

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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### DEMOGRAPHIC & PERSONAL INFORMATION

#### Current Appointments

Board Certified Orthopaedic Spine Surgeon  
Desert Institute for Spine Care, Phoenix, AZ 2013 - present

“Diplomate of the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery”, July 2015

“Fellow of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons” (FAAOS), January 2017

#### Personal Data

Office Address: 1635 E. Myrtle Avenue  
Suite 400  
Phoenix, AZ 85020

### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**International School of Choueifat** 1988 – 1993  
Sharjah, United Arab Emirates

**Gymnasium Harksheide** 1993 – 1999  
Norderstedt, Germany  
Abitur, German Baccalaureate

**University of Pittsburgh, School of Engineering** 1999 – 2003  
Pittsburgh, PA  
BS, Bioengineering, *summa cum laude*

**Temple University School of Medicine** 2003 – 2007  
Philadelphia, PA  
MD, *Alpha Omega Alpha*

**Johns Hopkins Hospital Orthopaedic Surgery Residency** 2007 – 2012  
Baltimore, MD  
Intern, Department of General Surgery (2007 to 2008)  
Chief Resident (2011 to 2012)

**Stanford University, Spine Fellowship (Eugene Carragee, Todd Alamin, Ivan Cheng)** 2012 – 2013  
Palo Alto, CA

**Kaiser Permanente, Spine Fellowship (Ravi Bains, Josef Gorek)** 2013  
Oakland, CA

## ADVISORY COMMITTEES/REVIEW GROUPS/STUDY SECTIONS

<b>Medical Advisor</b> White Coat Consulting, PLLC Offered comprehensive solutions in several areas, including:	November 2015 – present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• medical practice development</li> <li>• healthcare delivery</li> <li>• medical product evaluation and design</li> <li>• ambulatory surgery center development</li> <li>• medical research</li> <li>• medicolegal services</li> <li>• workman's compensation evaluations</li> </ul>	
<b>Ortho CM, LLC</b> Board Member Worked through a co-management agreement as a board member representing a large group (90+ members) of community orthopedic surgeons in negotiations with the HonorHealth health system. Maintained further relationship with the hospital system in managing and formulating future operations metrics and cost savings measures.	2018 – 2022
<b>Network Operating Council - Ortho CM, LLC + HonorHealth</b> Director of Spine Reviewed and analyzed facility orthopedic spine procedures and formulated recommendations based on data as well as provided overall direction, development, and coordination of professional medical/surgical care associated with the service line. Provided medical leadership and co-management to assure the provision of high quality orthopedic and musculoskeletal care and services.	2018 – 2020
<b>FDA Trial Investigator</b> Evaluated patients under the guidelines of FDA trials investigating the safety, efficacy, and outcomes of novel procedures and/or technologies.	2014 – present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Baguera cervical artificial disc replacement</li> <li>• Coflex interlaminar fixation device</li> </ul>	
<b>FDA Trial Investigator</b> Relievent Intracept Clinical Trial	2015 – 2017
<b>FDA Trial Investigator</b> Spinal Kinetics M6 cervical artificial disc replacement	2014 – 2017
<b>BioMed Reseach International</b> Hindawi Publishing, Reviewer	2015 – 2016
<b>Medical Advisory Board</b> InputHealth.com	2012 – 2015
<b>Medical Advisory Board</b> Healthism.com	2012 – 2014
<b>Practical Reviews in Orthopaedic Surgery</b> Oakstone Medical Publishing, Reviewer	2009 – 2013

<b>Research Assistant</b> Johns Hopkins School of Medicine	2009 – 2012
<b>Research Assistant</b> Temple University School of Medicine	2004/2006
<b>Undergraduate Research Assistant</b> University of Pittsburgh	2001 – 2003

### ABSTRACTS/PUBLICATIONS/EXHIBITS

Differential Agnostic Effect Size Analysis of Lumbar Stenosis Surgeries. Lewandrowski KU, Abraham I, Ramírez León JF, Soriano Sánchez JA, Dowling Á, Hellinger S, Freitas Ramos MR, Teixeira De Carvalho PS, Yeung C, **Salari N**, Yeung A. Int J Spine Surg. 2022 Apr;16(2):318-342.

