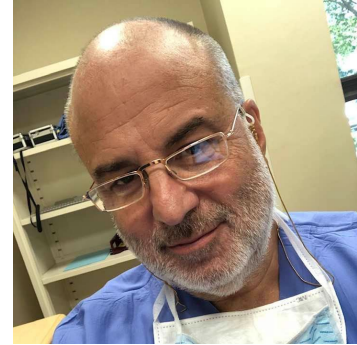


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Social Media / Web Pages:

CTSNet:

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Linked In:

<http://www.linkedin.com/in/arieblitzmd>

YouTube:

<http://www.youtube.com/heartfixer100>

Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/CardiothoracicSurgeryOperativeVideos>

Twitter:

<http://www.twitter.com/@ArieBlitzMD>

Education

9/80-8/85

Cornell University, BA
Ithaca, New York
Major: Philosophy
Dean's List

9/85-6/89

Albert Einstein College of Medicine, MD
Bronx, New York

8/08-8/15

Weatherhead School of Management (Case Western Reserve)
MBA
Concentrations: Hospital Administration, Banking and Finance
Cleveland, Ohio

8/16-8/22

Concord Law School (online), JD Candidate
Concentrations: Health Law

Training

7/89-6/94 Residency: General Surgery
Albert Einstein College of Medicine / Montefiore Medical Center
Bronx, New York

7/94-6/96 Research Fellowship: Cardiothoracic Surgery
Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery
UCLA Medical Center
Los Angeles, California

7/96-6/98 Clinical Fellowship: Cardiothoracic Surgery
Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery
UCLA Medical Center
Los Angeles, California

7/98-7/99 Clinical Fellowship: Congenital Heart Surgery
Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery
UCLA Medical Center
Los Angeles, California

7/04-10/05 Clinical Fellowship: Heart Transplant and Assist Device Surgery
Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery
Ochsner Clinic Foundation
New Orleans, Louisiana

Professional Experience

July 1999 -
September 2000 Adult and Congenital Heart Surgery
Orange County Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgeons
Orange, California

February 2001-
October 2002 Medical Director
Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery
Rush Foundation Hospital
Meridian, MS
Startup Program

October 2002-
May 2004 Medical Director
Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery
Cardiovascular Institute of Mississippi
McComb, MS
Startup Program: First Heart Hospital in Mississippi

July 2004-
October 2005 Clinical Associate/Fellow
Heart Transplantation/Assist Device Surgery
Ochsner Clinic
New Orleans, LA

November 2005-
June 2013 Assistant Professor
Director, Heart Transplantation and Assist Device Surgery
University Hospitals Health System / Case University
Cleveland, OH

August 2013-
June 2014

Professor and Chief
Division of Cardiac Surgery
University of Cincinnati Medical Center
Cincinnati, OH
Member, CVTS, Inc.

January 2015-
February 2016

Director, Surgery for Advanced Heart Failure, ECMO, & TAVR
McAllen Heart Hospital
1900 South D Street
McAllen, TX 78503

Locum Tenens Assignments

July, August 2013

Cardiac Surgery
Marion General Hospital
1000 McKinley Park Drive
Marion, OH 43302

April 2015 to October 2015

Cardiac Surgery
Doctors Hospital of Laredo
10700 McPherson Road
Laredo, TX 78045

December 2015 to January 2016

Cardiac Surgery
Wadley Regional Medical Center
1307 Trinity St, Texarkana, TX 75503

April 2016 to February 2018

Cardiac Surgery
St. Francis Hospital
1700 SW 7th Street
Topeka, KS 66606

October 2016 to October 2017

Cardiac Surgery
Paris Regional Medical Center
820 Clarksville Street
Paris, TX 75460

December 2016 to May 2017

Cardiac Surgery
Lawnwood Regional Medical Center (HCA)
1700 S 23rd St
Fort Pierce, FL 34950

May 2017 to August 2017

Cardiac Surgery
Aventura Hospital (HCA)
Kendall Regional Medical Center (HCA)
Mercy Hospital (HCA)
Miami, FL

August 2017 to
October 2017

Cardiac Surgery
Carolinas Hospital System
805 Pamplico Hwy
Florence, SC 29505

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| August 2017 to present (ongoing and recurring) | Cardiac Surgery Bon Secours St. Francis Downtown 1 St. Francis Drive Greenville, SC 29601 |
| September 2017 | Kansas Medical Center 1124 W 21 st St Andover, KS 67002 |
| November 2017 to February 2018 | Bayfront Health Port Charlotte 2500 Harbor Boulevard Port Charlotte, FL 33952 |
| February 2018 to August 2018 | Hilton Head Hospital 25 Hospital Center Blvd Hilton Head Island, SC 29926 |
| October 2018 to October 2019 | Advocate BroMenn Medical Center 1304 Franklin Ave Normal, IL 61761 |
| January 2020 | Bon Secours Maryview Medical Center 3636 High Street Portsmouth, VA 23707 |
| June 2020 to November 2020 | The Valley Hospital 223 N. Van Dien Avenue Ridgeview, NJ 07450 |
| November 2020 to present | Lake Charles Memorial Hospital 1701 Oak Park Blvd Lake Charles, LA 70601 |
| March 2021 to July 2021 | Vassar Brothers Medical Center 45 Reade Place Poughkeepsie, NY 14601 |

