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PROFILE

General Surgeon with Expertise in Trauma, Acute Care Surgery, Advanced Minimally Invasive Surgery and Robotic Surgery.

EDUCATION

- 7/2014-6/2015 **Advanced Minimally Invasive, Robotic and Bariatric Surgery Fellowship.** Penn State Hershey Medical Center. Hershey, PA
Specializing in laparoscopic paraesophageal, inguinal and ventral hernia repairs, laparoscopic sleeve gastrectomy, laparoscopic Roux-en-Y gastric bypass, revisional bariatric surgery, robotic surgery, laparoscopic solid organ surgery, laparoscopic feeding access, advanced endoscopic interventions, complex abdominal wall reconstruction/component separation.
Clinical instructor of surgery for residents and medical students.
- 7/2004-6/2010 **General Surgery Residency.** Cooper University Hospital. Camden, NJ
- 8/2000-5/2004 **Doctor of Medicine.** Wake Forest University School of Medicine. Winston-Salem, NC
- 8/1994-5/1998 **Bachelor of Science-Biology.** Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA
Graduated **Cum Laude**

EXPERIENCE

6/2023-
Present

Locum Tenens General Surgery (Acute Care Surgery & Trauma)

- Mercy One Medical Center (Sioux City, IA)
- Tristar Greenview Regional Hospital (Bowling green, KY)
- Brookwood Citizens Baptist Hospital (Talladega, AL)
- Merit Health River Region Hospital (Vicksburg, MS)

9/2015-3/2023

Staff General, Minimally Invasive & Robotic Surgeon, Kaiser Permanente, Atlanta, GA

Specialized in general surgery procedures including but not limited to laparoscopic /minimally invasive colon and rectal surgery, laparoscopic appendectomy and cholecystectomy, laparoscopic ventral and inguinal hernia repair, laparoscopic paraesophageal hernia repair, laparoscopic Nissen Fundoplication, Robotic cholecystectomy and robotic hernia repair, surgery for benign and malignant skin lesions, acute care surgery, hemorrhoidectomy.

Peer review committee member

Monitored and evaluated on an ongoing basis, the professional competence of individual physicians while identifying opportunities for improvement.

Responsible for providing accurate and timely performance data for physician feedback, ongoing and focused professional practice evaluation, and reappointment.

Served as **proctor/mentor** for complex robotic surgeries

9/2010-
5/2014

Staff General Surgeon, Carlsbad Medical Center, Carlsbad, NM

Performed general surgery procedures including but not limited to laparoscopic hand assisted/minimally invasive colon and rectal surgery, laparoscopic appendectomy and cholecystectomy, upper and lower endoscopy, thyroidectomy, surgery for benign and malignant breast disease, excision of benign and malignant skin lesions, trauma and critical care.

Served as **Vice Chair** of the department of surgery from 1/2013 to 12/2013

Elected **High Reliability Mentor** and served from 1/2013 to 5/2014. Responsible for teaching the medical staff about medical error prevention and patient safety. Reviewed and reported on complex medico-legal cases.

Active member of the surgical quality review, quality improvement, patient safety, bioethics, trauma, and medical executive committees.

CREDENTIALS

BOARD CERTIFICATIONS

General surgery 10/5/2011 -Recertified in 2024

MEDICAL LICENSES

Georgia: #74364-Active 7/2015-Present

Florida: #ME148720-Active 1/30/2021-Present

Alabama: #MD46303-Active 4/19/23-Present

Mississippi: # 31713-Active 6/21/23-Present

Iowa: #MD51738-Active 7/16/23-Present

OTHER CERTIFICATIONS

Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS)

Basic Life Support (BLS)

Fundamentals of Laparoscopic Surgery (FLS)

SURGERY COURSES

- 2023: Gastroscopy and Colonoscopy Hands-On Course, Dallas, Tx
- 2017: Advanced Hernia in General Surgery Course-Atlanta, GA
- 2014: Advanced Therapeutic Upper and Lower Endoscopy Course and Lab for Minimally Invasive Surgery Fellows. Tampa, FL
- 2013: Laparoscopic Sleeve Gastrectomy Course for Bariatric Fellows. Cincinnati, OH.
- 2012: Minimally Invasive Surgery Symposium (MISS) Bariatric Course. Salt Lake City, UT.
- 2012: Advanced Laparoscopic and Complex Abdominal Wall Reconstruction Course and Lab. Miami, FL.
- 2012: Advanced Laparoscopic Approaches to Colectomy and Low Anterior Resection Course and Lab. Chicago, IL.

