

**CURRICULUM VITAE
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Date of Birth: November 5, 1961

Place of Birth: Fresno, California

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2004-2007 **The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio
Regional Academic Center RAC, Harlingen, Texas
Clinical Assistant Professor of Surgery**

1996-1997 **The University of Texas Health Science Center, Houston, Texas
Clinical Instructor Trauma and General Surgery**

FELLOWSHIP:

1997-1999 **Texas Heart Institute/MD Anderson, St. Luke Episcopal Hospital,
Houston, Texas
Fellow/Resident, Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery**

1996-1997 **University of Texas Health Science Center, Houston, Texas
Fellowship, Trauma Surgery**

POSTDOCTORAL TRAINING:

1995-1996 **The University of Texas Health Science Center, Houston, Texas
Chief Resident, General Surgery**

1992-1995 **The University of Texas Health Science Center, Houston, Texas
General Surgery Residency PGY2-PGY4**

1991-1992 **The University of Texas Health Science Center, Houston, Texas
General Surgery Internship**

EDUCATION:

1987-1991 **The University of Michigan Medical School
Ann Arbor, MI
M.D.**

1986-1987 **The University of Michigan Medical School
Ann Arbor, MI
Post-Baccalaureate**

1981-1985 **The University of Texas
Austin, TX
B.A.: Biology, secondary concentration Chemistry**

1984 **Harvard University
Cambridge, MA
Physiology, Biology**

1976-1980

**Donna High School
Donna, TX**

HOSPITAL APPOINTMENTS:

**Valley Baptist Medical Center
Harlingen, TX**

**Valley Baptist Medical Center
Brownsville, Texas**

**Valley Regional Hospital
Brownsville, Texas**

**Harlingen Medical Center
Harlingen, TX**

HOSPITAL COMMITTEES:

**Rio Grande Valley Indigent Health Care Program
Board of Directors
Valley Baptist Health System 2008-2011
Harlingen, Texas**

**Board of Trustees 2007-2008
Valley Baptist Holdings Inc.
Valley Baptist Health System
Harlingen, Texas**

**Medical Board 2008
Valley Baptist Health System
Harlingen, Texas**

**Trauma Committee
Valley Baptist Health System
Medical Director
Harlingen, Texas**

**Organ Donation Committee
Chairman
Valley Baptist Health System
VBMC-Harlingen/Brownsville**

**Cardiac Care Committee
Valley Baptist Health System,
Co-Chairman 2004-2009
Harlingen, Texas**

**Credentials Committee, 2006-2007
Valley Baptist Health System,
Harlingen, Texas**

**Cardiac Rehab
Director
Valley Baptist Medical Center**

Harlingen, Texas

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS:

**Chief of Surgery 2008 and 2009
Valley Baptist Medical Center
Harlingen, Texas**

**Trauma Medical Director 1999-present
Valley Baptist Medical Center
Harlingen, Texas**

**Trauma Systems Committee
Board Member 2007 to 2009
Department of State Health Services
Austin, Texas**

**State Faculty (TEXAS)
Advance Trauma Life Support
American College of Surgeons**

**Executive Board of Directors, Member
Trauma Regional Advisory Council
Rio Grande Valley, Area V**

MILITARY SERVICE:

1991-Present **Lt. Col., Medical Corps United States Army Reserve
Specialized Training Assistance Program (STRAP)
Honorable Discharge March 12, 2010**

2004 **Operation Noble Eagle
Brooke Army Medical Center
San Antonio, Texas**

CERTIFICATION AND LICENSURE:

**Board Certified in Surgery
Fellow of the American College of Surgeons 2007
Diplomat, American College of Surgeons, #43997
Diplomat, National Board of Medical Examiners**

**Medical License: Texas Board of medical Examiners, #J9173
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, #053376L
DEA #BL4660662, DPS #60094334
Advanced Trauma Life Support Course Director, Instructor, State Faculty
Advanced Cardiac and Life Support Instructor**

CERTIFICATIONS:

Mechanical Circulatory Support Devices (ABIOMED, Thoratec, TCI Ventricular Assist Devices). Texas heart Institute, St Luke Episcopal Hospital, Houston, Texas, July 11, 1998

