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Education/Training

Southern Illinois University School of Medicine (SIUSOM), Springfield, IL <i>Residency (Categorical): Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery</i>	2016 - Present
State University of New York, Buffalo, NY <i>Internship (Non-Designated Preliminary): General Surgery</i>	2015 - 2016
University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine (JABSOM), Honolulu, HI <i>Doctor of Medicine</i>	2011 - 2015
California Polytechnic State University (CPSU), San Luis Obispo, CA <i>Bachelor of Arts: Philosophy</i> <i>Minor: Religious Studies</i>	2007 - 2010

Certifications/Licensure

Basic Life Support: valid through July 2021

Advanced Cardiac Life Support: valid through July 2021

Medical License, Temporary, State of Illinois (No. 125.068533): valid until June 25, 2021

Board Certification: Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery (will sit for exam in 2021)

U.S. Medical Licensing Exams: passed Step 1 in 2013, Step 2 in 2014, Step 3 in 2016

Research/Publications

In progress: "Prognostic Factors in p16-positive Squamous Cell Carcinoma of the Oropharynx: Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis."

Hara JH, Zhang JA, Gandhi KR, **Flaherty A**, Barber W, Leung MA, Burgess LP. "Oral and intratympanic steroid therapy for idiopathic sudden sensorineural hearing loss." *Laryngoscope Investig Otolaryngol.* 2018 Mar 25;3(2):73-77.

Leung MA, **Flaherty A**, Zhang JA, Hara J, Barber W, Burgess L. "Sudden Sensorineural Hearing Loss: Primary Care Update." *Hawaii J Med Public Health.* 2016 Jun;75(6):172-4.

Castel N, Soon-Sutton T, Deptula P, **Flaherty A**, Parsa FD. "Polyurethane-coated breast implants revisited: a 30-year follow-up." *Arch Plast Surg.* 2015 Mar;42(2):186-93.

Oral Presentations

"Transcending the Gender Binary: The Science and Philosophy of Transgender Medicine" Feb 2020
Guest Speaker, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, CA

Oral Presentations (continued)

- “Gender-Affirming Care for the Otorhinolaryngologist and Medical Provider” Oct 2019
SIUSOM Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery Grand Rounds, Springfield, IL
- “Prognostic Factors in p16-positive Squamous Cell Carcinoma of the Oropharynx” Jun 2019
SIUSOM Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery Resident Research Day, Springfield, IL
- “Acute & Chronic Sinusitis: Diagnosis & Treatment” (By invitation) May 2019
Memorial Health System Express Care & Emergency Department Skills Day, Springfield, IL
- “Transgender Patients: Finding Their Voice” Apr 2019
SIUSOM Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery Grand Rounds, Springfield, IL
- “Prognostic Factors in p16-positive Squamous Cell Carcinoma of the Oropharynx” Jun 2018
SIUSOM Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery Resident Research Day, Springfield, IL
- “Prognostic Factors in p16-positive Squamous Cell Carcinoma of the Oropharynx” Apr 2018
SIUSOM Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery Grand Rounds, Springfield, IL
- “Post-Tonsillectomy Pain Control and Quality of Life” Jun 2017
SIUSOM Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery Resident Research Day, Springfield, IL
- “Transgender Facial Surgery: History and Techniques” Apr 2017
SIUSOM Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery Grand Rounds, Springfield, IL
- “Endoscopic Repair of Laryngeal Cleft: A Single Center Review of Outcomes” Apr 2017
SIUSOM Department of Surgery Resident Research and Quality Outcomes Day, Springfield, IL
- “The Friends of the Medical School: My Perspective” (By invitation) Dec 2014
Friends of the Medical School Annual Dinner Reception and Fundraiser, JABSOM, Honolulu, HI
- “Communication and the Management of Post-Operative Pain” Jan 2014
Pan-Pacific Surgical Association, Hawaii Plastic Surgery Symposium, Waikiki, HI
- “Commencement Address for the Graduating Class of 2007” (By invitation) May 2007
Graduation Ceremony, Colorado Mountain College, Steamboat Springs, CO

Video Presentations

- “Transverse Orofacial Cleft Repair—Video Presentation” (Accepted) Apr 2020
AAFPRS Spring Meeting, Combined Otolaryngology Spring Meetings, Atlanta, GA

