

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### Education:

B.A. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (Chemistry) 05/1993  
M.P.H. University of North Carolina at Greensboro 05/2000  
M.D. Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University 05/2004

### Career/Academic Appointments:

07/2004-06/2005 Intern, General Surgery, The Mount Sinai Hospital, New York, NY  
07/2005-06/2008 Resident, General Surgery, The Mount Sinai Hospital, New York, NY  
07/2008-06/2009 Chief Resident, General Surgery, The Mount Sinai Hospital, New York, NY  
07/2009-06/2010 Fellow, Minimally Invasive and Bariatric Surgery, Stanford University School of Medicine, Palo Alto, CA  
07/2009-06/2010 Clinical Instructor, Department of Surgery, Stanford University School of Medicine, Palo Alto, CA  
08/2010-02/2015 Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Surgery, University of California, San Francisco, Fresno, CA

### Administrative Positions:

3/2015 – present Director of Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery, Bridgeport Hospital, CT  
01/2013-12/2014 Chair, Surgical Advisory Committee, Fresno Heart and Surgical Hospital, Fresno, CA  
01/2013-02/2015 Medical Director Quality Informatics, Fresno Heart and Surgical Hospital, Fresno, CA  
01/2013-12/2014 Medical Executive Committee, Fresno Heart and Surgical Hospital, Fresno, CA

- 07/2008-06/2009 Administrative Chief Resident, Department of Surgery, The Mount Sinai Hospital
- 06/2003-05/2004 President, Charles G. Rob Surgical Society, Brody School of Medicine, Greenville, NC
- 08/2002-07/2003 Chair, North Carolina Medical Society – Medical Student Section

**Board Certification:**

American Board of Surgery, Surgery, 2010

**Licensure:**

- 2006-present New York State Medical Board
- 2009-present California State Medical Board
- 2014-present Connecticut State Medical Board

**Professional Honors & Recognition:**

- 2013 Top Video Award. American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery
- 2013 Poster of Distinction. American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery
- 2010 Honorable Mention Scientific Paper. The Society of Laparoendoscopic Surgeons
- 2009 Arthur H. Aufses Sr. Award in Surgery, Mount Sinai School of Medicine, Department of Surgery, Awarded by the surgical faculty
- 2008 Applause-O-Gram for commitment to excellence in patient care, The Mount Sinai Hospital
- 2003 RH Alexander Best Manuscript Award, Eastern Association for Surgery of Trauma
- 2002 Brody School of Medicine American Medical Association Scholarship
- 2001 Brody School of Medicine Student Research Scholar
- 2000 Brody School of Medicine Student Physician Leader
- 1999 Albert Schweitzer Fellow
- 1999 Eta Sigma Gamma Public Health Education Honor Society

**Professional Organizations:**

- 2011-present American College of Surgeons
- 2010-present American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery
- 2009-present Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons

**Committees:**

- 2012-2015 Electronic Health Record Steering Committee, Fresno Heart and Surgical Hospital, Fresno, CA
- 2011-2012 Electronic Health Record Steering Committee, Community Regional Medical Center, Fresno, CA
- 2008-2009 Quality Assurance Committee, Department of Surgery, The Mount Sinai Hospital, New York, NY