Transmyocardial Laser Revascularization (YAG Laser). Eclipse Surgical Technologies. Indianapolis, Indiana, October 22, 1999

Toronto SPV Valve. St. Jude Medical, Heart Valve Division. Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas, May 22, 1999

Endoscopic Saphenous Vein Harvest. Ethicon Endo Surgery, Inc., Texas Heart Institute, Houston, Texas, April 25, 1998

HONORS:

2005 Voted Best Cardiovascular & Thoracic Surgeon, Valley Morning Star, Rio Grande Valley.

2010 Voted Best Cardiovascular & Thoracic Surgeon, Valley Morning Star, Rio Grande Valley

Postdoctoral:

1995-1996 The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, Department of Emergency Medicine Outstanding Emergency Medicine Education Award

1992-1993 The University of Texas Health Science Center Medical School at Houston, Outstanding Teaching surgical Residents

Graduate:

1990-1991 The University of Michigan Medical School Clinical Honors in Cardiothoracic and General Surgery

**1989-1990 Opportunity Award Scholarship
The University of Michigan Medical School**

ACTIVITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS:

**Texas Ex-Student Association, Life Member
The Alumni Association of The University of Michigan
The Alumni Association, The University of Texas Houston Medical School**

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES:

**Denton A. Cooley Cardiovascular Surgical Society
Cooley Hands
Cardiothoracic Surgery Network**

Texas Medical Foundation
Willacy/Cameron County Medical Association

RESEARCH AND ABSTRACTS:

1. R.M. Lopez, M.D., M. Padilla, M.D., D.A. Cooley, M.D., Apico-Aortic Conduit for Left Ventricular Outflow Obstruction: Revisited. Annals of Thoracic Surgery.
2. Rosenthal, G., R. Lopez, R.A. Koeppe, S. Gilman, L. Junck and S.S. Gebarski, Hypomentabolism per gram of tissue in OPCA detected following a quantitative correction For cerebral atrophy in CT scans. Neurology 1989.
3. Koeppe, R.A., R.M. Lopez, G. Rosenthal, S. Gilman, L. Junck, and S. Gebarski. Correction for effects of atrophy in PET studies using quantitative anatomic imaging. J. Cerebral Blood Flow Metabolism. 1989, (Supp 1): S197.

CASE PRESENTATIONS:

1. C.S. Cocanour, M.D., R.M. Lopez, M.D., R.J. Andrassy, M.D., R.G. Middlebrook, M.D., F.A. Moore, M.D., choledocho-Caval Fistula As a Result of a Right Flank Stab Wound. The Western Trauma Association 28th Annual Scientific Meeting, February 22-28, 1997.

INVITED LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS:

1. Blunt Cardiac Contusion, The Workup and Treatment, 9th Annual Rio Grande Valley Trauma Symposium. April 2007
2. Evaluation, Treatment, and Workup of the Trauma Patient, 8th annual Rio Grande Valley Trauma Symposium. April 8, 2006.
3. Pericardial Contusion, Treatment and Management. Valley Baptist Medical Center, Harlingen, Trauma Grand Rounds, June 28, 2006
4. Cath Lab Conference, Surgery vs Angioplasty and Surgical Indications and Followup, September 18, 2005, Valley Baptist Medical Center, Harlingen, Texas.
5. 8th Annual Rio Grande Valley Trauma Symposium: Running a Trauma Code, August 19, 2005, South Padre Island, Texas.
6. Grand Rounds: Thoracic Trauma, Victoria Medical Center, October 25, 2004, Citizens Medical Center, Victoria, Texas.
7. Aortic Transection, Aneurysm, and Dissections, Medical Student/Resident Education Forum, Brooke Army Medical Center, San Antonio, Texas.
8. Evaluation, Stabilization, and Treatment of Gun Shot Wounds Involving the Chest, South Texas Trauma Symposium, South Padre Island, Texas, June 2002
9. Peripheral Vascular Injury and Crush Syndrome in the Trauma Patient. Trauma Grand Rounds March 28, 2001, Valley Baptist Health System, Harlingen, Texas.
10. Update on Heart Surgery Including Transmyocardial Laser Revascularization. March 8, 2001. Valley Baptist Heart and Vascular Institute. VBMC, Harlingen, Texas.

