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Current Position: Assistant Chief of Surgery, VA Connecticut Healthcare System

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Education: B.S., Yale University, New Haven, CT, 1978

Ph.D. candidate in Department of Geology, University of California, Los Angeles,

September 1979 to March 1980

M.D., George Washington University School of Medicine, May 1984

Career/Academic Appointment:

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July 1984 - June 1985	Intern, Flexible, Yale University/Hospital of St. Raphael, New Haven,
	CT
July 1985 - September 1989	Resident, Surgery, Yale New Haven Hospital, New Haven, CT
July 1989 - June 1990	Instructor, Surgery, Yale University School of Medicine, Dept. of
	Surgery, New Haven, CT
June 1990 - July 1992	Post-doctoral Fellow, Clinical Transplantation, Yale University School

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of Medicine, New Haven, CT

July 1992 - September 2003 Assistant Clinical Professor of Surgery, Yale University School of

Medicine, New Haven, CT

October 2003 – June 2012 Assistant Professor of Surgery, Yale University School of Medicine,

New Haven, CT

Associate Professor of Surgery, Yale School of Medicine July 2012-Present

New Haven, CT

Administrative Positions:

August 1992 - September 2000 Associate Director, Surgical ICU, Yale New Haven Hospital October 2003 - Present Director, Surgical Intensive Care Unit, West Haven VA Hospital October 2005 – Present Assistant Chief, Department of Surgery, West Haven VA Hospital

Board Certification:

- American Board of Surgery, #36644, Certified 1991, Recertified 2000, 2010
- Certificate Added Qualifications in Surgical Critical Care, October 1995, #1465, Recertified October 2006
- Connecticut License, issued 1986, #027551, expires May 2015
- NPI#1043311327

Professional Honors or Recognition:

January 2014 Yellow Belt, Six Sigma

July 2008	Department of Veteran Affairs Commendation: Regional Patient Flow Collaborative
June 2007	Fellow, New England Surgical Society
May 2007	Connecticut Federal Employee Recognition Award
May 2002	Member, Yale Society of Distinguished Teachers
June 1999	Edward Storer Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award, Yale Department of Surgery
October 1996	Fellow, American College of Surgeons
May 1988	Betsy Winters Outstanding House Staff Teaching Award, Yale University School of
	Medicine
June 1984	Benjamin Manchester Outstanding Medical Student Award, George Washington
	University Medical School
June 1984	Alpha Omega Alpha

Grant History:

A) Current Grants:

B) Past Grants:

Agency: Dept. of VA Affairs, Health Services Research Development, Project IIR 07-199

Title: "Patients' & Providers' Perceptions of Communicating an Adverse Event"

Principal Investigator: Anashua Rani Elway, MD

Role on Project: Co-PI

Percent Effort: 5%

Total costs for Project: \$594,000 (all 3 sites)

Project Period: 1/1/11- 12/31/13

Agency: Equipment Grant; Pulsion Medical Systems, Germany

Title: "Prospective observational study of lung water dynamics in patients undergoing lung

resection surgery"

Principal Investigator: Sherif Assaad, MD

Role on project: Co-PI Percent effort: 5%

Project Period: April 1, 2011 - June 20, 2012

Agency: John A. Hartford Foundation

Title: Chief Resident Immersion Training (CRIT)

P.I.: Leo Cooney, MD Role on project: Co-PI Percent effort: 5%

Total costs for project period: \$114,000 Project period: May 1, 2008 - June 30, 2010

Agency: John A. Hartford Foundation

Title: Geriatrics Education for Specialty Residents Dissemination grant; Yale Surgical Intensive

Care Geriatrics Initiative

P.I.: Melissa Perkal, MD

Role on project: Principal investigator

Percent effort: 5%

Total costs for project period: \$25,000

Project period: July 1, 2008 - December 31, 2009

Agency: National VA Cooperative Study# 530

Title: Intensive vs. Conventional Support in Acute Renal Failure

P.I.: Susan Crowley, MD, nephrology

Role on project: Co-PI Percent effort: 2%

Total costs for project period: \$326,880

Project period: November 3, 2003 - July 2, 2007

Agency: VISN 1Kizer grant

Title: Improving the Efficiency and Patient Flow of the Ambulatory Procedure Unit

P.I.: Melissa Perkal, MD

Role on project: Principal Investigator

Percent effort: 5%

Total costs for project period: \$25,000

Project period: September 13, 2006 - October 1, 2007

Agency: Funding from VA Clinical Epidemiology Research Center

Title: Preoperative Glycemic Control and Infectious Postoperative Complications

P.I.: Ronnie Rosenthal, MD Role on project: Co-PI Percent effort: 3%

Total costs for project period: \$18,294

Project period: October 2006 - September 2007

Agency: VHA Public Health Strategic Healthcare Group

Title: Use of Goal Sheets and the Incidence of Ventilator Associated Pneumonia. Funding