RESEARCH POSTERS & PRESENTATIONS

- Diarra C.**, Vattipally V., Gulfaraz S., Goyal V., Sasaki J., Bess, L., Pauli E., Haluck R., Rogers A., Lynsue J. Emergency Surgical Intervention in the Post Bariatric Surgery Patient: Can Anyone Do It? Accepted and presented at SAGES. April 2015.
- Diarra C.**, Ho S, LynSue J, Pauli E, Rogers, A. Outcomes of Cholecystectomy in Gastric Bypass and Normal Anatomy Patients with Biliary Symptoms but Normal Diagnostic Studies. An Institutional Experience of Biliary Normo- and Hyperkinesia. Accepted to be presented at SAGES. April 2015.
- Diarra C.**, Vattipally V., Gulfaraz S., Goyal V., Sasaki J., Bess, L., Pauli E., Haluck R., Rogers A., Lynsue J. Is Bariatric Expertise Needed to Deal with Emergency Room Admissions Following Bariatric Surgery? Accepted and presented at ASMBS Obesity week 2014 Annual Meeting. November 2014
- Diarra C.**, Gulfaraz S. Weight loss surgery after Nissen Fundoplication and Vertical Banded Gastroplasty. Podium presentation given at Current Care of the Bariatric Patient Seminar. Hershey, PA. September 2014.
- Diarra C.**, Raju A., Joseph D. Causes and outcome of traumatic bladder injuries at a Level I Trauma Center. Poster presented at Cooper University Hospital Research Week; Camden, NJ. April 2007

Diarra, C., Raju, A., Gordon A. Effect of Hypoxic Injury on the Induction of Nuclear Factor Kappa Beta Activity and the Role of Resveratrol in the Reversal of Hypoxia Induced Oxidative Stress in Human Aortic Vascular Smooth Muscle Cells. Poster presented at Philadelphia Academy of Surgery Abstract Competition; Philadelphia, PA. February 2009

Gordon, A., **Diarra, C.** et al., Raju A. The expression of pro-inflammatory markers in Vascular Smooth Muscle Cells exposed to Nicotine and the effects of anti-inflammatory agents. Poster presented at: Cooper University Hospital Research Week; Camden, NJ. April 2007

Raju, A., **Diarra, C.,** Gordon A., Salgado C. The Effect of Mandibular Distraction Osteogenesis on the Expression of BMP2 and BMP4 in a Rabbit Model. Poster presented at: Cooper University Hospital Research Week; Camden, NJ. April 2007

Raju, A., **Diarra, C.,** Joseph D., Ross S. Percutaneous Tracheostomy in the Pediatric Trauma Patient. Poster presented at: Philadelphia Academy of Surgery - Resident Paper Competition; Philadelphia, PA. February 2007

PUBLICATIONS

Rogers, A., **Diarra, C.,** Gultaraz S. Bariatric Surgery Complications and Emergencies textbook, edited by Dr. Daniel M. Herron. Chapter topic: workup of abdominal pain or vomiting in the gastric band patient. Dec 2014

Raju A., Joseph D., **Diarra C.,** Ross, S. Percutaneous versus Open Tracheostomy in the Pediatric Trauma Population. *The American Surgeon*. Vol 76. Issue 3. 276-278. March 2010

Salgado CJ., Raju A., Licata L., Patel M., Rojavin Y., Wasielewski S., **Diarra C.,** Gordon A., Norcross A., Kent KA. Effects of Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy on an Accelerated Rate of Mandibular Distraction Osteogenesis. *Journal of Plastic, Reconstructive & Aesthetic Surgery*. Vol 62. Issue 12. 1568-1572. December 2009.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American College of Surgeons (ACS)
Society of Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons (SAGES)
American Medical Association (AMA)
Wake Forest School of Medicine Alumni Association.

SELECTED CAREER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1/2013: Elected high reliability mentor for patient safety at Carlsbad Medical Center, Carlsbad, NM.

10/2010: Performed the first laparoscopic hand assisted colectomy at Carlsbad Medical Center, Carlsbad, New Mexico.

12/2008: First winning prize for clinical research competition. ACS New Jersey Chapter

6/2008: Best in clinical research award. Cooper University Hospital Resident Competition.

4/2008: Third winning prize for basic science competition. Cooper University Hospital Resident Competition.

12/2007: First winning prize for basic science competition. ACS New Jersey Chapter.

LANGUAGES & HOBBIES

Fluent in French
Conversational Spanish
International Travel
Learning new languages
Mixed Martial arts, Motorcycle Riding, Fitness Coach