Licensure and Board Certification

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| 1990 | National Board of Medical Examiners |
| 1994 | California State Medical Licensure (exp) |
| 1996 | Board Certification in General Surgery |
| 2001 | Mississippi State Medical Licensure (exp) |
| 2002 | Alabama State Medical Licensure (exp) |
| 2004 | Louisiana State Medical Licensure (exp) |
| 2004 | Board Certification in Thoracic Surgery |
| 2005 | Florida State Medical Licensure (exp) |
| 2005 | Ohio State Medical Licensure |
| 2006 | Board Recertification in General Surgery |
| 2013 | Indiana State Medical Licensure |
| 2014 | Board Recertification in Thoracic Surgery |
| 2015 | Texas State Licensure |
| 2016 | Illinois State Licensure |
| 2016 | Kansas State Licensure |
| 2016 | Florida Licensure (relicensed) |
| 2016 | New York (relicensed) |
| 2016 | South Carolina Licensure |
| 2016 | California State Licensure (relicensed) |
| 2016 | Wisconsin State Licensure |
| 2017 | Nebraska State Licensure |
| 2017 | Missouri State Licensure |
| 2019 | Interstate Medical Licensure Compact |
| 2019 | Board Certification 5-Year Milestone Certification |
| 2019 | Nevada State License |
| 2019 | Arizona State License |
| 2019 | Alabama State License (relicensed) |
| 2019 | Washington State License |
| 2019 | Iowa License |
| 2019 | Tennessee State License |
| 2019 | Oklahoma License |
| 2019 | Colorado License |
| 2019 | Michigan License |
| 2019 | Montana License |
| 2019 | Virginia License |
| 2020 | Louisiana License (relicensed) |
| 2020 | Mississippi License (relicensed) |
| 2020 | New Jersey |
| 2020 | Louisiana (relicensed) |

Summary of Active State Licenses

1. Alabama
2. Arizona
3. California
4. Colorado
5. Florida
6. Iowa
7. Illinois
8. Indiana
9. Kansas
10. Louisiana
11. Michigan
12. Mississippi
13. Missouri
14. Montana
15. Nebraska
16. Nevada
17. New York
18. Ohio
19. Oklahoma
20. South Carolina
21. Tennessee
22. Texas
23. Virginia
24. Washington
25. Wisconsin
26. New Jersey

Recent Awards

U.S. News and World Report: Top Doctors Designation 2012
Castle-Connolly: Top Doctor 2016

Additional Training / Certifications

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|---|---------------------------|------|
| Abiomed Ventricular Assist Device Training | Los Angeles, California | 1996 |
| Toronto Stentless Valve Training | Los Angeles, California | 1998 |
| Medtronic off-pump CABG Training | Minneapolis, Minnesota | 1999 |
| Freestyle Stentless Valve Training | San Francisco, California | 1999 |
| Mitral Valve Repair Training | St. Paul, Minnesota | 1999 |
| Mitral Valve Repair Training | Orlando, Florida | 1999 |
| Guidant Endoscopic Vein Harvest Training | Conroe, TX | 2001 |
| Cardioventions Endoscopic Vein Harvest Training | St. Petersburg, FL | 2001 |
| Laser Transmyocardial Revascularization (YAG) | Indianapolis, IN | 2001 |
| Laser Transmyocardial Revascularization (CO2) | Houston, TX | 2001 |
| Aortic Connector Training | Jackson, MS | 2002 |
| Robotics | Greenville, NC | 2002 |
| Atrial fibrillation Surgery | Orlando, FL | 2003 |
| AICD/Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy | Covington, LA | 2003 |
| Assist Device Placement | New Orleans, LA | 2004 |
| Novacor Assist Device Training | Pittsburgh, PA | 2005 |
| Thoratec PVAD/IVAD Training | Chicago, IL | 2005 |
| Endovascular Intervention Training | New Orleans, LA | 2005 |
| Thoratec Heartmate I Training | New York NY | 2005 |
| Heart Transplantation Certification | New Orleans, LA | 2005 |
| Jarvikheart Training | Houston, TX | 2006 |
| Abiomed Impella Training | Cleveland, OH | 2009 |
| Thoratec Heartmate II Training | Ann Arbor, MI | 2009 |
| CMS Destination Therapy Certification | Cleveland, OH | 2010 |
| Medtronic TAVI Training | Cleveland, OH | 2011 |
| CMS Destination Therapy Recertification | Cleveland, OH | 2012 |
| CMS Destination Therapy Recertification | Cincinnati, OH | 2013 |
| Thoratec Centrimag Training | Minneapolis, MN | 2013 |
| Medtronic CoreValve TAVR Training | Houston, TX | 2015 |
| Edwards TAVR Training | Houston, TX | 2015 |
| CLIA Lab Director Certification | Online | 2018 |
| Medtronic Evolut Pro Valve TAVR training | Ridgewood, NJ | 2020 |
| Edwards Sapien III TAVR training | Ridgewood, NJ | 2020 |
| Sentinel Cerebral Protection Device training | Ridgewood, NJ | 2020 |

