

CURRICULUM VITAE

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2023-Present Affiliate Clinical Assistant Professor Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine

2015-Present Clinical Preceptor for 3rd and 4th year medical students
Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine

2016-Present Clinical Preceptor for 3rd and 4th year medical students
Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine

EDUCATION:

MEDICAL SCHOOL:

1990-1994 University of Miami School of Medicine, Miami, Florida
Doctor of Medicine

UNDERGRADUATE:

1988-1990 University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida
Bachelor of Science, Zoology (Departmental Honors)

1987-1988 University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING:

RESIDENCY:

1995-1999 Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery
National Capital Military Consortium Walter Reed Army Medical Center,
Washington, D.C., National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland

INTERNSHIP:

1994-1995 Categorical Surgery
Fitzsimons Army Medical Center, Aurora, Colorado

MILITARY SERVICE / COURSES / AWARDS:

RANK: Major, Medical Corps, United States Army

SERVICE:

1994-2003 Active Duty, United States Army
1990-1994 Individual Ready Reserve, United States Army Reserve

COURSES:

Combat Casualty Care Course (1995)
Officer Basic Course (1991)

AWARDS:

Meritorious Service Medal
United States Army Commendation Medal x 2
National Service Defense Medal x 2

WORK HISTORY:

Staff Otolaryngologist (civilian)
Martin Army Community Hospital, Ft. Benning, Georgia
June 1, 2003 – August 31, 2003

Chief, Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery (military)
Chief, Eye, Ear, Nose, and Throat Clinic
Martin Army Community Hospital, Ft. Benning, Georgia
July 1, 2001 – May 31, 2003

Chief, Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery (military)
Chief, Eye, Ear, Nose, and Throat Clinic
United States Army Aeromedical Center, Ft. Rucker, Alabama
July 15, 1999-June 30, 2001

LICENSURE AND SPECIALTY CERTIFICATION:

CURRENT STATE LICENSES: Alabama
Florida
Georgia

BOARD CERTIFICATION: American Board of Otolaryngology – April 24, 2000 – Lifetime certification

HONORS AND RECOGNITION:

2017-2020 Member, Board of Trustees, Crestwood Medical Center
2015-2017 Chief of Staff, Crestwood Medical Center

2013-2015 Vice Chief of Staff, Crestwood Medical Center
2011-2013 Secretary Medical Staff, Crestwood Medical Center
2008-2011 Chief, Division of Surgical Services, Crestwood Medical Center
2007-2008 Chief of Surgery, Crestwood Medical Center
2005-2007 Vice Chief of Surgery, Crestwood Medical Center
2003 United States Army Meritorious Service Medal
1999 Bailey K. Ashford Research Award Finalist (Walter Reed Army Medical Center)
1997 Society of Military Otolaryngologists First Place Resident Paper Award
1993 American Cancer Society Clinical Oncology Student Fellowship

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES:

American Academy of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery, Fellow (2000)
American Board of Otolaryngology, Diplomate (2000)
American College of Surgeons, Fellow (2003)

PUBLICATIONS / PRESENTATIONS / RESEARCH:

2025 Kaur K, LaFrentz JR. Recurrent Laryngeal Nerve Schwannoma: A Case Report. *Cureus*. 2025.

2004 LaFrentz JR. Unusual anomaly of the external ear. *ENT J*, 2004; 83: 534.

2003 LaFrentz JR, Brietzke SE, Mair EA. Evaluation of palatal snoring surgery in an animal model. *Otolaryngol Head Neck Surg*, 2003; 129:343-52.

2000 LILLYWHITE H.B., J.R LAFRENTZ, Y.C. LIN, AND M.C. TU. The cantilever abilities of snakes. *J. Herpetol.* 34:523-528.

LaFrentz JR, Mair EA, Casler JD. Craniofacial ballpoint pen injury. *Ann Otol Rhinol Laryngol*, 2000; 109:119-22.

1999 LaFrentz JR, Mair EA, Brietzke SE. Palatal Stiffening Techniques for Snoring in a Novel Canine Model. Presented at the 22nd Annual Midwinter Research Meeting of the Association for Research in Otolaryngology, St. Petersburg Beach, Florida.

1998 Wassmuth ZD, Mair EA, Loube D, Leonard D, LaFrentz JR. Cautery Assisted Palatal Stiffening Operation for the Treatment of OSA. Presented at the American Academy of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery 102nd Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Texas.

LaFrentz JR, Mair EA, Casler JD. Craniofacial Ballpoint Pen Injury. Presented at the meeting of the American Broncho-Esophagological Association, Palm Beach, Florida.

1997 LaFrentz JR, Mair EA, Wassmuth ZD. Does the Cautery-Assisted Palatal Stiffening Operation Really Work? (A Pre – and Postoperative Pharyngo-Videostroboscopic Assessment of Palatal Flutter). Poster at the American Academy of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery 101st Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California.

1996 LaFrentz JR, Mann EA, Adler ET. Spontaneous Internal Jugular Vein Thrombosis in a Woman Receiving Estrogen Replacement. Poster at the American Academy of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery 100th Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.

1993 Civantos FJ, LaFrentz JR. Anticoagulation in microvascular rat oblique groin island flaps. University of Miami School of Medicine – medical student research.