

# Arie Blitz, MD, MBA, FACC

## *Curriculum Vitae*

### **Birthplace and Date**

New York - February 17, 1962



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### **Social Media / Web Sites:**

CTSNet: <http://www.ctsnet.org/home/ablitz>  
Linked In: <http://www.linkedin.com/in/arieblitzmd>  
YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/heartfixer100>  
Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/CardiothoracicSurgeryOperativeVideos>  
Twitter: <http://www.twitter.com/@ArieBlitzMD>

### **Education**

1980-1985 Cornell University, BA  
Ithaca, New York  
Major: Philosophy  
Dean's List

1985-1989 Albert Einstein College of Medicine, MD  
Bronx, New York

2008-2015 Weatherhead School of Management (Case Western Reserve)  
MBA  
Concentrations: Hospital Administration, Banking and Finance  
Cleveland, Ohio

2016-2020 Concord Law School (online), JD  
Concentrations: Health Law

## **Training**

1989-1994                      Residency: General Surgery  
Albert Einstein College of Medicine / Montefiore Medical Center  
Bronx, New York

1994-1996                      Research Fellowship: Cardiothoracic Surgery  
Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery  
UCLA Medical Center  
Los Angeles, California

1996-1998                      Clinical Fellowship: Cardiothoracic Surgery  
Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery  
UCLA Medical Center  
Los Angeles, California

1998-1999                      Clinical Fellowship: Congenital Heart Surgery  
Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery  
UCLA Medical Center  
Los Angeles, California

2004-2005                      Clinical Fellowship: Heart Transplant and Assist Device Surgery  
Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery  
Ochsner Clinic Foundation  
New Orleans, Louisiana

## **Professional Experience**

July 1999 -  
September 2000                      Adult and Congenital Heart Surgery  
Orange County Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgeons  
Orange, California

February 2001-  
October 2002                      Medical Director  
Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery  
Rush Foundation Hospital  
Meridian, MS  
Startup Program

October 2002-  
May 2004                      Medical Director  
Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery  
Cardiovascular Institute of Mississippi  
McComb, MS  
Startup Program: First Heart Hospital in Mississippi

July 2004-  
October 2005                      Clinical Associate/Fellow  
Heart Transplantation/Assist Device Surgery  
Ochsner Clinic  
New Orleans, LA

November 2005-  
June 2013                      Assistant Professor  
Director, Heart Transplantation and Assist Device Surgery  
University Hospitals Health System / Case University  
Cleveland, OH

August 2013-  
June 2014

Professor and Chief  
Division of Cardiac Surgery  
University of Cincinnati Medical Center  
Cincinnati, OH  
Member, CVTS, Inc.

January 2015-  
February 2016

Director, Surgery for Advanced Heart Failure, ECMO, & TAVR  
McAllen Heart Hospital  
1900 South D Street  
McAllen, TX 78503

**Locum Tenens Assignments**

July, August 2013

Cardiac Surgery  
Marion General Hospital  
1000 McKinley Park Drive  
Marion, OH 43302

2015 (multiple), April-October

Cardiac Surgery  
Doctors Hospital of Laredo  
10700 McPherson Road  
Laredo, TX 78045

2015-6 (December-January)

Cardiac Surgery  
Wadley Regional Medical Center  
1307 Trinity St, Texarkana, TX 75503

April 2016 to Present  
(ongoing and recurring)

Cardiac Surgery  
St. Francis Hospital  
1700 SW 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
Topeka, KS 66606

October 2016 to present  
(ongoing and recurring)

Cardiac Surgery  
Paris Regional Medical Center  
820 Clarksville Street  
Paris, TX 75460

December 2016 to present  
(ongoing and recurring)

Cardiac Surgery  
Lawnwood Regional Medical Center (HCA)  
1700 S 23rd St  
Fort Pierce, FL 34950

May 2017 to present  
(ongoing and recurring)

Cardiac Surgery  
Aventura Hospital (HCA)  
Kendall Regional Medical Center (HCA)  
Mercy Hospital (HCA)  
Miami, FL

August 2017 to  
October 2017

Cardiac Surgery  
Carolinas Hospital System  
805 Pamplico Hwy  
Florence, SC 29505

August 2017 to present (ongoing and recurring)	Cardiac Surgery Bon Secours St. Francis Downtown 1 St. Francis Drive Greenville, SC 29601
September 2017 to present (ongoing and recurring)	Kansas Medical Center 1124 W 21 <sup>st</sup> St Andover, KS 67002
November 2017 to February 2018	Bayfront Health Port Charlotte 2500 Harbor Boulevard Port Charlotte, FL 33952
March 2017 to present (ongoing and recurring)	Hilton Head Hospital 25 Hospital Center Blvd Hilton Head Island, SC 29926