Leadership Positions / Memberships / Organizations / Committees, Present or Past

Associate Editor, CTSNet
Surgeons-in-Training Committee, CTSNet
Allied Health Committee, CTSNet
Committee Member, Thoracic Surgery Social Media Network (@TSSMN)
Author, SESATS Questions (Thoracic Surgery Board Exam)
Past President, Ohio Chapter of the American Heart Association
Chairperson, Cleveland CPR Anytime Committee
Abstract Review Committee, International Society of Heart and Lung Transplantation
Mechanical Circulatory Support Committee, International Society of Heart and Lung Transplantation
Peer Review Committee, Valley Care Clinics, McAllen, TX
Physician Recruitment Committee, McAllen Heart Hospital, McAllen, TX
Medical Student Interview Committee, Case Western Reserve University Medical School
Transplant QA Committee, University Hospitals Case Medical Center
VAD QA Committee, University Hospitals Case Medical Center
Secretary/Treasurer, Ochsner Alumni Association Board
Fellow, American College of Cardiology
Member, Society of Thoracic Surgeons
European Association for Cardiothoracic Surgery
American Society of Transplant Surgeons
International Society for Heart and Lung Transplantation
American Society of Artificial Internal Organs
RGV Angel Network
OurCrowd (angel investing network)

Special Interests and Skills

Heart/Lung Transplantation
Ventricular Assist Device Placement
ECMO
Percutaneous Valve Therapies
Atrial Fibrillation Surgery
Minimally Invasive Cardiac Surgery
Mitral Valve Repair
Adult Congenital Heart Surgery
Off-pump Coronary Artery Bypass
Minimally Invasive Vein Harvesting
Revascularization with Arterial Conduits
Stentless & Aortic Valve / Root Replacement
Thoracic Aortic Surgery
Laser Transmyocardial Revascularization
Critical Care
Health Care Economics
Health Care Financial Management
Health Care Negotiations
Health Care Strategy
Health Care Reform
Health Law

Major Presentations and Abstracts at National / International Conferences

1. Acute Electrophysiological Effects of the Maze Procedure on Canine Sinoatrial Node Function
New York Thoracic Surgical Society, New York, 1992
2. Chronic Electrophysiological Effects of the Maze Procedure on Canine Sinoatrial Node Function
Cardiostim '92, Nice, 1992
3. Revascularization Versus Transplantation for Ischemic Cardiomyopathy
Society of Thoracic Surgeons, Florida, 1996
4. L-Arginine Supplementation During Reperfusion Results in Myocardial Dysfunction after Long-term Preservation
International Society for Heart and Lung Transplantation, New York, 1997
5. Experience with the Modified Maze Procedure for Atrial Fibrillation
Louisiana Chapter of the American College of Surgeons Meeting, New Orleans, 2005
6. The Surgical Management of Ischemic Mitral Regurgitation. The Japanese Association for Coronary Artery Surgery, Tokyo, Japan, 2007.
7. Results of Coronary Revascularization with the Radial Artery. The Japanese Association for Coronary Artery Surgery, Tokyo, Japan, 2007.
8. Ischemic Cardiomyopathy. The Japanese Association for Coronary Artery Surgery, Tokyo, Japan, 2007.
9. A Novel Percutaneous Rewarming Catheter for the Treatment of Hypothermia. The Society for Critical Care Medicine. Oahu, 2008
10. A Novel Percutaneous Rewarming Catheter for the Treatment of Hypothermia in Burn Patients. John A. Boswick Burn and Wound Care Symposium. Maui, 2008.
11. Cardiac Arrest and Cardiac Surgery Followed by Treatment with Therapeutic Hypothermia. Outcomes 2008. Barbados, 2008.
12. Use of a Novel Percutaneous Warming Catheter as a Protection against Perioperative Hypothermia. American Society of Anesthesiologists. Orlando, 2008.
13. A Novel Percutaneous Intravascular Rewarming Catheter Protects Against Hypothermia. Controversies and Advances in the Treatment of Cardiovascular Disease. Los Angeles, California, 2008.
14. Perioperative Therapeutic Hypothermia for Intraoperative Cardiac Arrest During Cardiac Surgery. American Society of Anesthesiologists. Orlando, 2008.
15. Use of a Warming Catheter to Treat Perioperative Hypothermia in a Patient Undergoing Salvage Off-Pump RVAD Insertion. American Society of Anesthesiologists. Orlando, 2008.
16. Reversal of Stroke by the Early Institution of Therapeutic Hypothermia after Cardiac Surgery. American Society of Anesthesiologists. Orlando, 2008.
17. Debate: Stenting versus CABG for Left Main Disease. Harrington-McLoughlin Heart and Vascular Institute Annual Symposium. Cleveland, OH 2008.

