

# *CURRICULUM VITAE*

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## EDUCATION

### *College*

Saint Louis University  
St. Louis, Missouri  
1996–2000, BA (summa cum laude, Biology, Pre-professional Medical  
Scholars Program)

### *Medical School*

Saint Louis University School of Medicine  
St. Louis, Missouri  
2000–2004, MD (with Distinction in Research)

## POSTGRADUATE TRAINING

### *Internship*

Transitional year  
Forest Park Hospital  
St. Louis, Missouri  
2004–2005

### *Residency*

Ophthalmology  
University Hospitals/Case Medical Center  
Cleveland, Ohio  
2005–2008  
  
Administrative Chief Resident  
2007–2008

### *Fellowship*

The New York Eye & Ear Infirmary  
New York, NY  
Surgical and Medical Vitreoretinal Disease  
2008–2010

## LICENSURE AND BOARD CERTIFICATION

Licensed to practice medicine in Ohio and Pennsylvania

Diplomate, American Board of Ophthalmology, 2009

## PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

Retina Associates of Cleveland, 2012–

Private practice in vitreoretinal surgery and diseases. Associates: Lawrence J. Singerman, MD; Michael A. Novak, MD; Hernando Zegarra, MD; Z. Nicholas Zakov, MD; Scott D. Pendergast, MD; David G. Miller, MD; Joseph M. Coney, MD; Jerome P. Schartman, MD

Vitreo-Retinal Consultants, Inc.; Canton, Ohio; 2010–2011

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Senior Clinical Instructor of Ophthalmology, University Hospitals/Case Medical Center; Cleveland, Ohio; 2010–

Instructor of Ophthalmology, New York Medical College; Valhalla, New York; 2009

## OTHER ACADEMIC, SERVICE, AND ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

President, Medical School Class of 2004, Saint Louis University School of Medicine, 2001–2004

Founder, Ophthalmology Interest Group. Saint Louis University School of Medicine, 2003–2004

Saint Louis University School of Medicine Admissions Committee, 2001–2004

Dean's Advisory Committee, Saint Louis University School of Medicine, 2002–2004

La Clinica – Volunteer at free clinic for Spanish-speaking patients, 2000–2002

Dean's Representative, Medical School Class of 2004, Saint Louis University School of Medicine, 2000–2001

President, Oriflamme – Effectively planned and orchestrated the new student orientation week for more than 1200 incoming Saint Louis University undergraduate students at Saint Louis University, 1999–2000

Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, Saint Louis University – Scholarship Chair and Executive Board member, 1997–2000

## HONORS AND AWARDS

The Samuel Chung-Hang Lo, MD, and Fiona Kin-Ping Lo Senior Fellow, Vitreoretinal Surgery, The New York Eye and Ear Infirmary, 2009

Best Resident Research Paper – University Hospitals/Case Medical Center Thirteenth Annual Faculty, Resident, and Alumni Research Day, 2007

First place, PGY-3 Level Basic and Clinical Science Course Examination Series, 2007

Distinction in Research, Saint Louis University School of Medicine, 2004

Alpha Omega Alpha, National Honor Medical Society, 2003

Saint Louis University Summer Research Fellowship, 2001

National Merit Scholarship, 1996–2000

Piano performance and theory – Level 8; Illinois State Music Teachers Association, 1996

## MEMBERSHIPS

American Academy of Ophthalmology, 2005–

American Society of Retinal Specialists, 2009–

## HOSPITAL AFFILIATIONS

New York Eye & Ear Infirmary, 2008–2010

Lakewood Hospital, 2012–

Parma Community General Hospital, 2012

Cleveland Eye and Laser Surgery Center, 2012

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AT MEETINGS AND SYMPOSIA

1. Mukkamala K, Spielberg L, Rao L, Rosen R. Macular and peripapillary retinal blood flow velocities in pseudoexfoliation syndrome using the retinal functional imager (RFI). The New York Eye and Ear Infirmary Residents and Fellows Research Day. New York, New York, May 21, 2010.
2. Rao L, Milman T, Ponce A, Walsh J. Facioscapulohumeral dystrophy and bilateral Coats-like retinopathy. Greater New York Retinal Club Meeting. New York, New York, April 22, 2010.
3. Rao L, Lima VC, Gentile RC, Rosen R. Reduction of macular drusen following anti-VEGF intravitreal injection in ARMD. Retina Congress 2009, Program #757. New York, New York, October 2, 2009.

