



Biography Silvana Perretta

Dr. Silvana Perretta is a Professor of Surgery and upper gastrointestinal surgeon, serving as Chief of the Foregut and Advanced Endoscopy Division at IHU-Strasbourg, where she is also Director of Education and the Surgical Endoscopy Fellowship. Former Vice President of IRCAD France, she has been a leading advocate for interventional endoscopy, contributing to the development of new platforms, devices, and flexible robotics. She pioneered Natural Orifice Transluminal Endoscopic Surgery (NOTES), performing the world's first transvaginal cholecystectomy, and introduced POEM and endoscopic sleeve gastropasty in France. Recognized with the SAGES Career Development Award (2011), the STORZ Lectureship (2020), and the SAGES Pioneer in Surgical Endoscopy Award (2025), she was also named Knight of the French National Order of the Legion of Honor (2021). Dr. Perretta is Vice President of the Bariatric Endoscopy World Association (BEWA) and President and founder of FAIR, a global initiative supporting women in surgery, science, and MedTech.