18. Use of a Warming/Cooling Catheter in Complex Cardiac Surgery. Update in Anesthesiology and Critical Care Medicine. Puerto Rico, January 2009.
19. Use of a Warming/Cooling Catheter in Complex Cardiac Surgery. San Diego Cardiothoracic Surgery Conference (CREF). San Diego, February 2009
20. Contemporary Experience with Isolated Right Ventricular Assist Devices for Right Ventricular Infarction with Shock. ASAIO Conference, Dallas, May 2009
21. Improving Outcomes after Cardiac Surgery through Temperature Management. Invited Lecturer. The New Orleans Conference. New Orleans, June 2009
22. Therapeutic Hypothermia. Invited Lecturer. The New Orleans Conference. New Orleans, June 2009
23. Methods of Cooling. Invited Lecturer. The Neurocritical Care Conference. Cleveland, Ohio, September 2009.
24. Temperature Modulation during Cardiac Surgery. Invited Lecture. Zoll Corporation Annual Sales Meeting. Scottsdale, Arizona, October 2009.
25. Cardiology for the Primary Care Practitioner. 14 CME Hours of Invited Lectures. February 2010.
Topics:
 - Medical, Interventional, and Surgical Treatment of Coronary Artery Disease
 - Valvular Heart Disease
 - Medical and Surgical Management of Advanced Heart Failure
 - Endocarditis
 - Pulmonary Hypertension
 - Therapeutic Hypothermia
 - Cardiac Arrhythmias
 - Cardiovascular Emergencies
 - Thoracic Aortic Emergencies
26. Erosion of an Amplatzer Septal Occluder Device into the Aortic Root. American College of Cardiology March 2010.
27. Six lectures on Mechanical Circulatory Support at the New Orleans Conference: Practices in Cardiac Surgery. New Orleans, June 2010.
 - What's New in Circulatory Support?
 - Management of Right Ventricular Failure after LVAD Placement
 - Percutaneous VADs
 - The Permanent Artificial Heart
 - Managing Afterdrop Following Circulatory Arrest
 - Temperature Management after Cardiac Surgery

<http://www.theneworleansconference.com/confnola09/index.php>
28. The Treatment of Post-Cardiac Arrest Syndrome. Invited speaker at the Spartanburg Regional Medical Center Annual Cardiovascular Conference. Spartanburg, SC. October 2010.
29. Obamacare. Invited Debater at the Harrington-McLoughlin Heart and Vascular Institute Annual Symposium. Cleveland, OH. October 2010.
30. The Perils and Pitfalls of ECMO Therapy. Invited speaker at the North Cypress Medical Center, Cypress, TX. November 2010.

31. Use of the RVAD for RV failure. 29th Annual Update in Anesthesiology, Surgery, and Perioperative Medicine. St. Martin, French West Indies. January 2011.
<http://www.clinicalupdateinanesesthesiology.org/brochure.pdf>
32. Four invited lectures at the New Orleans Conference: Practices in Cardiac Surgery. New Orleans, June 2011.
 - Transfusion Trigger Debate
 - American vs. Canadian Healthcare System Debate
 - Strategic Planning for a Successful Business
 - Moderator and Judge of Adjudicated Poster Competition<http://www.theneworleansconference.com/confnola09/index.php>
33. Cardiology for the Primary Care Practitioner. 14 CME Hours of Invited Lectures. July 2011.
Topics:
 - Medical, Interventional, and Surgical Treatment of Coronary Artery Disease
 - Valvular Heart Disease
 - Medical and Surgical Management of Advanced Heart Failure
 - Endocarditis
 - Pulmonary Hypertension
 - Therapeutic Hypothermia
 - Cardiac Arrhythmias
 - Cardiovascular Emergencies
 - Thoracic Aortic Emergencieshttp://www.continuingeducation.net/course/details.php?program_number=840
34. Percutaneous VAD Therapy. Instructor/Proctor. Abiomed Training. Good Samaritan Hospital, Cincinnati, OH. March 2011
35. Destination Therapy. Grand Rounds. Saint John Medical Center, Westlake, OH. October 2011.
36. Mechanical Circulatory Support. Grand Rounds. The Duluth Clinic, Duluth, MN. December 2011.
37. Current Status of Mechanical Circulatory Support. 30th Annual Update in Anesthesiology, Surgery, and Perioperative Medicine. Puerto Rico. January 2012.
<http://www.clinicalupdateinanesesthesiology.org/brochure.pdf>
38. Mechanical Circulatory Support: Welcome to the Machine. 3rd Annual Chest Pain & Cardiovascular Symposium, Cleveland, OH. March 2012.
39. Cardiology for the Primary Care Practitioner. 14 CME Hours of Invited Lectures. May 2012.
Topics: Medical, Interventional, and Surgical Treatment of Coronary Artery Disease
 - Valvular Heart Disease
 - Medical and Surgical Management of Advanced Heart Failure
 - Endocarditis
 - Pulmonary Hypertension
 - Therapeutic Hypothermia
 - Cardiac Arrhythmias
 - Cardiovascular Emergencies
 - Thoracic Aortic Emergencieshttp://www.continuingeducation.net/course/details.php?program_number=840