**Licensure and Board Certification**

1990	National Board of Medical Examiners
1994	California State Medical Licensure (exp)
1996	Board Certification in General Surgery
2001	Mississippi State Medical Licensure (exp)
2002	Alabama State Medical Licensure (exp)
2004	Louisiana State Medical Licensure (exp)
2004	Board Certification in Thoracic Surgery
2005	Florida State Medical Licensure (exp)
2005	Ohio State Medical Licensure
2006	Board Recertification in General Surgery
2013	Indiana State Medical Licensure
2014	Board Recertification in Thoracic Surgery
2015	Texas State Licensure
2016	Illinois State Licensure
2016	Kansas State Licensure
2016	Florida Licensure (relicensed)
2016	New York (relicensed)
2016	South Carolina Licensure
2016	California State Licensure (relicensed)
2016	Wisconsin State Licensure
2017	Nebraska State Licensure
2017	Missouri State Licensure

## Summary of Active State Licenses

- New York
- California
- Florida
- Kansas
- South Carolina
- Ohio
- Indiana
- Illinois
- Texas
- Wisconsin
- Nebraska
- Missouri

## Recent Awards

U.S. News and World Report: Top Doctors Designation 2012  
Castle-Connolly: Top Doctor 2106

## Additional Training / Certification

Abiomed Ventricular Assist Device Training	Los Angeles, California	1996
Toronto Stentless Valve Training	Los Angeles, California	1998
Medtronic off-pump CABG Training	Minneapolis, Minnesota	1999
Freestyle Stentless Valve Training	San Francisco, California	1999
Mitral Valve Repair Training	St. Paul, Minnesota	1999
Mitral Valve Repair Training	Orlando, Florida	1999
Guidant Endoscopic Vein Harvest Training	Conroe, TX	2001
Cardioventions Endoscopic Vein Harvest Training	St. Petersburg, FL	2001
Laser Transmyocardial Revascularization (YAG)	Indianapolis, IN	2001
Laser Transmyocardial Revascularization (CO2)	Houston, TX	2001
Aortic Connector Training	Jackson, MS	2002
Robotics	Greenville, NC	2002
Atrial fibrillation Surgery	Orlando, FL	2003
AICD/Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy	Covington, LA	2003
Assist Device Placement	New Orleans, LA	2004
Novacor Assist Device Training	Pittsburgh, PA	2005
Thoratec PVAD/IVAD Training	Chicago, IL	2005
Endovascular Intervention Training	New Orleans, LA	2005
Thoratec Heartmate I Training	New York NY	2005
Jarvikheart Training	Houston, TX	2006
Abiomed Impella Training	Cleveland, OH	2009
Thoratec Heartmate II Training	Ann Arbor, MI	2009
CMS Destination Therapy Certification	Cleveland, OH	2010
Medtronic TAVI Training	Cleveland, OH	2011
CMS Destination Therapy Recertification	Cleveland, OH	2012
CMS Destination Therapy Recertification	Cincinnati, OH	2013
Thoratec Centrimag Training	Minneapolis, MN	2013
Medtronic CoreValve TAVR Training	Houston, TX	2015
Edwards TAVR Training	Houston, TX	2015
CLIA Lab Director Certification	Online	2018

## **Leadership Positions / Memberships / Organizations / Committees**

Associate Editor, CTSNet  
Surgeons-in-Training Committee, CTSNet  
Allied Health Committee, CTSNet  
Committee Member, Thoracic Surgery Social Media Network (@TSSMN)  
Author, SESATS Questions (Thoracic Surgery Board Exam)  
Past President, Ohio Chapter of the American Heart Association  
Chairperson, Cleveland CPR Anytime Committee  
Abstract Review Committee, International Society of Heart and Lung Transplantation  
Mechanical Circulatory Support Committee, International Society of Heart and Lung Transplantation  
Peer Review Committee, Valley Care Clinics, McAllen, TX  
Physician Recruitment Committee, McAllen Heart Hospital, McAllen, TX  
Medical Student Interview Committee, Case Western Reserve University Medical School  
Transplant QA Committee, University Hospitals Case Medical Center  
VAD QA Committee, University Hospitals Case Medical Center  
Secretary/Treasurer, Ochsner Alumni Association Board  
Fellow, American College of Cardiology  
Member, Society of Thoracic Surgeons  
European Association for Cardiothoracic Surgery  
American Society of Transplant Surgeons  
International Society for Heart and Lung Transplantation  
American Society of Artificial Internal Organs

## **Special Interests and Skills**

Heart/Lung Transplantation  
Ventricular Assist Device Placement  
ECMO  
Percutaneous Valve Therapies  
Atrial Fibrillation Surgery  
Minimally Invasive Cardiac Surgery  
Mitral Valve Repair  
Adult Congenital Heart Surgery  
Off-pump Coronary Artery Bypass  
Minimally Invasive Vein Harvesting  
Revascularization with Arterial Conduits  
Stentless & Aortic Valve / Root Replacement  
Thoracic Aortic Surgery  
Laser Transmyocardial Revascularization  
Critical Care  
Health Care Economics  
Health Care Financial Management  
Health Care Negotiations  
Health Care Strategy  
Health Care Reform  
Health Law