Poster Presentations

- “Skull Base COREAH: Case Report and Literature Review” (Accepted) Apr 2020
American Rhinologic Society, Combined Otolaryngology Spring Meetings, Atlanta, GA

Poster Presentations (continued)

“Polyurethane-Coated Breast Implants Revisited: A 30-Year Follow-Up” Apr 2015
JABSOM Biomedical Sciences and Health Disparities Symposium, Honolulu, HI

“Long-term Follow-Up of Polyurethane Implants” Jan 2012
Pan-Pacific Surgical Association, Hawaii Plastic Surgery Symposium, Waikiki, HI

Quality Improvement

PowerChart Order Set: Nasal Surgery 2019 - Present
Working with Memorial Medical Center Evidence-Based Officer to develop a new order set for postoperative nasal surgery patients; goal is to standardize care, minimize incorrect prescribing, ensure order clarity, and improve patient outcomes

Express Care & Emergency Department Education, Memorial Health System 2019 - Present
Educated Express Care and Emergency Department providers regarding the AAO-HNS Clinical Practice Guideline Update for Adult Sinusitis; obtained pre-lecture, post-lecture, and follow up test scores; currently analyzing data to pursue publication in Medical Education Research

Off-Site ENT Equipment Cart, Memorial Medical Center 2019 - Present
Coordinated with Manager of Surgical Services to develop and maintain a cart containing necessary equipment to perform minor emergency and inpatient procedures; goal is to facilitate rapid and appropriate patient care, avoid unnecessary operating room use and/or equipment delays, minimize costs, and increase patient satisfaction

Operating Room Preference Card: Epistaxis Control/SPA Ligation Dec 2019
Collaborated with Memorial Medical Center ENT Surgery Resource RN to develop a new case card for emergency epistaxis cases requiring operative intervention; goal was to standardize OR set up and facilitate rapid and appropriate patient care, thereby improving outcomes and minimizing costs

Online Paging System, Memorial Medical Center and Saint John’s Hospital July 2019
Worked with Residency Coordinator to correct and clarify the online paging system for Otolaryngology consults and on-call resident services; goal was to streamline contact methods, confirm the appropriate provider was contacted, and avoid delays in patient care

Clinic Rooming System, SIUSOM Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery Clinics May 2019
Developed and implemented new system of patient rooming and information transfer in clinic; goal was to improve workflow and efficacy, decrease patient wait times, and increase patient satisfaction

Junior Call Schedule: SIUSOM Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery Residency 2018 - 2019
Collaborated with Program Director to develop and facilitate guidelines regarding the Junior Resident Call Schedule; goal was to ensure appropriate resident supervision and education, minimize resident burnout and fatigue, and maximize patient care and outcomes

PowerChart Order Set: Free Flaps and Transoral Robotic Surgery 2018 - 2019
Worked with Memorial Medical Center Evidence-Based Officer to develop and maintain two new order sets for postoperative free flap and transoral robotic surgery patients; goal was to standardize care, minimize incorrect prescribing, ensure order clarity, improve patient outcomes

Quality Improvement (continued)

- PowerChart Order Set:** Pediatric Admissions after Adenotonsillectomy Mar 2017
Worked with Memorial Medical Center Evidence-Based Officer to develop a new order set for pediatric admissions after adenotonsillectomy; goal was to standardize care, minimize incorrect prescribing, ensure order clarity, and improve patient outcomes
- Sign Out and M & M List,** SIUSOM Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery 2016 - 2019
Developed new, HIPAA-compliant, systematic method of centralizing patient information to facilitate safe, personalized handoffs; and track complications to ensure they are discussed at monthly Morbidity & Mortality conference
- ENT Resident Handbook,** SIUSOM Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery 2016 - 2017
Revised ENT Resident Handbook, converted to electronic document for ease of access and updating