Contributing author with chapter in “Contemporary Endoscopic Spine Surgery, Lumbar Spine”, Volume 2, Bentham Books, May 2022.

Difficulties, Challenges, and the Learning Curve of Avoiding Complications in Lumbar Endoscopic Spine Surgery. Lewandrowski KU, Telfeian AE, Hellinger S, Jorge Felipe Ramírez León, Paulo Sérgio Teixeira de Carvalho, Ramos MRF, Kim HS, Hanson DW, **Salari N**, Yeung A. Int J Spine Surg. 2021 Dec;15(suppl 3):S21-S37.

**Salari N**, Konz G, Ferry C, Gandhi A, Freeman A, Davis A, Yeung C. Anterior Cervical Discectomy and Fusion (ACDF) with a No-Profile Integrated Fixation Allograft Device: An In Vitro Biomechanical Analysis and Clinical Case Series. Int J Spine Surg. 2022 Apr;16(2):247-255.

Submitted for publication in IJSS: “Differential Agnostic Effect Size Analysis of Lumbar Stenosis Surgery”

Contributing author with chapter in “An Anatomic Approach to Minimally Invasive Spine Surgery”, second edition, Thieme publishing, December 2018.

Yeung AT, Yeung CA, **Salari N**, Field J, Navratil J, Miao H, Lessons learned using local anesthesia for minimally invasive endoscopic spine surgery. J Spine 2017, 6:4.

Huri G, Familiari F, **Salari N**, Petersen SA, Doral MN, McFarland EG. Prosthetic design of reverse total shoulder arthroplasty contributes to scapular notching and instability. World J Orthop. pub pend 2016

Cheng I, Githens M, Smith RL, Johnston TR, Park DY, Stauff MP, **Salari N**, Tileston KR, Kharazi AI. Local versus distal transplantation of human neural stem cells following chronic spinal cord injury. Spine J. 2015 Dec 14. pii: S1529-9430(15)01790-8.

Contributing author with chapter in “Anesthesiologist’s Manual of Surgical Procedures”, fifth edition, Wolters Kluwer publishing, February 2015.

**Salari N**, Srikumaran U, Garzon-Muvdi J, Skolasky RL, McFarland EG. Prosthetic Design of Reverse Total Shoulder Arthroplasty Contributes to Scapular Notching and Instability. Podium presentation (by U. Srikumaran), 12th International Congress of Shoulder and Elbow Surgery, April 10-13 2013, Nagoya, Japan.

**Salari N**, Garzon-Muvdi J, Skolasky RL, McFarland EG. Clinical Results and Complications of the Reverse Total Shoulder Prosthesis. Final manuscript review prior to submission for publication, May 2012.

**Salari N**, Garzon-Muvdi J, Skolasky RL, Petersen S, Tantisricharoenkul G, McFarland EG. Prosthetic Design of Reverse Total Shoulder Arthroplasty Contributes to Scapular Notching and Instability. Abstract submitted for annual ASES meeting, May 2012.

Rehman S, **Salari N**, Codjoe P, Rehman M, Gaughan J. Gunshot Femoral Fractures with Vascular Injury: A Retrospective Analysis. Orthop Surg. 2012 Aug;4(3):166-171.

Farjoodi P, **Salari N**, Freehill MT, Wilckens JH, Khanna AJ. Evaluation and Management of the Cervical Spine in the Contact Athlete. Scientific Exhibit. Poster presented at the AAOS 2011 Annual Meeting, San Diego (CA), February 15 – 19, 2011.

**Salari N**, Faro FD, Miller SD. Dorsal opening wedge osteotomy of second proximal phalanx for second MTP dorsiflexion. *Foot Ankle Int.* 2010 Nov; 31(11):1021-4.

**Salari N**, Horsmon GA, Cosgarea AJ. Rehabilitation after anteromedialization of tibial tuberosity. *Clin Sports Med.* 2010 Apr;29(2):303-11.

Marker D, Mears S, Duggan B, Sayeed S, **Salari N**, Delanois R, Mont M. Hip Surgery Literature as a Educational Tool for the Orthopaedic In-Training Examination. Podium presentation at the 2010 Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons.

**Salari N**, Marker D, Mears S, Mont M. Knee Surgery Literature as a Educational Tool for the Orthopaedic In-Training Examination. Submitted for the 2010 Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons.