## **Major Presentations and Abstracts at National / International Conferences**

1. Acute Electrophysiological Effects of the Maze Procedure on Canine Sinoatrial Node Function  
New York Thoracic Surgical Society, New York, 1992
2. Chronic Electrophysiological Effects of the Maze Procedure on Canine Sinoatrial Node Function  
Cardiostim '92, Nice, 1992
3. Revascularization Versus Transplantation for Ischemic Cardiomyopathy  
Society of Thoracic Surgeons, Florida, 1996
4. L-Arginine Supplementation During Reperfusion Results in Myocardial Dysfunction after Long-term Preservation  
International Society for Heart and Lung Transplantation, New York, 1997
5. Experience with the Modified Maze Procedure for Atrial Fibrillation  
Louisiana Chapter of the American College of Surgeons Meeting, New Orleans, 2005
6. The Surgical Management of Ischemic Mitral Regurgitation. The Japanese Association for Coronary Artery Surgery, Tokyo, Japan, 2007.
7. Results of Coronary Revascularization with the Radial Artery. The Japanese Association for Coronary Artery Surgery, Tokyo, Japan, 2007.
8. Ischemic Cardiomyopathy. The Japanese Association for Coronary Artery Surgery, Tokyo, Japan, 2007.
9. A Novel Percutaneous Rewarming Catheter for the Treatment of Hypothermia. The Society for Critical Care Medicine. Oahu, 2008
10. A Novel Percutaneous Rewarming Catheter for the Treatment of Hypothermia in Burn Patients. John A. Boswick Burn and Wound Care Symposium. Maui, 2008.
11. Cardiac Arrest and Cardiac Surgery Followed by Treatment with Therapeutic Hypothermia. Outcomes 2008. Barbados, 2008.
12. Use of a Novel Percutaneous Warming Catheter as a Protection against Perioperative Hypothermia. American Society of Anesthesiologists. Orlando, 2008.
13. A Novel Percutaneous Intravascular Rewarming Catheter Protects Against Hypothermia. Controversies and Advances in the Treatment of Cardiovascular Disease. Los Angeles, California, 2008.
14. Perioperative Therapeutic Hypothermia for Intraoperative Cardiac Arrest During Cardiac Surgery. American Society of Anesthesiologists. Orlando, 2008.
15. Use of a Warming Catheter to Treat Perioperative Hypothermia in a Patient Undergoing Salvage Off-Pump RVAD Insertion. American Society of Anesthesiologists. Orlando, 2008.
16. Reversal of Stroke by the Early Institution of Therapeutic Hypothermia after Cardiac Surgery. American Society of Anesthesiologists. Orlando, 2008.
17. Debate: Stenting versus CABG for Left Main Disease. Harrington-McLoughlin Heart and Vascular Institute Annual Symposium. Cleveland, OH 2008.

18. Use of a Warming/Cooling Catheter in Complex Cardiac Surgery. Update in Anesthesiology and Critical Care Medicine. Puerto Rico, January 2009.
19. Use of a Warming/Cooling Catheter in Complex Cardiac Surgery. San Diego Cardiothoracic Surgery Conference (CREF). San Diego, February 2009
20. Contemporary Experience with Isolated Right Ventricular Assist Devices for Right Ventricular Infarction with Shock. ASAIO Conference, Dallas, May 2009
21. Improving Outcomes after Cardiac Surgery through Temperature Management. Invited Lecturer. The New Orleans Conference. New Orleans, June 2009
22. Therapeutic Hypothermia. Invited Lecturer. The New Orleans Conference. New Orleans, June 2009
23. Methods of Cooling. Invited Lecturer. The Neurocritical Care Conference. Cleveland, Ohio, September 2009.
24. Temperature Modulation during Cardiac Surgery. Invited Lecture. Zoll Corporation Annual Sales Meeting. Scottsdale, Arizona, October 2009.
25. Cardiology for the Primary Care Practitioner. 14 CME Hours of Invited Lectures. February 2010.  
Topics:
  - Medical, Interventional, and Surgical Treatment of Coronary Artery Disease
  - Valvular Heart Disease
  - Medical and Surgical Management of Advanced Heart Failure
  - Endocarditis
  - Pulmonary Hypertension
  - Therapeutic Hypothermia
  - Cardiac Arrhythmias
  - Cardiovascular Emergencies
  - Thoracic Aortic Emergencies
26. Erosion of an Amplatzer Septal Occluder Device into the Aortic Root. American College of Cardiology March 2010.
27. Six lectures on Mechanical Circulatory Support at the New Orleans Conference: Practices in Cardiac Surgery. New Orleans, June 2010.
  - What's New in Circulatory Support?
  - Management of Right Ventricular Failure after LVAD Placement
  - Percutaneous VADs
  - The Permanent Artificial Heart
  - Managing Afterdrop Following Circulatory Arrest
  - Temperature Management after Cardiac Surgery