40. Four invited lectures at the New Orleans Conference: Practices in Cardiac Surgery. New Orleans, June 2012.
 - Antegrade vs. Retrograde Cerebral Perfusion
 - How Cardiac Surgery Will Be Affected by Health Care Reform
 - Should Every Cardiac Surgery Program Have a VAD?
 - Judge and Moderator for Poster Competition

<http://www.theneworleansconference.com/confnola09/index.php>
41. Proof of Concept: Excellent Destination Therapy Survival Can Be Achieved in a Low Volume Program. 22nd Congress of the World Society of Cardiothoracic Surgeons. Vancouver, CA, September 2012.
42. Update in Mechanical Circulatory Support. 31th Annual Update in Anesthesiology, Surgery, and Perioperative Medicine. Curacao. January 2013.
43. Hypothermia and Cardiac Surgery: A Yin-Yang Paradigm. 3rd Annual Therapeutic Hypothermia and Temperature Management Symposium. Miami, March 2013.
44. Four invited lectures at the New Orleans Conference: Practices in Cardiac Surgery. New Orleans, June 2013.
 - How to Have Successful VAD Outcomes
 - Pitfalls in Aortic Dissection Surgery
 - Stem Cell Therapy Update
 - Judge and Moderator for Poster Competition

<http://www.theneworleansconference.com/confnola09/index.php>
45. Update in Mechanical Circulatory Support. 31^{1/2} Annual Update in Anesthesiology, Surgery, and Perioperative Medicine. Las Vegas. October 2013.
46. Evidence for Mortality Benefit of Bypass Surgery over Stenting before Publication of the SYNTAX and FREEDOM trials: Value of Meta-Analyses. American Heart Association Scientific Meeting. Dallas, TX, November 2013.

<http://abstractsonline.com/notify/NotifySummary.asp?Action=ConfirmPresenter&MKey={951E351E-429C-4B2E-84D0-8DA73B00DE45}&CKey={52613371-0D07-46D7-9F8D-819A367F2990}&NKey={D54B795F-FCB6-4774-8FBC-0847DDBEE3C9}&strFrom=NotifyIntoPost>
47. Update in Mechanical Circulatory Support. 32nd Annual Update in Anesthesiology, Surgery, and Perioperative Medicine. Bahamas. January 2014.
48. Three invited lectures at the New Orleans Conference: Practices in Cardiac Surgery. New Orleans, June 2014.
 - A Fresh Look at the Affordable Care Act
 - Fundamentals of Hemodynamic Support and Cardiac Assist Devices
 - Current and Future Percutaneous and Trans-Catheter Devices and Therapies

<http://www.theneworleansconference.com/confnola09/index.php>
49. Venous-Venous ECMO: State of the Art. Cincinnati, OH. Pulmonary & Critical Care Grand Rounds. 2014
50. Update in Mechanical Circulatory Support. 33rd Annual Update in Anesthesiology, Surgery, and Perioperative Medicine. St. Kitts. January 2015.

51. Four invited lectures at the New Orleans Conference: Practices in Cardiac Surgery. New Orleans, June 2015.
 - Setting the LVAD RPM: Negotiating between Scylla and Charybdis
 - Tickle Me ECMO: Are the Results Laughable?
 - VAD Thrombosis: A Riddle Wrapped in a Mystery Inside an Enigma
 - Horizontal vs. Vertical Integration in Health Care

