

## HEART OF THE MATTER EXPERTISE

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## CURRICULUM VITAE

### PERSONAL

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Date of Birth	February 16, 1945
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### EDUCATION

9/63 - 6/67	B.S., Biology Tufts University College of Liberal Arts Medford, Massachusetts
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9/67 - 6/71	M.D. Tufts University School of Medicine Boston, Massachusetts
7/71 - 12/74	Resident - General Surgery University of Alabama School of Medicine Birmingham, Alabama
1/75 - 12/76	Resident - Cardiac & Thoracic Surgery (Including 6 months as Chief Resident) University of Alabama School of Medicine Birmingham, Alabama
1/77 - 6/77	Research Fellow - Cardiac Surgery University of Alabama School of Medicine Birmingham, Alabama
7/77 - 6/78	Chief Resident - General Surgery University of Alabama School of Medicine Birmingham, Alabama

## **LICENSURE**

1972	Alabama (5966)
1978	California (G38123)
1980	Montana (4570) - active
1998	North Carolina (98-01168) – inactive as of 2/16/10

## **BOARD CERTIFICATIONS**

July 1972	National Board of Medical Examiners (1154229)
May 1979	American Board of Surgery (24781)
May 1981	American Board of Thoracic Surgery (3662)
Dec 1995	American Board of Forensic Examiners (6053)
May 1996	American Board of Forensic Medicine (6053)
Dec 1998	Recertified by ABTS (1991 – 2001)
Dec 2001	Recertified by ABTS (2001 – 2011)

**ACTIVE PRACTICE APPOINTMENTS AND ACTIVITIES**

8/78 - 6/80	Naval Regional Medical Center San Diego, CA
9/79 -	University of California at San Diego Clinical Assistant Professor Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery San Diego, CA
11/80 - 7/96	Montana Deaconess Medical Center Cardiac Surgery Great Falls, MT
5/81 - 7/96	Columbus Hospital Department of Surgery Great Falls, MT
7/96 - 6/97	Benefis Hospital (formed by merger of Montana Deaconess Medical Center and Columbus Hospital) Great Falls, MT
6/ 97 - 7/98	Chief, Surgical Service VA Medical Center Asheville, NC
12/97 – 6/30/2001	Associate Consulting Professor of Surgery Duke University Medical Center Durham, NC
1/2002 – 1/2003	Surgical Consultant Park Ridge Hospital Fletcher, NC
2001 - present time	Consulting with one cardiologist and two surgeons in their cardiovascular disease practices.

**MEMBERSHIPS AND SOCIETIES**

American College of Chest Physicians: Fellow Emeritus  
Member of Council on Critical Care and  
Forum on Cardiovascular Disease (Section on Cardiothoracic  
Surgery.)

American College of Forensic Examiners - Fellow  
 American Heart Association - Council on CV  
 Surgery and Anesthesia and  
 Working Group on Quality  
 of Care & Outcomes  
 Research

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## **MILITARY SERVICE**

7/6/78 - 6/1/80 Lt. Commander, MC, United States Navy  
 Decorations:  
 Navy Achievement Medal  
 National Defense Medal (Ensign 1915  
 Program - 1969)  
 Expert – Rifle  
 Expert – Pistol

## **PRESENTATIONS**

1. Valve Replacement and Myocardial Revascularization: Results of the combined operation in 59 patients. Presented to the 47<sup>th</sup> Scientific Sessions of the American Heart Association, Dallas, TX, November 1974. (Abstract - Circulation: supplement III, 50 (4): 111, October 1974.)
2. Surgery for Complete Atrioventricular Canal under Two Years of Age. Presented to the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Sessions of the American College Of Cardiology, Las Vegas, Nevada, March 1977. (Abstract - American Journal of Cardiology, 39:302, February 1977.)
3. Case Report: Involving Patient with rare Combination of Partial AV Canal and Ebstein's Anomaly - First Such Case to Survive Surgery. Presented to the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the John W. Kirklin Society, Birmingham, Alabama, May 2, 1980.
4. Respiratory Care of the Patient after Cardiac Surgery. Presented to the Montana Society of Respiratory Therapists and Montana Society of Cardiopulmonary Technicians, Missoula, MT, April 24, 1981.
5. Aortocornary Vein Graft Spasm. Presented to the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Assembly of the American College of Chest Physicians. Chicago, IL, October 26, 1983.
6. Thoracic Aorta Injuries. Presented at the Trauma Care and Trauma Transport Symposium, Great Falls, MT, May 5, 1984

