

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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**PRESENT TITLE:** Assistant Professor in Surgery

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**BIRTHDATE:** October 5, 1978

**CITIZENSHIP:** United States

**UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION:** 1997-2001 University of Texas Austin  
Bachelor Business Administration-Finance

**GRADUATE EDUCATION:**  
2001-2005 University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio  
Doctorate in Medicine

**POSTGRADUATE TRAINING:**  
2005-2006 Intern in General Surgery  
University of Texas Health Science Center Houston  
2006-2010 Resident in General Surgery  
University of Texas Health Science Center Houston

**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS:**  
2013-2015 Clinical Assistant Professor  
Department of Osteopathic Specialties, Michigan State University  
2015-present Assistant Professor  
University of Texas-Houston Medical School

2013-2015 Core Faculty  
Allegiance Health General Surgery Residency Program

**HOSPITAL APPOINTMENTS:**  
2010-2015 Active Staff, Allegiance Health, Jackson, Michigan

2015-present Active Staff, Lyndon B. Johnson General Hospital, Houston, Texas

**LICENSURE:** Michigan (4301096159)  
Texas (Q4275)

**CERTIFICATIONS:** American Board of Surgery #55908 (2011)  
Advanced Cardiac Life Support Re-certification (2012, 2014)  
Advanced Trauma and Life Support Certification (2005),  
Re-certifications (2009, 2013)  
Fundamentals of Laparoscopic Surgery, Houston, TX (2010)  
daVinci System Robotic Training, Intuitive Surgical,  
Sunnydale, CA (2013)  
Single Site Robotic Training, Intuitive Surgical, Hartford, CT (2013)

**PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:**

**LOCAL:**

2011-2014 Jackson County Medical Society (Jackson, Michigan)

**REGIONAL:**

2011-2014 Michigan State Medical Society

**NATIONAL:**

2010-present American College of Surgeons  
2010-2012 -Associate Fellow  
2012-present -Fellow  
2012-present American Society of Breast Surgeons  
2012-present Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons  
2014-present Association of Women Surgeons  
2015-present Society of Surgical Oncology

**HONORS AND AWARDS:**

*Medical School*

2004 Senior Surgery Honors Program

*Faculty*

2014 Certificate of Appreciation, Core Faculty Allegiance Health General  
Surgery

2015 Certificate of Appreciation, Core Faculty Allegiance Health General  
Surgery

**SERVICE ON NON UT AFFILIATED HOSPITAL COMMITTEES:**

2012-2015 Breast Disease Site Committee, Jackson, Michigan  
2012-2015 Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee, Jackson, Michigan  
2013-2014 Trauma Performance Improvement and Patient Safety Committee

Jackson, Michigan  
2014-2015 Breast Cancer Clinic Work Group, Jackson, Michigan

**SERVICE ON UT AFFILIATED HOSPITAL COMMITTEES:**

2015-present LBJ Multidisciplinary Breast Cancer Tumor Board, Houston, Texas  
2015-present LBJ Breast Cancer Work Group, Houston, Texas  
2015-present LBJ Trauma Committee

**SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY:**

2011 Breast Cancer Awareness, Jackson, Michigan  
2014 Breast Health and Cancer Awareness, Jackson, Michigan  
2011 Live Centered Wellness Fair, "Ask the Expert", Adrian, Michigan  
2011 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Heart and Vascular Expo, "Ask the Expert",  
Jackson, Michigan

**TEACHING RESPONSIBILITIES:**

Medical Students

2015-present Lecturer, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> yr medical students at LBJ, benign breast  
disease, breast cancer, preoperative surgical evaluation

Residents

2013-2015 Faculty Leader, Journal Club, Allegiance Health General Surgery  
Residency Program

2014 Lecturer, Intern Boot Camp, "Incision and Drainage and excision of  
soft tissue masses"

2014 Lecturer, Allegiance Health General Surgery Resident Teaching  
Conference, breast cancer, colorectal disease, wound  
healing

2015 Lecturer, Allegiance Health General Resident Surgery Teaching  
Conference, anesthesia, breast cancer, benign breast  
disease, wound healing, burns

2016 Lecturer, SCORE Breast curriculum, in-service training  
examination preparation for residents

**PUBLICATIONS:**

**Refereed Original Articles in Journals**

1. Al-Refaie WB, Andtbacka RH, Ensor J, Pisters PW, **Ellis TL**, Shrout A, Hunt KK, Cormier JN, Pollock RE, Feig BW. Lymphadenectomy for isolated lymph node metastasis from extremity soft-tissue sarcomas. *Cancer* 2008; 112(8):1821-6. PMID:18306370

**Other Professional Communications**

1. Presentations

i. "Outcomes of Laparoscopic Ventral Incisional Hernia Repair" Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons, 2010, Hollywood, Florida