Surgical Services do everything we can to alleviate your pain and provide you with the very best surgical care available.

Generally, your first visit or consultation will include a review of your medical history, an examination, discussion, and a report of the doctor’s finding to your referring physician.

Patients are seen by appointment only, usually following evaluation by their primary physician. Please advise us if you have a change in address, telephone number, health status, medication, marital status, employment, or insurance coverage.

OVER 400 insurance plans are accepted including Medical Mutual and United Healthcare. To help streamline billing process and reduce information requests mailed to your home, please present all medical and insurance information at each visit.

EMERGENCIES
If an emergency arises during office hours call us, and if necessary, a doctor will see you the same day. If a problem develops while the office is closed, call the hospital or go directly to the Emergency Department nearest you.

OUR FINANCIAL POLICIES
Our fees are standard and based on a relative value scale which takes into account the time, skill, and equipment required for each procedure. Our rates are comparable to fees charged in neighboring communities by other general surgery specialists.

We ask that fees be paid at the time of service. We will file both primary and secondary insurance for your convenience, as well as disability forms. Some forms require a nominal fee. Our administrative staff will verify coverage and precertify procedures with your insurance provider. All deductibles and/or copayments are to be paid at time of service. Our office manager will be happy to discuss fees and billing questions with you.

FEES AND INSURANCE
Our practice is here to serve you. If you have concerns about our office, please do not hesitate to contact the office manager.

THANK YOU FOR TRUSTING IN OUR CARE.