<http://www.theneworleansconference.com/confnola09/index.php>
28. The Treatment of Post-Cardiac Arrest Syndrome. Invited speaker at the Spartanburg Regional Medical Center Annual Cardiovascular Conference. Spartanburg, SC. October 2010.
29. Obamacare. Invited Debater at the Harrington-McLoughlin Heart and Vascular Institute Annual Symposium. Cleveland, OH. October 2010.
30. The Perils and Pitfalls of ECMO Therapy. Invited speaker at the North Cypress Medical Center, Cypress, TX. November 2010.



31. Use of the RVAD for RV failure. 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Update in Anesthesiology, Surgery, and Perioperative Medicine. St. Martin, French West Indies. January 2011.  
<http://www.clinicalupdateinanesesthesiology.org/brochure.pdf>
32. Four invited lectures on Mechanical Circulatory Support at the New Orleans Conference: Practices in Cardiac Surgery. New Orleans, June 2011.
  - Transfusion Trigger Debate
  - American vs. Canadian Healthcare System Debate
  - Strategic Planning for a Successful Business
  - Moderator and Judge of Adjudicated Poster Competition<http://www.theneworleansconference.com/confnola09/index.php>
33. Cardiology for the Primary Care Practitioner. 14 CME Hours of Invited Lectures. July 2011.  
Topics:
  - Medical, Interventional, and Surgical Treatment of Coronary Artery Disease
  - Valvular Heart Disease
  - Medical and Surgical Management of Advanced Heart Failure
  - Endocarditis
  - Pulmonary Hypertension
  - Therapeutic Hypothermia
  - Cardiac Arrhythmias
  - Cardiovascular Emergencies
  - Thoracic Aortic Emergencies[http://www.continuingeducation.net/coursedetails.php?program\\_number=840](http://www.continuingeducation.net/coursedetails.php?program_number=840)
34. Percutaneous VAD Therapy. Instructor/Proctor. Abiomed Training. Good Samaritan Hospital, Cincinnati, OH. March 2011
35. Destination Therapy. Grand Rounds. Saint John Medical Center, Westlake, OH. October 2011.
36. Mechanical Circulatory Support. Grand Rounds. The Duluth Clinic, Duluth, MN. December 2011.
37. Current Status of Mechanical Circulatory Support. 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Update in Anesthesiology, Surgery, and Perioperative Medicine. Puerto Rico. January 2012.  
<http://www.clinicalupdateinanesesthesiology.org/brochure.pdf>
38. Mechanical Circulatory Support: Welcome to the Machine. 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Chest Pain & Cardiovascular Symposium, Cleveland, OH. March 2012.
39. Cardiology for the Primary Care Practitioner. 14 CME Hours of Invited Lectures. May 2012.  
Topics: Medical, Interventional, and Surgical Treatment of Coronary Artery Disease
  - Valvular Heart Disease
  - Medical and Surgical Management of Advanced Heart Failure
  - Endocarditis
  - Pulmonary Hypertension
  - Therapeutic Hypothermia
  - Cardiac Arrhythmias
  - Cardiovascular Emergencies
  - Thoracic Aortic Emergencies[http://www.continuingeducation.net/coursedetails.php?program\\_number=840](http://www.continuingeducation.net/coursedetails.php?program_number=840)
40. Four invited lectures at the New Orleans Conference: Practices in Cardiac Surgery. New Orleans, June 2012.
  - Antegrade vs. Retrograde Cerebral Perfusion

- How Cardiac Surgery Will Be Affected by Health Care Reform
- Should Every Cardiac Surgery Program Have a VAD?
- Judge and Moderator for Poster Competition

<http://www.theneworleansconference.com/confnola09/index.php>

41. Proof of Concept: Excellent Destination Therapy Survival Can Be Achieved in a Low Volume Program. 22<sup>nd</sup> Congress of the World Society of Cardiothoracic Surgeons. Vancouver, CA, September 2012.
42. Update in Mechanical Circulatory Support. 31<sup>th</sup> Annual Update in Anesthesiology, Surgery, and Perioperative Medicine. Curacao. January 2013.
43. Hypothermia and Cardiac Surgery: A Yin-Yang Paradigm. 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Therapeutic Hypothermia and Temperature Management Symposium. Miami, March 2013.
44. Four invited lectures at the New Orleans Conference: Practices in Cardiac Surgery. New Orleans, June 2013.
  - How to Have Successful VAD Outcomes
  - Pitfalls in Aortic Dissection Surgery
  - Stem Cell Therapy Update
  - Judge and Moderator for Poster Competition

<http://www.theneworleansconference.com/confnola09/index.php>
45. Update in Mechanical Circulatory Support. 31<sup>1/2</sup> Annual Update in Anesthesiology, Surgery, and Perioperative Medicine. Las Vegas. October 2013.
46. Evidence for Mortality Benefit of Bypass Surgery over Stenting before Publication of the SYNTAX and FREEDOM trials: Value of Meta-Analyses. American Heart Association Scientific Meeting. Dallas, TX, November 2013.
 