<http://www.theneworleansconference.com/confnola09/index.php>
52. Three invited lectures at The Houston Conference: Practices in Cardiac Surgery. Houston, March 2016
 - The Law and the Perfusionist
 - Managing Right Heart Failure with the Impella RP
 - ECMO & VAD Survival
53. Four invited lectures at the New Orleans Conference: Practices in Cardiac Surgery. New Orleans, June 2016.
 - Heart Harvesting from Non-Beating Heart Donors: The Issues
 - ECMO in the Modern Era
 - Update on Mechanical Circulatory Support
54. Update in Mechanical Circulatory Support. 35th Annual Update in Anesthesiology, Surgery, and Perioperative Medicine. Mexico. January 2017.
55. Three invited lectures at The Houston Conference: Practices in Cardiac Surgery. Houston, March 2017
 - Perfusion and the Law
 - How Do You Protect Yourself from Legal Jeopardy?
 - Medicolegal Consulting for the Cardiac Surgery Field
56. Three invited lectures at the New Orleans Conference: Practices in Cardiac Surgery. New Orleans, June 2017.
 - Mechanical Circulatory Support 2017: "Mercy, Mercy Me: What's Goin' On?"
 - "Take a life, give a life: Can we and should we be harvesting organs from imprisoned murderers upon their deaths?"
 - What is truly informed consent and should the perfusionist get his/her own?
57. Update in Mechanical Circulatory Support. 35th Annual Update in Anesthesiology, Surgery, and Perioperative Medicine. Atlantis. January 2018.
58. Three invited lectures at the New Orleans Conference: Practices in Cardiac Surgery. New Orleans, June 2018.
 - The Economics of ECMO
 - Everything the Allied Health Professional Needs to Know about the Law
 - What is the Status of the ACA and What Will It Mean If It Is Repealed?
59. Special Lecture: Update in Mechanical Circulatory Support. 36th Annual Update in Anesthesiology, Surgery, and Perioperative Medicine. Aruba. January. 2019.

Recent Moderating Activities

1. Moderator, Poster Presentation, Cardiac Section, ASAIO Conference, Dallas, May 2009.
2. Moderator, The New Orleans Conference: Practices in Cardiac Surgery, June 2010.
3. Moderator, Abstract & Poster Competition at The New Orleans Conference: Practices in Cardiac Surgery, June 2011.
4. Moderator, Abstract & Poster Competition at The New Orleans Conference: Practices in Cardiac Surgery, June 2012.
5. Moderator, Abstract & Poster Competition at The New Orleans Conference: Practices in Cardiac Surgery, June 2013.
6. Moderator, Abstract & Poster Competition at The New Orleans Conference: Practices in Cardiac Surgery, June 2015.
7. Moderator, Cardiovascular Innovations Session; 35th Annual Update in Anesthesiology, Surgery, and Perioperative Medicine. Mexico, January 2017
8. Moderator, Practice Management and Legal and Ethical Dilemmas, 37th Annual Update in Anesthesiology, Surgery, and Perioperative Medicine. Aruba, January 2019

Editorial Reviewer Activities, Present or Past

1. Critical Care Medicine
2. Annals of Thoracic Surgery
3. Artificial Organs
4. Annals of Cardiothoracic Surgery
5. CTSNet

Abstract Reviewer, Present or Past

1. International Society for Heart and Lung Transplantation Annual Conference
2. The New Orleans Conference
3. CTSNet

Public Speaking Engagements & Media Interviews

1. Go Red for Women Campaign. Channel 5 News Interview. 2/21/06. “Big Advances Make Open Heart Surgery More Routine”
2. Go Red for Women Campaign. Introductory comments at the 2008 Annual Breakfast.
3. CPR. Cleveland
4. “Cleveland Urged to Join National Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival” in the Cleveland Plain Dealer Newspaper 10/14/07.
<https://mycares.net/downloads/Cleveland%20Article%2010.14.07.pdf>
5. “Some Say CPR Works Better Without Mouth-to-Mouth Breathing” in the Plain Dealer 2/10/08.
6. Go Red for Women Campaign. Radio Interview with Jim McIntyre 1/27/08.
7. CARES (Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival) program. TV Interview with Tom Merriman of Fox TV. 2/08
8. Cleveland Magazine. Go Red for Women Campaign. February 2008.
9. AHA Gift Gathering Campaign. Master of Ceremonies 3/20/08.
10. “Get Smart—Know Your Heart” 2008 Cardiac Symposium. Topic: Surgery for Advanced Heart Failure. Warren, OH
11. “Cleveland women need to improve heart-healthy habits.” Cleveland Plain Dealer newspaper article. May 2008.
http://blog.cleveland.com/health/2008/05/post_2.html
12. “Heart attack is often 1st sign of heart disease, cardiologist says.” Cleveland Plain Dealer newspaper article. June 2008.
http://blog.cleveland.com/health/2008/06/heart_attack_is_often_1st_sign.html
13. “Doctors to Implant Jarvik Heart Pump at University Hospitals.” Cleveland Plain Dealer newspaper article. July 2008.
<http://blog.cleveland.com/health/2008/07/cardiac.html>
14. “Killer Christmas” News segment on Fox TV. 12/08.
15. “The Hottest and Coolest Trends in Temperature Management.” Healthcare Purchasing News article. December 2008.
http://findarticles.com/p/articles/mi_m0BPC/is_12_32/ai_n31391901/
16. “The Heart of the Matter: Debunking Myths and Fears.” Publication in Binah Magazine, February 23rd, 2009 issue.
17. “MetroHealth, Cleveland EMS opposition puts regional use of cardiac arrest therapy in doubt.” Cleveland Plain Dealer newspaper article. March 2009.
http://blog.cleveland.com/medical/2009/03/regional_cooperation_among_hos.html
18. “Wider use of cooling treatment for heart attacks is welcome – editorial.” Cleveland Plain Dealer newspaper article. October 2009.
http://blog.cleveland.com/pdopinion/2009/03/wider_use_of_cooling_treatment.html
19. “The Internet and Medical Information.” MSNBC Live Interview, Dr. Nancy Show. August 2009.
20. “At 19, heart transplant recipient Jack Kachmarik is figuring out how to make a difference with his life.” Cleveland Plain Dealer newspaper article. October 2009.
http://blog.cleveland.com/metro/2009/09/at_19_jack_kachmariks_had_a_st_1.html
21. “ECMO for H1N1.” Nightline ABC News Segment. November, 2009.
22. “Tort Reform and Healthcare Reform.” WKYC News Interview. November, 2009.
23. “University Hospitals Doctor Boycotts Egyptian Conference over Treatment of Israeli Physicians.” Plain Dealer Newspaper article. November, 2009.
http://www.cleveland.com/healthfit/index.ssf/2009/11/local_doctor_raises_concerns_f.html
24. Update on Healthcare Reform. WKYC Live News Interview. March 2010.
25. “Bionic Heart Takes College Student from Death Bed to Altar.” AOL Health Interview.
<http://www.aolhealth.com/2010/05/26/bionic-heart-takes-college-student-from-death-bed-to-wedding-altar/>
26. “Dick Cheney Undergoes LVAD.” MSNBC Live News Interview. July 2010.
27. “Sitting Increases Risk of Death.” MSNBC Live News Interview. July 2010.
<http://abcnews.go.com/Health/video/sitting-increases-risk-death-11232152>