**Peer-Reviewed Presentations:**

- 2014 Annual Meeting, American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery, Boston, MA, Poster presentation, “Mandatory Preoperative Weight Management Increases Thirty-Day Readmission Rate After Bariatric Surgery.”
- 2013 Annual Meeting, American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery, Atlanta, GA, Poster presentation, “Laparoscopic Conversion of Roux-en-Y Gastric Bypass to Sleeve Gastrectomy: Case Series.” (Poster of Distinction)
- 2012 Annual Meeting, Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons, San Diego, CA, Poster presentation, “Presentation and Management of Gastrogastric Fistula After Roux-en-Y Gastric Bypass.”
- 2012 Annual Meeting, Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons, San Diego, CA, Poster presentation, “Hiatal Hernia Repair in Laparoscopic Roux-en-Y Gastric Bypass Significantly Improves Reflux but not Weight Loss.”
- 2011 Annual Meeting, The Society of Laparoendoscopic Surgeons, Los Angeles, CA, Poster presentation, “Suture Migration: Unusual Cause of Abdominal Pain After Gastric Bypass Surgery.”
- 2011 Annual Meeting, International Federation for the Surgery of Obesity and Metabolic Disorders, Hamburg, Germany, Poster presentation, “Nissen Fundoplication for Reflux After Roux-en-Y Gastric Bypass.”
- 2010 Annual Meeting, The Society of Laparoendoscopic Surgeons, New York, NY, “Does Patient’s Distance From Surgeon Impact Weight Loss After Bariatric Surgery?”
- 2010 Annual Meeting, American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery, Las Vegas, NV, Poster presentation “Does Gastric Banding and Sleeve Gastrectomy Alter Alcohol Metabolism?”
- 2010 Annual Meeting, American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery, Las Vegas, NV, Poster presentation “Quality Of Life Improves Following Gastric Bypass, Gastric Banding & Sleeve Gastrectomy.”
- 2010 Annual Meeting, Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons, Washington, DC, “Lifetime medication cost-savings for treating hypertension and diabetes after gastric bypass.”
- 2006 Annual Meeting, The Society for Surgery of the Alimentary Tract at Digestive Disease Week, Los Angeles, CA, Poster presentation, “Internal hernias: clinical findings, management, and outcomes in 49 nonbariatric cases.”
- 2003 Annual Meeting, Eastern Association for Surgery of Trauma, Sanibel Island, FL, Poster presentation, “Methylene Blue enhances resuscitation after refractory hemorrhagic shock.”
- 1999 Annual Meeting, The Acoustical Society of America, Columbus, OH, Poster presentation, “Steady state response as an indicator of basilar membrane travel time.”

### **Video Presentations**

- 2014 Annual Meeting, American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery, Boston, MA, “Postoperative Thoracic Migration of Sleeve Gastrectomy.”

- 2014 Annual Meeting, American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery, Boston, MA, “Wilkinson Wrap Conversion To Roux-en-Y Gastric Bypass.”
- 2013 Annual Meeting, American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery, Atlanta, GA, “Staged conversion of a distal Roux-en-Y gastric bypass to a duodenal switch for weight loss failure and diarrhea.” (Top Video Award)
- 2013 Annual Meeting, American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery, Atlanta, GA, “Reversal of Roux-en-Y Gastric Bypass for Chronically Perforated Marginal Ulcer.”
- 2013 Annual Meeting, Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons, Baltimore, MD, “Revision of Gastrojejunostomy for Stenosis.”
- 2013 Annual Meeting, Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons, Baltimore, MD, “Revision of Roux-en-Y Gastric Bypass to Sleeve Gastrectomy and Hiatal Hernia Repair.”
- 2013 Annual Meeting, Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons, Baltimore, MD, “Gastrojejunal revision, Nissen over Bypass for Reflux and Marginal Ulceration.”
- 2013 Annual Meeting, Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons, Baltimore, MD, “GIST Resection Followed by Gastric Bypass.”
- 2012 Annual Meeting, Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons, San Diego, CA, “Retrograde Intussusception After Roux-en-Y Gastric Bypass.”
- 2012 Annual Meeting, Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons, San Diego, CA, “Revision of Roux-en-Y Gastric Bypass to Sleeve Gastrectomy for Reactive Hypoglycemia.”
- 2012 Annual Meeting, Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons, San Diego, CA, “Revision of Roux-en-Y Gastric Bypass for Distal Esophageal Stenosis.”
- 2011 Annual Meeting, Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons, San Antonio, TX, “Revision of Roux-en-Y Gastric Bypass for Gastrogastric Fistula, Subtotal Gastrectomy, and Roux-en-Y Esophagojejunostomy.”
- 2011 Annual Meeting, Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons, San Antonio, TX, “Take Down of Nissen Fundoplication and Completion of Prior Sleeve Gastrectomy.”