<http://abstractsonline.com/notify/NotifySummary.asp?Action=ConfirmPresenter&MKey={951E351E-429C-4B2E-84D0-8DA73B00DE45}&CKey={52613371-0D07-46D7-9F8D-819A367F2990}&NKey={D54B795F-FCB6-4774-8FBC-0847DDBEE3C9}&strFrom=NotifyIntoPost>
47. Update in Mechanical Circulatory Support. 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Update in Anesthesiology, Surgery, and Perioperative Medicine. Bahamas. January 2014.
48. Three invited lectures at the New Orleans Conference: Practices in Cardiac Surgery. New Orleans, June 2014.
  - A Fresh Look at the Affordable Care Act
  - Fundamentals of Hemodynamic Support and Cardiac Assist Devices
  - Current and Future Percutaneous and Trans-Catheter Devices and Therapies

<http://www.theneworleansconference.com/confnola09/index.php>
49. Venous-Venous ECMO: State of the Art. Cincinnati, OH. Pulmonary & Critical Care Grand Rounds. 2014
50. Update in Mechanical Circulatory Support. 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Update in Anesthesiology, Surgery, and Perioperative Medicine. St. Kitts. January 2015.
51. Four invited lectures at the New Orleans Conference: Practices in Cardiac Surgery. New Orleans, June 2015.
  - Setting the LVAD RPM: Negotiating between Scylla and Charybdis
  - Tickle Me ECMO: Are the Results Laughable?
  - VAD Thrombosis: A Riddle Wrapped in a Mystery Inside an Enigma

- Horizontal vs. Vertical Integration in Health Care  
<http://www.theneworleansconference.com/confnola09/index.php>
52. Three invited lectures at The Houston Conference: Practices in Cardiac Surgery. Houston, March 2016
- The Law and the Perfusionist
  - Managing Right Heart Failure with the Impella RP
  - ECMO & VAD Survival
53. Four invited lectures at the New Orleans Conference: Practices in Cardiac Surgery. New Orleans, June 2016.
- Heart Harvesting from Non-Beating Heart Donors: The Issues
  - ECMO in the Modern Era
  - Update on Mechanical Circulatory Support
54. Update in Mechanical Circulatory Support. 35th Annual Update in Anesthesiology, Surgery, and Perioperative Medicine. Mexico. January 2017.
55. Three invited lectures at The Houston Conference: Practices in Cardiac Surgery. Houston, March 2017
- Perfusion and the Law
  - How Do You Protect Yourself from Legal Jeopardy?
  - Medicolegal Consulting for the Cardiac Surgery Field
56. Three invited lectures at the New Orleans Conference: Practices in Cardiac Surgery. New Orleans, June 2017.
- Mechanical Circulatory Support 2017: "Mercy, Mercy Me: What's Goin' On?"
  - "Take a life, give a life: Can we and should we be harvesting organs from imprisoned murderers upon their deaths?"
  - What is truly informed consent and should the perfusionist get his/her own?
57. Update in Mechanical Circulatory Support. 35th Annual Update in Anesthesiology, Surgery, and Perioperative Medicine. Atlantis. January 2018.
58. Three invited lectures at the New Orleans Conference: Practices in Cardiac Surgery. New Orleans, June 2018.
- The Economics of ECMO
  - Everything the Allied Health Professional Needs to Know about the Law
  - What is the Status of the ACA and What Will It Mean If It Is Repealed?
59. Special Lecture: Update in Mechanical Circulatory Support. 36th Annual Update in Anesthesiology, Surgery, and Perioperative Medicine. Aruba 2019.