11. Transmyocardial Laser revascularization. Grand Rounds, April 2001. The University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio, Department of Thoracic Surgery. San Antonio, Texas.
12. Cardiovascular Disease in America. American Heart Association Gala, March 2000. Harlingen Country Club, Harlingen, Texas.
13. Women and Heart Disease. Society of Women Insurance Agents. September 2000. Harlingen, Texas.
14. Evaluation of Thoracic Trauma. Trauma Grand Rounds, November 2000. VBMC, Harlingen Texas.
15. Aortic Dissection and Aneurysms. Continuing Nursing Education. October 2000. VBMC, Harlingen, Texas.
16. Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm vs. Aortic Dissection, Valley Baptist Heart and Vascular Institute, Valley Baptist Health System, October 8, 1999.
17. The Cardiac Surgery Patient. UT-Houston Hospital Nursing continuing Education Lecture Series, February 1998. Hermann Hospital, Houston, Texas.
18. The Evaluation of Thoracic Trauma. UT-Houston Medical School, Division of Emergency Medicine. Resident Core-Curriculum, January 1998. Houston, Texas.
19. The Evaluation of Abdominal Trauma. UT-Houston Medical School, Division of Emergency Medicine,. Resident Core Curriculum, November 13, 1996. Houston, Texas.
20. Aortic Dissection versus Aortic Aneurysm: The Evaluation, Treatment, and Pathophysiology. Hermann Life Flight Emergency Medical Services and Life Flight Continuing Education Seminars, October 6, 1996. Hermann Hospital, Houston, Texas.
21. Initial Assessment, Evaluation, Stabilization, and Transport of the Trauma Patient. 1996 First Hendrick Medical Center CME Symposium, September 13, 1996. Embassy Suites Hotel, Abilene, Texas.
22. Primary Responders Role in the Initial Assessment of the Trauma Patient. Pearland EMS, September 16, 1996. Pearland, Texas.
23. Abdominal Trauma and Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms. 1996 Hermann Life Flight & Rose Ann Waindel Emergency Care Symposium, August 7-10, 1995. Sheraton Astrodome, Houston, Texas.
24. Gross Anatomy (Cadaver Lab). The Evaluation of the Trauma Patient. 1996 Hermann Life Flight & Rose Ann Waindel Emergency Care Symposium, August 7-10, 1995. UT-Medical School, Houston, Texas.
25. Advanced Trauma Assessment. 1995 Hermann Life Flight Emergency Care Symposium, June 6-8, 1994. Sheraton Astrodome, Houston, Texas.
26. Management of Shock in the Trauma Patient. Hermann Life Flight Emergency Medical Services and Life Flight Continuing Education Seminars. UT-Medical School, Houston, Texas.
27. The Evaluation and Assessment of the Head Trauma Patient. Hermann Life Flight Emergency Medical Services and Life Flight Continuing Education Seminars. UT-Medical School, Houston, Texas.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

- 2002-2010** **Clinical Assistant Professor, University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio, Department of Surgery, Medical Students and Surgery Residents.**
- 1996-1997** **Instructor: Resident Core Curriculum. The University of Texas Medical School Department of Emergency Medicine, Houston, Texas.**
- 1996-1998** **Clinical Instructor: Trauma/General Surgery. The University of Texas Medical School Department of Surgery, Houston, Texas.**
- 1992-Present** **Instructor/Course Director: Advanced Trauma Life Support.**
- 1995-Present** **Instructor: Advanced Cardiac Life Support.**
- 1988-1989** **Research Assistant, Department of Neurology, The University of Michigan Medical School, Ann Arbor, Michigan.**
- Spring 1986** **Science Teacher, 8th Grade, Bertha Cabaza Jr. High, San Benito, Texas.**
- Fall 1986** **Science Teacher, Freshman School, Edinburg, Texas.**
- 1984-1985** **Research Assistant, Department of Zoology, The University of Texas, Austin, Texas.**