28. "What if Heart Failure Medications Don't Work?" Heart Failure: A Community Seminar. Beachwood, OH September 2010.
29. "Avon Lake Woman Defies Death." WEWS News Segment. October 2010.
<http://www.newsnet5.com/dpp/news/health/avon-lake-woman-defies-death>
30. "Local Woman Who Defies Death Faces Financial Hardship." WEWS News Segment. December 2010.
<http://www.newsnet5.com/dpp/news/health/local-woman-who-defied-death-now-faces-financial-hardship>
31. "Serena Williams' Pulmonary Embolism." MSNBC Live News Interview. March 2011.
http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/33102935/ns/topics-serena_williams?q=Serena%20Williams
32. "Ruptured Aortic Dissection." Fox News segment. August 2011.
33. "Heart Transplantation." PBS News Interview. February 2012.
<http://www.wksu.org/regina/?e=140>
34. "Life-Saving Flu Treatment." WKRC News Segment. February 2014.
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4. Funded Laboratory Research: Use of a rewarming catheter for complex cardiac surgery.
5. Intermacs Database. Ventricular Assist Device Database. PI.
6. Funded Laboratory Research: Use of the Impella VAD as a right ventricular assist device.
7. Clinical Research: Corevalve Multicenter Clinical Trial. Co-PI.
8. Clinical Research: Voyager Trial (Home Discharge with Abiomed VAD). PI
9. Clinical Research: Recover Right trial: Use of Impella RP Support System in Patients with Right Heart Failure. Center PI.

Medical Missions and Volunteer Work

Santiago, Dominican Republic. Mission to perform cardiac surgery on the indigent. April 2008.

Online Educational Operative Videos on Social Media Sites



I. Mechanical Circulatory Support and ECMO

- **Heartmate II LVAD Operation:**
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I4r5_3uS0Nc&feature=relmfu
- **Heartmate II LVAD: Inflow Cannulation Technique:**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aWotSpGXpRA>
- **Heartmate II LVAD: Outflow Grafting Technique:**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OlxDceLuHTw>
- **Park's Stitch for Aortic Insufficiency at the time of LVAD Placement:**
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gsARd_KDpec
- **Placement of an RVAD**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r9OuIwITxW8&index=3&list=PL2reog7Z3pmUxypGkHoYLdhwImlHEc2Xh>
- **VA ECMO Cannulation Technique**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ntBiTpwnKK4&index=5&list=PL2reog7Z3pmUxypGkHoYLdhwImlHEc2Xh>

II. Transplantation

- **Heart Transplantation:**
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oUFU78wFA88&feature=relmfu>

III. Surgery of the Thoracic Aorta

- **Repair of an Uncomplicated Type A Aortic Dissection**
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vbpl_N7iyn4
- **Repair of a Ruptured Type A Aortic Dissection:**
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O398CebIR3U&feature=relmfu>
- **Repair of a Type A Aortic Dissection with Tear of the Right Coronary Artery:**
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4NIUHpLED6Q&feature=relmfu>
- **Repair of Ascending Aortic Aneurysm:**
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h_u6SfPhHyc&feature=relmfu