P.I.: Richard Matinello, MD., infectious disease

Role on project: Co-PI Percent effort: 3%

Total costs for project period: \$1,000 Project period: July 23, 2007 - July 22, 2008

Agency: V A Protocol CP003

Title: Biomarkers of acute kidney injury after cardiac surgery

P.I.: Chirag Parikh, MD/PhD, nephrology

Role on project: Investigator

Percent effort: 1%

Project period: September 28, 2007 - September 8, 2008

Lectures, Courses:

May 5, 2015	Moderator Quickshots Session E, Association of VA Surgeons Annual Surgical
	Symposium, Miami FL
October 27,2014	"Withdrawing Care"; Palliative Care Task Force Panel; American College of
	Surgeons, San Francisco, CA
April 7, 2014	Moderator Quickshots Session C; Association of VA Surgeons Annual Surgical
_	Symposium, New Haven, CT
July 11, 2013	"Palliative Surgery and Standardized Mortality Rates: Implications for Acute
	Hospital Care", VISN 6 Face to Face, Richmond, VA
June 8-9, 2013	"Pre-operative Assessment"; Faculty & Moderator, Yale Chief Residents
	Immersion Course, Westbrook, CT
June 5, 2013	"Do Not Go Gentle into that Good Knife: Women, Surgery, and Yale Training"
	Yale Surgical Grand Rounds, Yale Surgical Society Reunion Lecture

June 20, 2012	"Palliative Surgery: Reconciling High Mortality and High Cost with Quality of Life", Annual meeting of National Surgery Office VISN Chief Surgical Consultants & Lead Nurses, Denver CO
June 2-3, 2012	"Pre-operative Assessment"; Faculty & Moderator, Yale Chief Residents Immersion Course, Westbrook, CT
October 26, 2011	Discussant, "Predictors of Elderly Patient Discharge to Alternative Care Facilities following Major Surgical Operations", American College of Surgeons Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA
October 26, 2011	Co-moderator, "Redefining Success in Surgery: Palliative Care Outcomes" Panel Session, American College of Surgeons Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA
June 17-18, 2011	"Geriatric Education for General Surgical Residents," Workgroup leader, American Geriatrics Society's Geriatrics for Specialty Residents Resource Conference, Washington, DC
May 21-22, 2011	Faculty & Moderator, Yale Chief Residents Immersion Course, Westbrook, CT
June 14, 2010	"Model Geriatric Programs: Education Materials & Methods," American Geriatrics Society Annual Meeting, Orlando, Fl
May 21-23, 2010	Faculty & Moderator, Yale Chief Residents Immersion Course Training in Geriatrics, Newport, RI
May 15-17, 2009	Faculty & Moderator, Yale Chief Residents Immersion Course Training in Geriatrics, Newport, RI
May 2, 2009	"An Innovative Multi-specialty Initiative for the Care of Geriatric Surgical ICU Patients," American Geriatrics Society Annual Scientific Meeting, Chicago, IL
April 20, 2009	Moderator, Scientific Session VI, Association of VA Surgeons, 33 rd Annual Surgical Symposium, Cambridge, MA
October 28, 2008	"Ethics and end-of-life issues in the ICU," 3 rd Annual Honoring & Caring for Veterans at the End-of-Life, VISN 1 HVP of CT Educational Conference, Newington, CT
October 9, 2007	"Family Centered Palliative Care," American College of Surgeons, Fall Meeting, ACS Palliative Care Task Force Symposium ("What in the World is Comfort Care?"), New Orleans, LA
September 29, 2007	"Use of Goal Sheets Reduces the Incidence of Ventilator Associated Pneumonia," New England Surgical Society Annual Meeting, Burlington, VT
January 17, 2007	"OR & ICU Flow: Keeping the patients moving." Veterans Administration Healthcare System, Live Presentation on Teleconference to VISN 3
December 6, 2006	"Bed Huddles & Code Purple: Decreasing O.R. Case Cancellations." Veterans Administration Healthcare System, Advance Clinic Access Regional Collaborative. Newark, NJ
June 16, 2006	"Preventing Catheter-Related Blood Stream Infections," Veterans Administration Healthcare System VISN 1 100,000 Lives Campaign, Bedford, MA
April 23, 2006	"Withdrawal of Life Support," American College of Surgeons, Spring Meeting, ACS Palliative Care Task Force panel, Dallas, TX
January 4, 2006	"Reducing Ventilator Associated Pneumonias," Veterans Administration Healthcare System, National Kick-off Teleconference presentation
October 1, 2005	"Poor Preoperative Glycemic Control is Associated with Increased Postoperative Infections," New England Surgical Society Annual Meeting, Bretton Woods, NH
	February 7, 2005 "Reducing Surgical Site Infections," Institute of Healthcare Improvement Collaborative Storeyboard Presentation, Orlando, FL

Professional Service:

National

2014-Present	Chair, Awards Committee, Association of VA Surgeons
2014-Present	Executive Committee, Association of VA Surgeons
2013-Present	Member, Critical Care Surgical Advisory Board, Veterans Administrative

