

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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2016-Present    Clinical Preceptor for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year medical students  
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## **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 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Midwinter Research Meeting of the Association for Research in Otolaryngology, St. Petersburg Beach, Florida.
- 1998 Wassmuth ZD, Mair EA, Loubé 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 102<sup>nd</sup> 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 101<sup>st</sup> 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 100<sup>th</sup> 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.