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Board Certified Neurosurgeon & Spine Surgeon

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UCLA-Graduate Neurosurgeon & Spine Surgeon with expertise services in Minimally Invasive spine surgery, brain surgery, as well as vascular and peripheral nerves surgery.

EDUCATION

Harvard Kennedy School of Government

Cambridge, Massachusetts
Masters in Public Administration

M.P.A.;
July 2013 - June 2014

University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) Medical Center

Los Angeles, California
Neurosurgery Chief Resident
Neurosurgery Chief Resident Los Angeles VA Hospital
2006
Neurosurgery Resident
Basic Surgical Training Program Intern

Neurosurgeon;
Jan 2007 - June 2008
July 2006 - Dec
July 2003 - June 2006
July 2002 - June 2003

University of Minnesota Medical School

Minneapolis, Minnesota
Medical Doctorate Degree

M.D.;
July 1998 - June 2002

Amherst College

Amherst, Massachusetts
B.A. with honors in Biology and Black Studies

B.A.;
July 1993 - June 1997

Breck School

Minneapolis, Minnesota
High School Diploma

July 1990 - June 1993

EMPLOYMENT

Private Practice

Downtown Los Angeles, California
Encino, California
Attending Neurosurgeon

2019 - Present
2015 - Present

Talamus Health Inc.

Los Angeles, California
Founder, CEO

2015 - Present

New York Hospital

Queens, Flushing, New York
Attending Neurosurgeon at Level I trauma center

2008 - 2013

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UCLA Medical Centre

Los Angeles, California

Neurosurgery Resident

Surgical Intern

2003-2008

2002-2003

The Carson Group

New York, New York

Biotechnology Analyst

1997-98

Amherst College Office of Residential Life

Amherst, Massachusetts

Resident Counselor

1995-97

Amherst College Department of Biology

Amherst, Massachusetts

Teaching Assistant in developmental biology and biochemistry

1996-97

Hennepin County Medical Center

Minneapolis, Minnesota

X-Ray file room clerk

Summer 1993

HONORS and AWARDS

National Medical Association Meeting

Honolulu, Hawaii

Medical Research Prize 2nd Place

2007

John Woodruff Simpson Fellowship

Amherst, Massachusetts

Graduate education fellowship awarded by Amherst College board of trustees.

1997 - 2002

Amherst College

Amherst, Massachusetts

Distinction in Department of Biology

1997

Obed Slingerland Memorial Prize

Amherst, Massachusetts

Awarded by Amherst College faculty to the student who has shown the greatest determination, citizenship and scholarship in the attainment of his/her college education.

1997

Science Department Distinction

Minneapolis, Minnesota

1993

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EXTRACURRICULAR and COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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| Right to Dream Academy <i>Accra, Ghana</i> Advisory Board member | 2014 - Present |
| Shine the Light Campaign, Soleil Global <i>New York/Haiti</i> Traveled as part of a team of volunteers that worked on bringing portable solar energy solutions to rural Haiti and assessing medical needs. Organized Fundraisers for the organization. | 2011 & 2012 |
| Annual Neuroscience Symposium Lecture (NYHQ) <i>New York, New York</i> Diagnosis and Management of back pain Diagnosis and management of Odontoid fractures | 2011 2012 |
| Brotherhood Sister Sol <i>Harlem, New York</i> Organized a fundraiser that covered the cost of sending 15 at risk youth from Harlem on a 1 month international internship to Ghana. | 2010 |
| New York Hospital Queens, Grand Rounds <i>Queens, New York</i> Diagnosis and Management of Cerebral Metastasis Diagnosis and treatment of Primary Brain Tumors | 2009 2010 |
| African Health Now <i>New York, New York</i> Medical advisory board member | 2009 - Present |
| Queens Medical Society <i>Queens, New York</i> Diagnosis and Management of Back Pain | 2009 |
| Shanghai Children's Hospital <i>Shanghai China</i> Part of visiting neurosurgery team from UCLA Medical Center. Performed pro bono surgery for orphans in order to medically clear them for adoption. | 2007 |
| Brain Lab Inc. <i>Munich, Germany</i> Presentation on Endoscopic Brain Navigation | 2007 |
| 140/Haircut Project <i>St. Paul, Minnesota</i> Co-founder: Outreach project to provide medical education to underserved communities. | 2000 - 2002 |

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Student National Medical Association

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Minnesota Chapter Treasurer

Member

2001 - 2002

1998 - 2002

Student International Health Committee

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Co-Chair: A group of 150 students from the allied health fields dedicated to promoting trans-national and cross-cultural healthcare education. Played a leadership role in organizing the annual global health forum.

1998 - 2000

Senior Honors Thesis in Biology

Amherst College

Successfully designed single universal primers for blind PCR amplification of mice immunoglobulin genes. The primers are currently used in several research laboratories around the globe.

1997

Howard Hughes Research Fellow

Amherst College

Department of Biology: Investigated the localization pattern of DG-17 ring-finger protein in Dictyostelium Discoideum.

1996

Department of Neuroanatomy

Summer Research Associate: Investigated the effects of B-aminopropionitrile fumarate on spinal cord development of Xenopus laevis.

1992

PRESENTATIONS and PUBLICATIONS

1. Wang Zongde, **Raifu Murisiku** et al: Universal PCR Amplification of mouse immunoglobulin gene variable regions: the design of degenerate primers and an assessment of the effect of DNA polymerase 3'-5' exonuclease activity. Journal of Immunological Methods, 2000, 233(167-177).
2. Pedroso Alensandra, Matozzo Carlos, **Raifu Murisiku** et al.: Effects of radiosurgery on cyst size in Craniopharyngioma (Abstract, AANS Annual Conference 2004).
3. **Raifu Murisiku**, Khoo Larry et al: Use of continuous intraoperative electromyographic nerve root potential monitoring during decompression of patients with symptomatic lumbar radiculopath (Abstract, North American Spine Society 2005, American Association of neurological surgeons 2006).
4. **Raifu Murisiku**, Khoo Larry: Minimally Invasive Anterior Cervical Surgery; Chapter XII (p.377). Decision Making in Spine Care (Thieme 2007, reprint 2011).
5. **Raifu Murisiku**, Khoo Larry: Computer Assisted Spine Surgery; Chapter XII (p.409) Decision Making in Spine Care (Thieme 2007. Reprint 2011)
6. Upchurch Kristen, **Raifu Murisiku**, Bergsneider Marvin: Endoscope-assisted placement of a multi-perforated shunt catheter into the fourth ventricle via a frontal trans-ventricular approach. Neurosurgical focus 22(4):E8 2007.
7. Manoel Neto, Alessandra Gorgulho, **Murisiku Raifu**, Jason Haupton, Christus Boskos, Ana Moura, Michael Selch, Nzhde Agazaryan, Antonio De Salles: Stereotactic Radiotherapy (SRT) for Meningiomas Compressing the Optic Apparatus (Abstract Congress NS 2008).

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8. Mohamed Erritouni, Nessrine Ktaich, James Rahai, Deborah Figueroa, Jaime Nieto, Carl Urban, **Raifu Murisiku** et al: Use of Daptomycin for treatment of meticillin- resistant coagulase-negative staphylococcus ventriculitis. Case reports in Medicine 593578 :2 (2012).
9. Stessin A, Sison C, Nieto J, **Raifu Murisiku**, Li B: The role of postoperative radiotherapy in the treatment of Meningeal Hemangiopericytoma - Experience from the SEER Database, International Journal of Radiation Oncology, Biology, Physics No. ROB-D-12-00461R1 (2012).

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