### **Recent Moderating Activities**

1. Moderator, Poster Presentation, Cardiac Section, ASAIO Conference, Dallas, May 2009.
2. Moderator, The New Orleans Conference: Practices in Cardiac Surgery, June 2010.
3. Moderator, Abstract & Poster Competition at The New Orleans Conference: Practices in Cardiac Surgery, June 2011.
4. Moderator, Abstract & Poster Competition at The New Orleans Conference: Practices in Cardiac Surgery, June 2012.
5. Moderator, Abstract & Poster Competition at The New Orleans Conference: Practices in Cardiac Surgery, June 2013.
6. Moderator, Abstract & Poster Competition at The New Orleans Conference: Practices in Cardiac Surgery, June 2015.
7. Moderator, Cardiovascular Innovations Session; 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Update in Anesthesiology, Surgery, and Perioperative Medicine. Mexico, January 2017

### **Editorial Reviewer Activities**

1. Critical Care Medicine
2. Annals of Thoracic Surgery
3. Artificial Organs
4. Annals of Cardiothoracic Surgery
5. CTSNet

### **Abstract Reviewer**

1. International Society for Heart and Lung Transplantation Annual Conference
2. The New Orleans Conference
3. CTSNet

## **Recent Public Speaking Engagements & Media Interviews**

1. Go Red for Women Campaign. Channel 5 News Interview. 2/21/06. “Big Advances Make Open Heart Surgery More Routine”
2. Go Red for Women Campaign. Introductory comments at the 2008 Annual Breakfast.
3. CPR. Cleveland
4. “Cleveland Urged to Join National Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival” in the Cleveland Plain Dealer Newspaper 10/14/07.  
<https://mycares.net/downloads/Cleveland%20Article%2010.14.07.pdf>
5. “Some Say CPR Works Better Without Mouth-to-Mouth Breathing” in the Plain Dealer 2/10/08.
6. Go Red for Women Campaign. Radio Interview with Jim McIntyre 1/27/08.
7. CARES (Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival) program. TV Interview with Tom Merriman of Fox TV. 2/08
8. Cleveland Magazine. Go Red for Women Campaign. February 2008.
9. AHA Gift Gathering Campaign. Master of Ceremonies 3/20/08.
10. “Get Smart—Know Your Heart” 2008 Cardiac Symposium. Topic: Surgery for Advanced Heart Failure. Warren, OH
11. “Cleveland women need to improve heart-healthy habits.” Cleveland Plain Dealer newspaper article. May 2008.  
[http://blog.cleveland.com/health/2008/05/post\\_2.html](http://blog.cleveland.com/health/2008/05/post_2.html)
12. “Heart attack is often 1st sign of heart disease, cardiologist says.” Cleveland Plain Dealer newspaper article. June 2008.  
[http://blog.cleveland.com/health/2008/06/heart\\_attack\\_is\\_often\\_1st\\_sign.html](http://blog.cleveland.com/health/2008/06/heart_attack_is_often_1st_sign.html)
13. “Doctors to Implant Jarvik Heart Pump at University Hospitals.” Cleveland Plain Dealer newspaper article. July 2008.  
<http://blog.cleveland.com/health/2008/07/cardiac.html>
14. “Killer Christmas” News segment on Fox TV. 12/08.
15. “The Hottest and Coolest Trends in Temperature Management.” Healthcare Purchasing News article. December 2008.  
[http://findarticles.com/p/articles/mi\\_m0BPC/is\\_12\\_32/ai\\_n31391901/](http://findarticles.com/p/articles/mi_m0BPC/is_12_32/ai_n31391901/)
16. “The Heart of the Matter: Debunking Myths and Fears.” Publication in Binah Magazine, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 issue.
17. “MetroHealth, Cleveland EMS opposition puts regional use of cardiac arrest therapy in doubt.” Cleveland Plain Dealer newspaper article. March 2009.  
[http://blog.cleveland.com/medical/2009/03/regional\\_cooperation\\_among\\_hos.html](http://blog.cleveland.com/medical/2009/03/regional_cooperation_among_hos.html)
18. “Wider use of cooling treatment for heart attacks is welcome – editorial.” Cleveland Plain Dealer newspaper article. October 2009.  
[http://blog.cleveland.com/pdopinion/2009/03/wider\\_use\\_of\\_cooling\\_treatment.html](http://blog.cleveland.com/pdopinion/2009/03/wider_use_of_cooling_treatment.html)
19. “The Internet and Medical Information.” MSNBC Live Interview, Dr. Nancy Show. August 2009.
20. “At 19, heart transplant recipient Jack Kachmarik is figuring out how to make a difference with his life.” Cleveland Plain Dealer newspaper article. October 2009.  
[http://blog.cleveland.com/metro/2009/09/at\\_19\\_jack\\_kachmariks\\_had\\_a\\_st\\_1.html](http://blog.cleveland.com/metro/2009/09/at_19_jack_kachmariks_had_a_st_1.html)
21. “ECMO for H1N1.” Nightline ABC News Segment. November, 2009.
22. “Tort Reform and Healthcare Reform.” WKYC News Interview. November, 2009.
23. “University Hospitals Doctor Boycotts Egyptian Conference over Treatment of Israeli Physicians.” Plain Dealer Newspaper article. November, 2009.  
[http://www.cleveland.com/healthfit/index.ssf/2009/11/local\\_doctor\\_raises\\_concerns\\_f.html](http://www.cleveland.com/healthfit/index.ssf/2009/11/local_doctor_raises_concerns_f.html)
24. Update on Healthcare Reform. WKYC Live News Interview. March 2010.
25. “Bionic Heart Takes College Student from Death Bed to Altar.” AOL Health Interview.  
<http://www.aolhealth.com/2010/05/26/bionic-heart-takes-college-student-from-death-bed-to-wedding-altar/>
26. “Dick Cheney Undergoes LVAD.” MSNBC Live News Interview. July 2010.
27. “Sitting Increases Risk of Death.” MSNBC Live News Interview. July 2010.  
<http://abcnews.go.com/Health/video/sitting-increases-risk-death-11232152>