**Salari N**, Rehman S, Codjoe P, DeLong W, Goldberg A. Gunshot Femur Fractures with Associated Vascular Injury: A Retrospective Analysis. Poster presentation at the 2007 Orthopedic Trauma Association.

Codjoe P, **Salari N**, Goldberg A, and Rehman S. Management of Gunshot Femur Fractures with Vascular Injury. Submitted for 2007 Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, Jul. 2006.

Kompel JF, Frank DA, **Salari N**, Altman DT, and Altman GH. Comparison of Soft Tissue Interference Screw Fixation Using a Standard Cylindrical Tunnel and Step Cut Lag Technique. Submitted for 2007 Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, Jul. 2006.

**Salari N**, Lu A, Cao B, and Huard J. The Potential of Using Nerve Growth Factor in the Transplantation of Muscle Derived Stem Cells in Dystrophic Muscle. 5<sup>th</sup> Combined Meeting of the Orthopaedic Research Societies of Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Europe, Oct. 2004.

**Salari N**, and Huard J. The Effect of Nerve Growth Factor on the Differentiation of Muscle Derived Stem Cells in Dystrophic Muscle. Fifth Annual Beckman Scholars Symposium, Arnold and Mabel Beckman Foundation, Poster Presentation, Jul. 2003.

Wang JH-C, Yang GG, Yang SH, **Salari N**, Civic B, Stone D, and Woo SL-Y. Prostaglandin Regulation and its Effect on Proliferation and Collagen Synthesis in the Human Tendon Fibroblasts. Midwest Connective Tissue Conference, Oct., 2001.

## GRAND ROUNDS

### “Minimal-Access Technology in Spine Surgery”

Scottsdale Healthcare Shea, Presentation

October 24, 2013

### “Prosthetic Design of Reverse Total Shoulder Arthroplasty Contributes to Scapular Notching and Instability”

Johns Hopkins Hospital, Grand Rounds

June 16, 2012

### “Minimally Invasive Lumbar Fusion: A comparison to Open Techniques”

Johns Hopkins Hospital, Grand Rounds

May 10, 2012

## AWARDS & HONORS

### Castle Connolly Top Doctor

[www.CastleConnolly.com](http://www.CastleConnolly.com)

2023/2024

### “AZ Top Docs”, Orthopedic Surgery

<https://aztopdocs.com/doctors/drnimasalari/>

2024

### Phoenix Magazine, “Top Doc”, Orthopedic Spine Surgery

[www.phoenixmag.com/top-doctors.html](http://www.phoenixmag.com/top-doctors.html)

2023

Phoenix Magazine, <b>“Top Doc”</b> , Orthopedic Spine Surgery (most votes) www.phoenixmag.com/top-doctors.html	2022
<b>“AZ Top Docs”</b> , Orthopedic Surgery https://aztopdocs.com/doctors/drnimasalari/	2022
Phoenix Magazine, <b>“Top Doc”</b> , Orthopedic Spine Surgery www.phoenixmag.com/top-doctors.html	2020
Patients' Choice Award On-Time Doctor Award Compassionate Doctor Recognition Patients' Choice 5th Anniversary Award Compassionate Doctor Award - 5 Year Honoree Vitals - www.vitals.com	2020
Phoenix Magazine, <b>“Top Doc”</b> , Orthopedic Spine Surgery www.phoenixmag.com/top-doctors.html	2019
Patients' Choice Award On-Time Doctor Award Compassionate Doctor Recognition Vitals - www.vitals.com	2018
Phoenix Magazine, <b>“Top Doc”</b> , Orthopedic Spine Surgery www.phoenixmag.com/top-doctors.html	2017
Healthgrades Honor Roll www.healthgrades.com	2017
Patients' Choice Award On-Time Doctor Award Compassionate Doctor Recognition Vitals - www.vitals.com	2017
Phoenix Magazine, <b>“Top Doc”</b> , Orthopedic Spine Surgery www.phoenixmag.com/top-doctors.html	2016
Patients' Choice Award On-Time Doctor Award Compassionate Doctor Recognition Vitals - www.vitals.com	2016
Patients' Choice Award On-Time Doctor Award Compassionate Doctor Recognition Vitals - www.vitals.com	2015
Vitals Compassionate Doctor Recognition Vitals - www.vitals.com	2014