**Invited Speaking Engagements:**

**Regional**

- 2013 Complex Case Series, Community Medical Centers, Fresno, CA “Laparoscopic Treatment of Colorectal Emergencies.”
- 2013 Quarterly Meeting, Central Valley District of California Dietetic Association, Fresno, CA, “Impact of Fiber on the Digestive Tract.”
- 2012 Community Education Seminar, Fresno Heart and Surgical Hospital, Fresno, CA “The Impact of Nutrition on Your Health.”
- 2011 Complex Case Series, Community Medical Centers, Fresno, CA “Laparoscopic Management of Gastric Outlet Obstruction due to Chronic Peptic Ulcer Disease.”

- 2011 Community Education Seminar, Fresno Heart and Surgical Hospital, Fresno, CA, “Colorectal Cancer.”
- 2010 Surgery Grand Rounds, UCSF-Fresno, Fresno, CA “Current Management of Diverticulitis.”
- 2010 Bariatric Symposium, Fresno Heart and Surgical Hospital, Fresno, CA, “History of Bariatric Surgery.”
- 2009 Surgery Grand Rounds, The Mount Sinai Hospital, New York, NY, “Diverticulitis: Current Perspectives.”

## **Bibliography:**

### **Peer reviewed original research**

1. Hall JW III, Grose JH, Dev MB, Ghiassi S. The effect of masker interaural time delay on the masking level difference in children with history of otitis media with effusion. *Ear & Hearing*, 1998; 19:429-33.
2. Buss E, Chapman B, Skaggs J, Ghiassi S, Grose JH. Frequency dependent latency and the envelope following response. *Acoustics Research Letters Online*. 2002; 3(2):59-64.
3. Ghiassi S, Sun YS, Kim VB, Scott CM, Nifong LW, Rotondo MF, Chitwood WR Jr. Methylene Blue Enhancement of Resuscitation after Refractory Hemorrhagic Shock. *Journal of Trauma-Injury Infection & Critical Care*. 2004; 57(3):515-521.
4. Ghiassi S, Nguyen SQ, Divino CM, Byrn JC, Schlager A. Internal hernias: clinical findings, management, and outcomes in 49 nonbariatric cases. *Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery*. 2007 Mar;11(3):291-5.
5. Ghiassi S, Morton JM, Bellatorre N, Eisenberg D. Short-Term Medication Cost-Savings For Treating Hypertension And Diabetes After Gastric Bypass. *Surgery for Obesity and Related Diseases*.2012; 8:269-274.

### **Case Reports, Technical Notes, Letters**

1. Bowman JN, Ellozy SH, Ting J, Ghiassi S. Successful Repair of Popliteal Artery Pseudoaneurysm After Tibial Lengthening Osteotomy in a 7-Year-Old Boy. *Vascular Endovascular Surgery*. 2008; 42(6):610-1614.
2. Moon C, Ghiassi S, Higa K. Laparoscopic Revision of Distal Roux-en-Y Gastric Bypass to Duodenal Switch for Weight Loss Failure and Symptoms. Accepted for publication *Surgery for Obesity and Related Diseases*.

### **Abstracts**

1. Ghiassi S, Buss E, Grose JH, Hall JW III. Steady state response as an indicator of basilar membrane travel time. *The Journal of the Acoustical Society of America*. 1999; 106(4):2206-2207.

### **Mentored Fellows in Bariatric and Minimally invasive surgery**

2010-2011 Benjamin Shadle, MD

2011-2012	Daniel Moon, MD
2012-2013	Ruby Gatschet, MD; Cyrus Moon, MD
2013-2014	Steve Chang, MD; Amit Taggar, MD
2014-2015	Fred Che, MD; Ashraf Haddad, MD