28. "What if Heart Failure Medications Don't Work?" Heart Failure: A Community Seminar. Beachwood, OH September 2010.
29. "Avon Lake Woman Defies Death." WEWS News Segment. October 2010.  
<http://www.newsnet5.com/dpp/news/health/avon-lake-woman-defies-death>
30. "Local Woman Who Defies Death Faces Financial Hardship." WEWS News Segment. December 2010.  
<http://www.newsnet5.com/dpp/news/health/local-woman-who-defied-death-now-faces-financial-hardship>
31. "Serena Williams' Pulmonary Embolism." MSNBC Live News Interview. March 2011.  
[http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/33102935/ns/topics-serena\\_williams?q=Serena%20Williams](http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/33102935/ns/topics-serena_williams?q=Serena%20Williams)
32. "Ruptured Aortic Dissection." Fox News segment. August 2011.
33. "Heart Transplantation." PBS News Interview. February 2012.  
<http://www.wksu.org/regina/?e=140>
34. "Life-Saving Flu Treatment." WKRC News Segment. February 2014.  
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## **Publications**

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4. Funded Laboratory Research: Use of a rewarming catheter for complex cardiac surgery.
5. Intermacs Database. Ventricular Assist Device Database. PI.
6. Funded Laboratory Research: Use of the Impella VAD as a right ventricular assist device.
7. Clinical Research: Corevalve Multicenter Clinical Trial. Co-PI.
8. Clinical Research: Voyager Trial (Home Discharge with Abiomed VAD). PI
9. Clinical Research: Recover Right trial: Use of Impella RP Support System in Patients with Right Heart Failure. Center PI.

### **Medical Missions and Volunteer Work**

Santiago, Dominican Republic. Mission to perform cardiac surgery on the indigent. April 2008.

## Online Educational Operative Videos on Social Media Sites



### **I. Mechanical Circulatory Support and ECMO**

- **Heartmate II LVAD Operation:**  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I4r5\\_3uS0Nc&feature=relmfu](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I4r5_3uS0Nc&feature=relmfu)
- **Heartmate II LVAD: Inflow Cannulation Technique:**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aWotSpGXpRA>
- **Heartmate II LVAD: Outflow Grafting Technique:**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OlxDceLuHTw>
- **Park's Stitch for Aortic Insufficiency at the time of LVAD Placement:**  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gsARd\\_KDpec](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gsARd_KDpec)
- **Placement of an RVAD**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r9OuIwITxW8&index=3&list=PL2reog7Z3pmUxypGkHoYLDhwiNlHEc2Xh>
- **VA ECMO Cannulation Technique**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ntBiTpwnKK4&index=5&list=PL2reog7Z3pmUxypGkHoYLDhwiNlHEc2Xh>

### **II. Transplantation**

- **Heart Transplantation:**  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oUFU78wFA88&feature=relmfu>

### **III. Surgery of the Thoracic Aorta**

- **Repair of an Uncomplicated Type A Aortic Dissection**  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vbpl\\_N7iyn4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vbpl_N7iyn4)
- **Repair of a Ruptured Type A Aortic Dissection:**  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O398CebIR3U&feature=relmfu>
- **Repair of a Type A Aortic Dissection with Tear of the Right Coronary Artery:**  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4NIUHpLED6Q&feature=relmfu>
- **Repair of Ascending Aortic Aneurysm:**  
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h\\_u6SfPhHyc&feature=relmfu](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h_u6SfPhHyc&feature=relmfu)

### **IV. Coronary Bypass Surgery**

- ***Bypass Surgery on a Beating Heart:***

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MGzyhuCs43o&list=UUF9lxPX\\_MAmnAz9C0KMwdBQ&index=1&feature=plcp](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MGzyhuCs43o&list=UUF9lxPX_MAmnAz9C0KMwdBQ&index=1&feature=plcp)

- ***How to Perform a Saphenous Vein to PDA Anastomosis***

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uppQEt1PbQo&list=PL2reog7Z3pmWjoLLFofOnKXzbcy34Allg&index=3>