IV. Coronary Bypass Surgery

- ***Bypass Surgery on a Beating Heart:***

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MGzyhuCs43o&list=UUF9lxPX_MAmnAz9C0KMwdBQ&index=1&feature=plcp

- ***How to Perform a Saphenous Vein to PDA Anastomosis***

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uppQEt1PbQo&list=PL2reog7Z3pmWjoLLFofQnKXzbcy34AIlG&index=3>

V. Valve Surgery

- ***How to Perform an Aortic Root Replacement:***

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s6gHQ87yLpc>

- ***Aortic Root Replacement for Endocarditis:***

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5vPzaXRSEVI&feature=channel&list=UL>

- ***Removal of an Aortic Valve Tumor:***

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jQ2py42LGF0&list=UUF9lxPX_MAmnAz9C0KMwdBQ&index=5&feature=plcp

- ***Aortic Valve replacement:***

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C-sIdppyaPQ&feature=relmfu>

- ***Aortic Valve Replacement for Endocarditis***

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=83grxzTQDag&index=3&list=PL2reog7Z3pmU4iGcvHg6Ef5WR8H6Vfo6Y>

- ***Superior Septal Approach to the Mitral Valve***

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iokwwH1Lhx8&list=PL2reog7Z3pmXUbcuVACLHV5ba5WABdBa8&index=12>

- ***Combined Maze Procedure, Mitral Valve Repair, and Tricuspid Valve Repair:***

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bYbnGxychKk&list=UUF9lxPX_MAmnAz9C0KMwdBQ&index=6&feature=plcp

- ***Complex Reoperative Mitral Valve Surgery:***

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AkymZ_eQN5w&list=UUF9lxPX_MAmnAz9C0KMwdBQ&index=8&feature=plcp

- ***Mitral Valve Replacement: How to Handle the Big Mac***

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LoE2lCfTXg&list=PL2reog7Z3pmU4iGcvHg6Ef5WR8H6Vfo6Y&index=5>

- ***Mitral Valve Replacement for Rheumatic Heart Disease:***

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5vPzaXRSEVI&feature=channel&list=UL>

- ***Tricuspid Valve Replacement for Endocarditis***

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u_tbGoUReKg

VI. Cardiac Tumors

- **Removal of Cardiac Tumor:**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oUFU78wFA88&feature=relmfu>

- **Removal of an Aortic Valve Tumor:**

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jQ2py42LGF0&list=UUF9lxPX_MAmnAz9C0KMwdBQ&index=5&feature=plcp

- **Removal of Right Ventricular Mass and TVR**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iMWFQ21929E&index=2&list=PL2reog7Z3pmXJcoQKiuAR9N6q9MoExYA5>

- **Removal of an Unusual IVC Tumor under Hypothermic Circulatory Arrest**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rMv5ldKNK5I&index=5&list=PL2reog7Z3pmXJcoQKiuAR9N6q9MoExYA5>

VII. Cardiopulmonary Bypass Techniques

- **How to Cannulate the Aorta for Cardiopulmonary Bypass**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4zcEDx3MbjQ&index=2&list=PL2reog7Z3pmUxypGkHoYLDhwiNIHEc2Xh>

- **Axillary Artery Cannulation:**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UIZGQp3VMHk>

VIII. Lectures

- **Type A Aortic Dissection: “Go Directly to the OR; Do Not Pass Go; Do Not Collect \$200”**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UGVvAdb1B7E>

- **Ventricular Assist Device Lectures, I-VII**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1mu6C288ZQ8>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=20rn12P2mkU>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8gSXxZHLhmc>

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8wE7pqrarmg>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tf8luhmL4QU>

- Tickle Me ECMO: Are the Results Laughable?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nmb-8sI36hY>

- Setting the LVAD RPM: Negotiating between Scylla and Charybdis

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RX68bEexpNw>

- In Search of Market Power: Horizontal and Vertical Integration in Cardiac Surgery

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S40xaVjmetM>

- Brain Injury: The Achilles' Heel of Cardiac Surgery
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2WmiYzuWEKs&t=74s>
- Take a Life, Give a Life: Should We Be Harvesting Organs from Death Row Prisoners upon Their Death? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A7WmyCw9Wps&t=475s>

IX. Television Interviews

- *Nightline: ECMO for H1N1 (ABC News)*
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U1KqOkTEfm8&index=5&list=PL2reog7Z3pmW-QdiMKUAiePMwaavvzW7h>
- *ECMO Saves a Young Woman's Life (ABC News)*
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ycYsurJzOz4&index=2&list=PL2reog7Z3pmW-QdiMKUAiePMwaavvzW7h>
- *Inappropriate Cardiac Procedures (ABC News)*
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kKACcp1ebe0&index=3&list=PL2reog7Z3pmW-QdiMKUAiePMwaavvzW7h>
- *Destination Therapy Interview (UH Media)*
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XJebKo098rg&index=4&list=PL2reog7Z3pmW-QdiMKUAiePMwaavvzW7h>

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