	Healthcare System
2012-Present	Member, Standard Setting Panel, USMLE Step 2 Clinical Skills Exam, National Board of Medical Examiners
2012- 2014	Member Awards Committee, Association of VA Surgeons
2012-2014	Member By-Laws Committee, Association of VA Surgeons
2011 – 2014	Member, Antimicrobial Stewardship Task Force; Veterans Administration Healthcare System
2010 - 2011	Member, Special Panel for Policy on Out of Operating Room Airway Management, Veterans Administration Healthcare System
2009 - 2012	Member, Clinical Guidelines for Postoperative Pain Management Project, American Pain Society-American Society of Anesthesiologists
2009 - 2013	Chair, Critical Care Surgical Advisory Board, Veterans Administrative Healthcare System
2009 - Present	Member, National Pulmonary Clinical Advisory Group, Veterans Administrative Healthcare System
2007 - Present	Member, Intensive Care National Clinical Advisory Group, Veterans Administration Healthcare System
2007 - 2013	Associate Community Editor for Palliative & Pain Management Community of the ACS Web Portal, EFAC
2005 - Present 2000 - 2009	Member, American College of Surgeons Task Force on Palliative Care American College of Surgeons Committee on Applicants, Connecticut, District #3
Journal Service	
2010 - Present	Reviewer for Annals of Long-Term Care, Clinical Geriatrics, Journal of Clinical Gastroenterology, abstracts for American Geriatric Society Annual Meeting
Regional	
2010 - 2011	Member, VISN 1 Reducing In-patient Complications Task Force, Veterans Administration Healthcare System
2008 - Present	Leader, VISN 1 Anesthesia Record Keeping/Intensive Care Unit Clinical Information System Governance Committee, Co-chair of ICU-CIS, Veterans Administration Healthcare System
2006 - 2008	Member, VISN 1 100,000-Lives Steering Committee, Veterans Administration Healthcare System
2006 – 2011	Member, Hospice-Veterans Partnership Steering Committee, Veterans Administration Healthcare System
2006 - 2011	Member, Veterans Integrated Services Network (VISN) 1 Palliative Care Council, Veterans Administration Healthcare System

Local	
CT Veterans Admini	istration Healthcare System
2013-2014	System Redesign (Lean/Six Sigma Project on tracking Gamma Knife Procedures)
2011 – Present	Physician Utilization Medical Reviewer (PUMA) for surgical service
2010 - Present	Co-Chair, Nutrition Support Committee
2009 - Present	Member, Clinical Informatics Committee
2008 - 2014	Member, Sharps Injury Prevention Committee
2007 - 2011	North East Regional Flow Collaborative to improve patient flow
2006 - Present	Director, Advanced Cardiac Life Support Planning Committee
2005 - 2006	Chair, Medical Team Training, VA Operating Room
2005 - Present	Co-chair, Operating Room Management Committee
2004 - 2005	Co-chair, IHI Task Force on Reducing Surgical Site Infections
2004 - 2008	Member, Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee
2004 - Present	Member, Infection Control Committee
2003 - Present	Co-chair, Committee on Special Care (SICU/MICU)

Medical School/Department

2014-Present	Member, Surgical Clinical Competency Sub-Committee (First years)
2013	Co-Chair, Curriculum Redesign Yale Medical School: "Clinical Skills Taskforce"
2012	Member, Curriculum Redesign Yale Medical School: "Professionalism Goals
	Group"
2011 - 2013	President, Yale Surgical Society
2009 - Present	Steering committee for Oddsdottir Memorial Lectureship
2009 - 2011	President-elect, Yale Surgical Society
2008 - 2009	Secretary, Yale Surgical Society
2007 - Present	Yale Surgical Society Executive Committee
2006 - Present	Core faculty de-briefer for Medical Student Simulation (ER/Surgery Program)
2003 - Present	Power Day I & II faculty
2003 - Present	Director Surgical Clerkship Program at CT Veterans Administration Healthcare
	System
2003 - Present	Core faculty for 3 rd -Year Medical Student End-of-Life Curriculum
2002 - 2004	Assistant Director Medical Student Surgical Clerkship Program at Yale
2002 - 2005	Director Surgical Preceptor Program
2002 - 2003	Member, Search Committee for Chair of Ophthalmology, Yale School of Medicine

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- Perkal, M.F., Zenilman, M. Palliative care in the elderly, Chapter 15. In: <u>Principles and Practice of Geriatric Surgery</u>. Second Edition, RA Rosenthal, ME Zenilman and MR Katlic, (eds), New York: Springer Inc, 2011.

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- May 9-11, 2010 Indianapolis, IN
- 3. Development and Implementation of a Clinical Algorithm for Geriatric Hip Fracture Patients. Walke, L.M., Mahoney, E., Schoenfeld, A., **Perkal, M.F.** *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society* 58:S56-7, 2010. Presented at American Geriatrics Society 2010 Annual Scientific Meeting, May 12-15 2010, Orlando, FL
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