4. Rao L. The retina: newest development in macular degeneration and other retinal problems. The Glaucoma Support and Education Group, New York City Chapter, Glaucoma Foundation Saturday Lecture Series. New York, New York, May 16, 2009.
5. Rao L, Lima VC, Gentile RC1, Rosen R. Reduction of macular drusen following anti-VEGF intravitreal injection in ARMD. Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology Annual Meeting, Program #1881. Fort Lauderdale, Florida, May 4, 2009.
6. Reddy R, Huang S, Rao L, Ferrone P. Histopathologic analysis of transconjunctival sutureless vitrectomy wounds. Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology Annual Meeting Program #4818. Fort Lauderdale, Florida, May 6, 2009.
7. Mukkamala K, Rao L, Gentile RC, Doshi V. Hemolacria: a sign of scleral buckle infection. Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology Annual Meeting, Program #6055. Fort Lauderdale, Florida, May 7, 2009.
8. Ferrone P, Reddy R, Rao L, Huang S. Comparison of non-sutured 20-gauge MVR and 20-gauge trocar/cannula sclerotomy wounds. American Society of Retina Specialists Annual Meeting Annual Meeting. Maui, Hawaii, October 14, 2008.
9. Rao L. Intraocular foreign body presenting as sympathetic ophthalmia. The New York Eye and Ear Infirmary Department of Ophthalmology Grand Rounds. New York, New York, September 19, 2008.
10. Rao L, Huang S, Ferrone P. A histopathologic and endoscopic analysis of transconjunctival sutureless vitrectomy wounds. Case Western Reserve University Department of Ophthalmology Resident Research Day. Cleveland, Ohio, June 15, 2007.
11. Rao L, Huang S, Ferrone P. A histopathologic and endoscopic analysis of transconjunctival sutureless vitrectomy wounds. Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology Annual Meeting, Program #2240. Fort Lauderdale, Florida, May 7, 2007.
12. Rao L. Idiopathic big blind spot syndrome. Case Western Reserve University Department of Ophthalmology Grand Rounds. Cleveland, Ohio, March 28, 2007.
13. Ferrone P, Rao L, Huang S. Comparison of 23-gauge trocar/cannula wounds. Vail Vitrectomy Meeting. Vail, Colorado, March 2007.
14. Huang S, Rao L, Ferrone P. Translenticular endoscopic study of 23-gauge transconjunctival vitrectomy wounds. Vail Vitrectomy Meeting. Vail, Colorado, March 2007.
15. Rao L. Severe hypertensive retinopathy. Case Western Reserve University Department of Ophthalmology Grand Rounds. Cleveland, Ohio, September 20, 2006.

16. Huang S, Ward M, Alomram M, Rao L, Seffo F, Jamal K. Comparison of visual recovery time in patients undergoing 25-gauge vitreous surgery. American Society of Retina Specialists Annual Meeting. Cannes, France, September 12, 2006.
17. Jamal K, Rao L, Seffo F, Ward M, Huang S. Quality of life and cost-effectiveness in retinal disease. Case Western Reserve University Department of Ophthalmology Resident Research Day. Cleveland, Ohio, June 16, 2006.
18. Rao L, Ward M, Seffo F, Jamal K, Huang S. Complications of 25g vitrectomy surgery in a preliminary series: a comparative analysis of the learning curve effect. Case Western Reserve University Department of Ophthalmology Resident Research Day. Cleveland, Ohio, June 16, 2006.
19. Seffo F, Rao L, Ward M, Jamal K, Huang S. Smaller incision size decreases the risk of postoperative complications in intraocular surgery. Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology Annual Meeting, Program #5259. Fort Lauderdale, Florida, May 4, 2006.
20. Rao L, Ward M, Seffo F, Jamal K, Huang S. Complications of 25g vitrectomy surgery in a preliminary series: a comparative analysis of the learning curve effect Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology Annual Meeting, Program #4663. Fort Lauderdale, Florida, May 3, 2006.
21. Ward M, Rao L, Seffo F, Jamal K, Huang S. Visual recovery in patients undergoing 25g transconjunctival vitrectomy. Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology Annual Meeting, Program #4646. Fort Lauderdale, Florida, May 3, 2006.
22. Rao L, Tomsak R. Dominant optic atrophy. Case Western Reserve University Department of Ophthalmology Grand Rounds. Cleveland, Ohio, January 11, 2006.
23. Rao L, Tomsak R. Pituitary apoplexy. Case Western Reserve University Departments of Neurology and Ophthalmology Neuro-Ophthalmology Conference. Cleveland, Ohio, January 4, 2006.
24. Rao L. Pathologic myopia. Case Western Reserve University Department of Ophthalmology Grand Rounds. Cleveland, Ohio, September 14, 2005.
25. Rao L, Feman S. The evaluation of peripheral visual fields in diabetic patients with minimal or no evidence of clinical retinopathy. Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Student Research Forum. St. Louis, Missouri, January 21, 2004.
26. Rao L, Akduman L. Hypertensive retinopathy. O'Donnell Eye Institute Grand Rounds. St. Louis, Missouri, September 16, 2003.

27. Rao L, Daynes T, Davitt B. The management of traumatic hyphema. Saint Louis University Department of Ophthalmology Grand Rounds. St. Louis, Missouri, August 20, 2003.
28. Rao L, Chung S. A unique presentation of hypertensive retinopathy. Saint Louis University Department of Ophthalmology Grand Rounds. St. Louis, Missouri, February 26, 2003.

## PUBLICATIONS

### *Journal articles*

1. Francis JH, Rao L, Rosen RB. Methylmalonic aciduria and homocystinuria-associated maculopathy. *Eye (Lond)*. 2010;24:1731-1732. Epub 2010 Aug 27.
2. Mukkamala K, Gentile RC, Rao L, Sidoti PA. Recurrent hemolacria: a sign of scleral buckle infection. *Retina* 2010;30:1250-1253.