<b>Member of Alpha Omega Alpha, Medical Honors Society</b> Temple University School of Medicine, Epsilon Chapter of PA (inducted) Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine (contributing member)	October 2006
<b>Nemser-Scarf Scholarship</b> Temple University School of Medicine	September 2003 – May 2007
<b>Outstanding Senior of the Year in Bioengineering</b> University of Pittsburgh	April 2003
<b>Beckman National Scholar</b> Arnold and Mabel Beckman Foundation	June 2002 - August 2003
<b>Engineering Alumni Fund</b> University of Pittsburgh, School of Engineering	August 2002 – April 2003
<b>University Scholar</b> University of Pittsburgh	February 2002/2003
<b>Summer Undergraduate Research Program Annual Symposium Award</b> Musculoskeletal Research Center	August 2001
<b>Brackenridge Summer Research Fellow</b> University of Pittsburgh, Honors College	May 2001 – August 2001

### PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

Biomedical Engineering Society (BMES)	2000 – 2003
American Medical Student Association (AMSA)	2003 – 2012
Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society (AOA)	2006 – present
American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS)	2007 – present
North American Spine Society (NASS)	2011 – present
International Society for the Advancement of Spine Surgery (ISASS)	2012 – present
AOSpine North America (AOSNA)	2012 – present
Society for Minimally Invasive Spine Surgery (SMISS)	2014 – present

### CERTIFICATIONS

#### State Licenses

California State Medical License	expires April 2024
Arizona State Medical License	expires April 2024

**Licensing Exams**

USMLE Step I	July 2005
USMLE Step II, CK	February 2007
USMLE Step II, CS	March 2007
USMLE Step III	July 2008
American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery, Part I Examination	September 2012
American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery, Part II Examination	July 2015

**ATTENDED COURSES & MEETINGS**

AO Fundamentals Course, Camden, NJ	September 18 – 21, 2008
Stryker Foot and Ankle Basic Course, Denver, CO	August 20 – 23, 2009
Orthofix Atlas Forum, Las Vegas, NV	April 16 – 18, 2010
Stryker Spine Deformity Course, Miami, FL	May 20 – 22, 2010
Stryker MIPO Trauma Course, Ft. Lauderdale, FL	August 20 – 21, 2010
Medtronic Spine Surgeon Transition Program, Phase 1, San Diego, CA	March 17 – 19, 2011
Synthes Foot & Ankle Update, Baltimore, MD	April 26, 2011
AAOS Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA	February 6 – 11, 2012
AAOS Board Preparation Review Course, Chicago, IL	April 10 – 15, 2012
Orthofix Atlas Forum, Lewisville, TX	April 19 – 21, 2012
Medtronic Spine Surgeon Transition Program, Phase 2, Miami, FL	April 26 – 28, 2012
Stryker Spine Training Course, Ft. Lauderdale, FL	May 11 – 13, 2012
Stanford Spine Alumni Meeting, Las Vegas, NV	September 28 – 30, 2012
North American Spine Society Annual Meeting, Dallas, TX	October 25 – 27, 2012
Globus Skin to Skin MIS TLIF/LLIF Training, Henderson, NV	November 9, 2012
Interactive Educational Program for Spine Surgeons, San Diego, CA	November 16 – 18, 2012
Nuvasive XLIF and MAS TLIF training course, San Diego, CA	January 18 – 19, 2013
Spine Fellows Course, Vail, CO	January 25 – 27, 2013
Synthes Deformity Course, San Diego, CA	February 16, 2013
Globus Principles of Spinal Surgery for Fellows, Henderson, NV	April 5 – 6, 2013
Medtronic Kyphoplasty Certification, Transition to Practice, Tampa, FL	May 3 – 5, 2013
Stryker Spine, 6 <sup>th</sup> Annual Fellows VIP with Dr. Vaccaro, Allendale, NJ	May 17, 2013
Depuy/Synthes ProDiscL certification with Dr. Hall, Flagstaff, AZ	August 6 – 7, 2013
Stanford Spine Alumni Meeting, Las Vegas, NV	August 9 – 10, 2013
Interactive Educational Program for Spine Surgeons, Las Vegas, NV	November 15 – 17, 2013
Comp. Min. Disruptive Solutions for Lumbar Pathology, San Diego, CA	February 21 – 22, 2014
Globus Skin to Skin MIS TLIF, Henderson, NV	March 1, 2014
<b>Faculty:</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Annual SMISS Contemp Tech for MIS Spine, St. Louis, MO	March 28 – 29, 2014
Stryker Foundational Techniques in MIS Spine, Las Vegas, NV	May 16, 2014
Stryker Spine Tumor Meeting, Las Vegas, NV	June 6, 2014
Stanford Spine Alumni Meeting, Las Vegas, NV	August 15 – 16, 2014
<b>Faculty:</b> ISASS Basic + Advanced Endoscopic Spine Surgery Training	September 11 – 14, 2014
AAOS Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV	March, 2015
DePuy Synthes Future Leaders: Intro to TL Spine Surg App	April 16, 2016
<b>Faculty:</b> ISASS Basic + Advanced Endoscopic Spine Surgery Training	September 9 – 11, 2016
Stanford Spine Alumni Meeting, Las Vegas, NV	October, 2016
AAOS Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA	March, 2017
<b>Faculty:</b> ISASS Basic + Advanced Endoscopic Spine Surgery Training	September 21 – 23, 2017
Medacta Myspine MC Train the Trainer course, Geneva, Switzerland	March, 2018
<b>Faculty:</b> Medacta Myspine MC training course, San Francisco, CA	April, 2018
<b>Faculty:</b> Midline Approach, Cortical Fixation roundtable, Barcelona, Spain	September 20, 2018

