

# Murisiku Raifu, M.D., M.P.A.

## 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  
Neurosurgery Resident  
Basic Surgical Training Program Intern

**Neurosurgeon;**  
*Jan 2007 - June 2008*  
*July 2006 - Dec 2006*  
*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**

<b>Right to Dream Academy</b> <i>Accra, Ghana</i> Advisory Board member	<b>2014 - Present</b>
<b>Shine the Light Campaign, Soleil Global</b> <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.	<b>2011 &amp; 2012</b>
<b>Annual Neuroscience Symposium Lecture (NYHQ)</b> <i>New York, New York</i> Diagnosis and Management of back pain Diagnosis and management of Odontoid fractures	<b>2011</b> <b>2012</b>
<b>Brotherhood Sister Sol</b> <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.	<b>2010</b>
<b>New York Hospital Queens, Grand Rounds</b> <i>Queens, New York</i> Diagnosis and Management of Cerebral Metastasis Diagnosis and treatment of Primary Brain Tumors	<b>2009</b> <b>2010</b>
<b>African Health Now</b> <i>New York, New York</i> Medical advisory board member	<b>2009 - Present</b>
<b>Queens Medical Society</b> <i>Queens, New York</i> Diagnosis and Management of Back Pain	<b>2009</b>
<b>Shanghai Children's Hospital</b> <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.	<b>2007</b>
<b>Brain Lab Inc.</b> <i>Munich, Germany</i> Presentation on Endoscopic Brain Navigation	<b>2007</b>
<b>140/Haircut Project</b> <i>St. Paul, Minnesota</i> Co-founder: Outreach project to provide medical education to underserved communities.	<b>2000 - 2002</b>

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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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