Awards/Honors

- Winner,** Clinical Research Presentation Jun 2019
"Prognostic Factors in p16-positive Squamous Cell Carcinoma of the Oropharynx"
SIUSOM Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery Resident Research Day
- Award,** Excellence in Medical Student Teaching 2018 - 2019
Department of Surgery, Southern Illinois University School of Medicine
- Winner,** Clinical Research Presentation Jun 2017
"Post-Tonsillectomy Pain Control and Quality of Life"
SIUSOM Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery Resident Research Day
- Award,** Excellence in Medical Student Teaching 2017 - 2018
Department of Surgery, Southern Illinois University School of Medicine
- Scholarship,** J. M. Long Foundation (merit- and service-based); JABSOM 2011 - 2014
- Recipient,** E.E. Black Scholarship (academic merit-based); JABSOM 2011 - 2014
- Scholarship for Travel,** Surgery Department; JABSOM 2012
American College of Surgeons Annual Congress Medical Student Program, Chicago, IL
- Scholarship,** Dr. Shigeru Richard Horio Memorial (invite only); JABSOM 2011 - 2012
- Winner** (\$500), Philosophy Department Essay Contest; CPSU 2010
- Dean's List,** CPSU 2008 - 2010
- National Dean's List,** CMC 2005 - 2007
- All-State Academic Team,** CO; American Association of Community Colleges 2007

Leadership/Volunteer

Resident Representative (elected), Section for Residents and Fellows American Academy of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery	2019 - Present
Representative from Otolaryngology (elected), House Staff Board of Directors Southern Illinois University School of Medicine	2018 - Present
Volunteer , H.O.M.E (Homeless Outreach & Medical Education) Project JABSOM student-run free clinic; aim to improve quality and access to healthcare	2014
Volunteer (2011), Coordinator (2012), Liaison (2013) JABSOM and the Ironman World Championship Triathlon Medical Tent, Kona, HI Coordinated with the medical tent director to organize and direct medical student volunteers (travel, lodging, work scheduling) —	2011 - 2013
Health & Wellness Chair, class of 2015 (elected), Inter-Class Counsel University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine	2011 - 2012
Vice President , JABSOM Chapter, American Medical Student Association University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine	2011 - 2012
Race Director , Chains of Love (Annual Fundraiser), CPSU Triathlon Team Led committee to strategize, coordinate, and direct an annual 5/10/15k run and make a profit	2009 - 2010
Bicycle Coach , CPSU Triathlon Team Planned and managed team workouts; provided support, first aid, instruction	2009 - 2010
Volunteer , Wildflower Triathlon Medical Tent; Lake San Antonio, CA	2009 - 2010
Director , Breakfast Program, Prado Day Center; San Luis Obispo, CA Undertook weekly responsibility for opening a day center to the homeless Recruited and facilitated student volunteers for the provision of morning meals	2008 - 2009
Resident Advisor , Housing Department; CPSU Received numerous awards for performance and programs	2008 - 2009
President , Alpha Rho Chapter, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society Colorado Mountain College	2006 - 2007

Teaching/Mentorship

Tutor , Problem-Based Learning; JABSOM (First-Year Curriculum)	2015
Teaching Aide , Head and Neck Anatomy; JABSOM (Second-Year Curriculum)	2014
Mentorship Pod Liaison , Medical Student Mentorship Program; JABSOM	2012 - 2015
Teaching Aide , Suture Workshops; JABSOM (Third-Year Clerkship, Interest Group)	2012 - 2013

Teaching/Mentorship (continued)

Teaching Assistant & Tutor, Philosophy and Organic Chemistry; CPSU 2009 - 2010

Cadet, Staff Mentor, & Senior Member, Civil Air Patrol 1999 - 2008

United States Air Force Auxiliary; Kona, HI and Steamboat Springs, CO

- Emergency services, leadership training, aerospace education
- **Cadet Leadership School:** courses in leadership and teamwork skill development, leadership theory, conflict resolution, and management - attended as cadet in 2002
 - As senior member, mentored and instructed cadets in professionalism and relationships, operations planning, and effective feedback - facilitated in 2007
- **Awards:** Eaker (2005), Cadet of the Year (2003), Earhart (2002), Mitchell (2000)

Affiliations/Memberships

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, CPSU Alumni Association, Illinois State Medical Society, Association of Women Surgeons, American Academy of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery, American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery

Hobbies/Interests

Rescue dogs, cycling, snowboarding, water sports, singing/songwriting, woodworking, culinary