

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

**Place of Birth: Fresno, California**

**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

**2004-Present**                    **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**

**Knapp Medical Center  
Weslaco, TX**

**HOSPITAL COMMITTEES:**

**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  
Harlingen, Texas**

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

**Technology Advisory Council  
Valley Baptist Health System  
Member  
Harlingen, Texas**

**Cardiac Rehab  
Director  
Valley Baptist Medical Center  
Harlingen, Texas**

**PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS:**

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

**Trauma Medical Director  
Valley Baptist Medical Center  
Harlingen, Texas**

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

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

**Co-Director  
Cardiac Care Committee  
Valley Baptist medical Center  
Harlingen, TX**

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

**Co-Chairman  
Medical Oversight Committee  
Trauma Regional Advisory Council  
Rio Grande Valley, Area V**

**Trauma Systems Committee Member  
Texas Department of Health  
Austin, TX**

**MILITARY SERVICE:**

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

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

**CERTIFICATION AND LICENSURE:**

**Board Certified in General 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 of the 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  
American Medical Association  
Texas Medical Foundation  
The Southern Medical Association  
Willacy/Cameron County Medical Association  
International College of Physicians & Surgeons

#### 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, MD, R.M.Lopez,MD, R.J.Andrassy,MD,R.G.Middlebrook,MD, F.A.Moore,MD; Choledocho-Caval Fistula As a Result of a Right Flank Stab Wound, The Journal of Trauma.
2. R.M.Lopez,MD, S.Duffy,MD; Aortic Transection found above the Diaphragm, A Rare presentation, The Journal of Trauma,(pending)
3. R.M.Lopez, MD, S.Duffy, MD,A.Ramen,MD; Transection of the Common Hepatic Duct folloing Blunt Trauma. The Journal of Trama, (pending)
4. R.M. Lopez, M.D., M. Padilla, M.D., O.H. Frazier, M.D., Bright Red Blood Seen Through the Right Atrium During a Routine Aorto Coronary Bypass. An Unusual Presentation of a Right Coronary Artery Fistula. Texas Heart Institute Journal
5. 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 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting, February 22-28, 1997.

#### INVITED LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS:

1. The Treatment, Evaluation of Shock due to Thoracic Injuries in the Acute Trauma Patient, 10<sup>th</sup> Annual South Texas Trauma Symposium 2008, Trauma Regional Advisory Council Area V.
2. Blunt Cardiac Contusion, The Workup and Treatment, 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Rio Grande Valley Trauma Symposium. April 2007

3. Evaluation, Treatment, and Workup of the Trauma Patient, 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Rio Grande Valley Trauma Symposium. April 8, 2006.
4. Pericardial Contusion, Treatment and Management, Valley Baptist Medical Center, Harlingen, Trauma Grand Rounds, June 28, 2006
5. Cath Lab Conference, Surgery vs Angioplasty and Surgical Indications and Followup, September 18, 2005, Valley Baptist Medical Center, Harlingen, Texas.
6. 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Rio Grande Valley Trauma Symposium: Running a Trauma Code, August 19, 2005, South Padre Island, Texas.
7. Grand Rounds: Thoracic Trauma, Victoria Medical Center, October 25, 2004, Citizens Medical Center, Victoria, Texas.
8. Aortic Transection, Aneurysm, and Dissections, Medical Student/Resident Education Forum, Brooke Army Medical Center, San Antonio, Texas.
9. Evaluation, Stabilization, and Treatment of Gun Shot Wounds Involving the Chest, South Texas Trauma Symposium, South Padre Island, Texas, June 2002
10. Peripheral Vascular Injury and Crush Syndrome in the Trauma Patient. Trauma Grand Rounds March 28, 2001, Valley Baptist Health System, Harlingen, Texas.
11. Update on Heart Surgery Including Transmyocardial Laser Revascularization. March 8, 2001. Valley Baptist Heart and Vascular Institute. VBMC, Harlingen, Texas.
12. Transmyocardial Laser revascularization, Grand Rounds, April 2001. The University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio, Department of Thoracic Surgery. San Antonio, Texas.
13. Cardiovascular Disease in America. American Heart Association Gala, March 2000. Harlingen Country Club, Harlingen, Texas.
14. Women and Heart Disease. Society of Women Insurance Agents. September 2000. Harlingen, Texas.
15. Evaluation of Thoracic Trauma. Trauma Grand Rounds, November 2000. VBMC, Harlingen Texas.
16. Aortic Dissection and Aneurysms. Continuing Nursing Education. October 2000. VBMC, Harlingen, Texas.
17. Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm vs. Aortic Dissection, Valley Baptist Heart and Vascular Institute, Valley Baptist Health System, October 8, 1999.
18. The Cardiac Surgery Patient. UT-Houston Hospital Nursing continuing Education Lecture Series, February 1998. Hermann Hospital, Houston, Texas.
19. The Evaluation of Thoracic Trauma. UT-Houston Medical School, Division of Emergency Medicine. Resident Core-Curriculum, January 1998. Houston, Texas.
20. The Evaluation of Abdominal Trauma. UT-Houston Medical School, Division of Emergency Medicine,. Resident Core Curriculum, November 13, 1996. Houston, Texas.

21. **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.
22. **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.
23. **Primary Responders Role in the Initial Assessment of the Trauma Patient.** Pearland EMS, September 16, 1996. Pearland, Texas.
24. **Abdominal Trauma and Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms.** 1996 Hermann Life Flight & Rose Ann Waindel Emergency Care Symposium, August 7-10, 1995. Sheraton Astrodome, Houston, Texas.
25. **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.
26. **Advanced Trauma Assessment.** 1995 Hermann Life Flight Emergency Care Symposium, June 6-8, 1994. Sheraton Astrodome, Houston, Texas.
27. **Management of Shock in the Trauma Patient.** Hermann Life Flight Emergency Medical Services and Life Flight Continuing Education Seminars. UT-Medical School, Houston, Texas.
28. **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:**

2002-2008	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, 8 <sup>th</sup> 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.