7. Surgery in Acute MI. Panelist at the Montana Heart Association Scientific Sessions, Missoula, MT May 10, 1985.
8. State-of-the-Art therapy for Coronary Disease in the Northwest. Presented at the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Montana Deaconess Cardiac Symposium, Great Falls, MT, November 9, 1985.

## PUBLICATIONS

1. Pandya DN, Gold D, Berger, TJ: Interhemispheric connections of the precentral motor cortex In the rhesus monkey. *Brain Research* 15:594,1969.
2. Berger, TJ: George Washington - A medical history. *Medical Opinion* 3(2):58, February 1974
3. Berger, TJ, Karp RB, Kouchoukos NT: Valve replacement and myocardial revascularization: results of the combined operation in 59 patients. *Circulation*, supplement 1, 51-52:126, August 1975.
4. Berger TJ, Kirklin JW, Blackstone EH, Pacifico AD, Kouchkos NT: Primary repair of Complete atrioventricular canal in patients less than two years old. *Am J Card* 41:906, 1978.
5. Berger TJ, Blackstone EH, Kirklin JW, Bargeron LM, Hazelrig JB, Turner ME: Survival and Probability of cure without and with operation in complete atrioventricular canal. *Ann Thorac Surg* 27:104, 1979.
6. Handler JB, Berger TJ, Miller RH, Hagan AD, Peniston RL, Vieweg, WVR: Partial atrioventricular canal in association with Ebstein's Anomaly. *Chest* 80:4, 1981.
7. Berger TJ: Initial Proximal versus distal anastomoses. *Ann of Thorac Surg* 39:498, 1985.
8. Berger TJ, Mungas JE: Concomitant coronary and cerebral revascularisation. *Ann Thorac Surg* 43:239, 1987.
9. Berger TJ: Pre-clotting techniques in thoracic surgery. *Chest* 95:444-445, 1989.
10. Berger TJ: A most unusual case. *Cortlandt Forum* 18:70, 1992
11. Berger TJ: *The Role of Expert Witnesses in Medical Malpractice Cases*, Chapter 8, Aspatore Books, 2009.

12. Thomas Jay Berger, MD, *Dueling in Death's Backyard*, Story Merchant Books, Los Angeles 2015

#### **OTHER CONTRIBUTATIONS TO SCIENTIFIC LITERATURE**

- 1 Kirklin JW, Barratt-Boyes BW: Cardiac Surgery, Acknowledged contribution, p. ix, John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 1986
- 2 Discussant in The Mitral Valve, a Pluridisciplinary Approach; edited by Daniel Kalmanson, Foundation Adolphe de Rothschild. Department of Cardiology, Acton, Massachusetts, 973, pp. Cii, 474 & 569. Publishing Sciences Group, Inc. (From the Proceedings of the first International Symposium on the Mitral Valve. Paris, France, May 1975.
- 3 Consultant for Chest, Chest 69 (1):128, January 1976; Chest 72(1):41, January 1977.
4. Letter to the Editor, JAMA, 252 (6):768, August 1984.
5. Letter to the Editor, JAMA, 258 (9):1173, September 4, 1987
6. Letter to the Editor, Cardiothoracic Anesthesia, 1 (5):500, October 1987
7. Letter to the Editor, Journal of Cardiac Surgery, 5 (4):3:59, December 1990
8. Letter to the Editor, JAMA, 267 (2):234, January 8, 1992.
9. Letter to the Editor, Annals of Thoracic Surgery, 58 (4):1214 October 1994.