## V. Valve Surgery

- ***How to Perform an Aortic Root Replacement:***

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s6gHQ87yLpc>

- ***Aortic Root Replacement for Endocarditis:***

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5vPzaXRSEVI&feature=channel&list=UL>

- ***Removal of an Aortic Valve Tumor:***

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jQ2py42LGF0&list=UUF9lxPX\\_MAmnAz9C0KMwdBQ&index=5&feature=plcp](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jQ2py42LGF0&list=UUF9lxPX_MAmnAz9C0KMwdBQ&index=5&feature=plcp)

- ***Aortic Valve replacement:***

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C-sIdppyaPQ&feature=relmfu>

- ***Aortic Valve Replacement for Endocarditis***

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- ***Superior Septal Approach to the Mitral Valve***

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iokwwH1Lhx8&list=PL2reog7Z3pmXUbcuVACLHV5ba5WABdBa8&index=12>

- ***Combined Maze Procedure, Mitral Valve Repair, and Tricuspid Valve Repair:***

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bYbnGxychKk&list=UUF9lxPX\\_MAmnAz9C0KMwdBQ&index=6&feature=plcp](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bYbnGxychKk&list=UUF9lxPX_MAmnAz9C0KMwdBQ&index=6&feature=plcp)

- ***Complex Reoperative Mitral Valve Surgery:***

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AkymZ\\_eQN5w&list=UUF9lxPX\\_MAmnAz9C0KMwdBQ&index=8&feature=plcp](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AkymZ_eQN5w&list=UUF9lxPX_MAmnAz9C0KMwdBQ&index=8&feature=plcp)

- ***Mitral Valve Replacement: How to Handle the Big Mac***

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LoE2lCfTXg&list=PL2reog7Z3pmU4iGcvHg6Ef5WR8H6Vfo6Y&index=5>

- ***Mitral Valve Replacement for Rheumatic Heart Disease:***

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5vPzaXRSEVI&feature=channel&list=UL>

- ***Tricuspid Valve Replacement for Endocarditis***

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u\\_tbGoUReKg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u_tbGoUReKg)

## VI. Cardiac Tumors

- **Removal of Cardiac Tumor:**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oUFU78wFA88&feature=relmfu>

- **Removal of an Aortic Valve Tumor:**

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jQ2py42LGF0&list=UUF9lxPX\\_MAmnAz9C0KMwdBQ&index=5&feature=plcp](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jQ2py42LGF0&list=UUF9lxPX_MAmnAz9C0KMwdBQ&index=5&feature=plcp)

- **Removal of Right Ventricular Mass and TVR**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iMWFQ21929E&index=2&list=PL2reog7Z3pmXJcoQKiaR9N6q9MoExYA5>

- **Removal of an Unusual IVC Tumor under Hypothermic Circulatory Arrest**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rMv5ldKNK5I&index=5&list=PL2reog7Z3pmXJcoQKiaR9N6q9MoExYA5>

## VII. Cardiopulmonary Bypass Techniques

- **How to Cannulate the Aorta for Cardiopulmonary Bypass**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4zcEDx3MbjQ&index=2&list=PL2reog7Z3pmUxypGkHoYLDhwiNIHEc2Xh>

- **Axillary Artery Cannulation:**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UIZGQp3VMHk>

## VIII. Lectures

- **Type A Aortic Dissection: “Go Directly to the OR; Do Not Pass Go; Do Not Collect \$200”**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UGVvAdb1B7E>

- **Ventricular Assist Device Lectures, I-VII**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1mu6C288ZQ8>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=20rn12P2mkU>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8gSXxZHLhmc>

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8wE7pqrarmg>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tf8luhml4QU>

- Tickle Me ECMO: Are the Results Laughable?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nmb-8sI36hY>

- Setting the LVAD RPM: Negotiating between Scylla and Charybdis

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RX68bEsxpNw>

- In Search of Market Power: Horizontal and Vertical Integration in Cardiac Surgery

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S40xaVjmetM>

- Brain Injury: The Achilles’ Heel of Cardiac Surgery

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2WmiYzuWEKs&t=74s>

- Take a Life, Give a Life: Should We Be Harvesting Organs from Death Row Prisoners upon Their Death? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A7WmyCw9Wps&t=475s>

## **IX. Television Interviews**

- *Nightline: ECMO for H1N1 (ABC News)*  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U1KqOkTEfm8&index=5&list=PL2reog7Z3pmW-QdiMKUAiePMwaavvzW7h>
- *ECMO Saves a Young Woman's Life (ABC News)*  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ycYsurJzOz4&index=2&list=PL2reog7Z3pmW-QdiMKUAiePMwaavvzW7h>
- *Inappropriate Cardiac Procedures (ABC News)*  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kKACcp1ebe0&index=3&list=PL2reog7Z3pmW-QdiMKUAiePMwaavvzW7h>
- *Destination Therapy Interview (UH Media)*  
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