North American Spine Society Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA	September 25 - 28, 2018
Cervical Spine Research Society Annual Meeting, Phoenix, AZ	December 5 – 8, 2018
<b>Faculty:</b> Medacta Myspine MC training course, Dallas, TX	March 28, 2019
Speaker: Medacta MORE Symposium, Lugano, Switzerland	April 11-13, 2019
<b>Faculty:</b> Medacta Myspine MC training course, Cremona, Italy	April 13, 2019
<b>Faculty:</b> Medacta Myspine MC training course, Franklin, TN	July 26, 2019
21st Annual AAOS <b>Workers' Comp and MSK Injuries Course</b> , Atlanta, GA	Nov 7 – 10, 2019
<b>Faculty:</b> Medacta Myspine MC training course, Philadelphia, PA	February 13, 2021
<b>Faculty:</b> Medacta Myspine MC training course, Dallas, TX	March 13, 2021
<b>Faculty:</b> Medacta Myspine MC training course, Phoenix, AZ	April 24, 2021
<b>Faculty:</b> Stryker Lateral Tech Spine Surg, Riverside, CA	May 1, 2021
<b>Faculty:</b> Medacta Myspine MC training course, Phoenix, AZ	August 28, 2021
<b>Faculty:</b> Stryker Tech Trends Less Inv Spine Surg, Las Vegas, NV	September 10, 2021
<b>Faculty:</b> Medacta Myspine MC training course, Phoenix, AZ	November 22, 2021
<b>Faculty:</b> Stryker, Advanced Tech in Lateral Spine Surgery, Miami, FL	May 20, 2022
<b>Faculty:</b> Medacta Myspine MC training course, Chicago, IL	June 11, 2022
<b>Faculty:</b> Medacta Myspine MC training course, Las Vegas, NV	September 17, 2022
<b>Faculty:</b> Amplify Surgical Endoscopic Spine Symposium, Los Angeles, CA	March 4, 2023
<b>Faculty:</b> Stryker, Advanced Tech in Lateral Spine Surgery, Las Vegas, NV	September 22, 2023
<b>Faculty:</b> Seattle Science Foundation, Pacific NW OR Personnel Course	October 7, 2023

#### PERSONAL

Citizenship:	U.S.
Languages:	Fluent in English, German, and Farsi. Semi-fluent in French.
Activities/Interests:	<p>Volunteer work with local animal rescue organizations (jasmineshouse.org, recycledlove.org) in the past to help find homes for neglected cats and dogs, mostly Pit Bull Terriers.</p> <p>Hobbies include following college and professional sports, participating in recreational sports, physical health, and fitness. Also good food and new places to travel to are great sources of joy. Golf, cycling, and hiking have become major leisure activities.</p>