

**CURRICULUM VITAE**

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **Spine Institute of Louisiana, Shreveport, LA**  
Physician Assistant (February 2019 -present)  
First Assist to Dr. Rishi Wadhwa in surgery, hospital rounds, evaluating new and post-surgical patients in clinic.
- **Christus Health, Shreveport, LA**  
Physician Assistant (January 2017-February 2019)  
  
Perform open and endovascular vein harvesting for rapidly expanding cardiovascular service line. First assist for two cardiovascular surgeons on cardiovascular and cardiothoracic procedures. Sternal closure. Clinical instruction of Physician Assistant students. Patient care in cardiac unit. Post operative clinic management.
- **Louisiana State University Health Science Center, Shreveport, LA**  
Physician Assistant (July 2010-November 2017) Cardiothoracic Surgery Division.  
  
Perform open and endoscopic vein harvesting. First assist for 3 cardiovascular surgeons on cardiovascular and cardiothoracic procedures. Pre- and post-operative care of patients on cardiac floor and clinic settings.
- **Logistics Health Incorporated** Physician Assistant (2008-present)  
  
Work with a team to perform periodic health assessments and post deployment health re-assessments both mental and physical of Navy, Marine and Army Reserve and National Guard personnel.
- **Louisiana State University Health Science Center, Shreveport, LA**  
Physician Assistant (Nov 1996-June 2010). Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Division.  
  
First assist for 3 plastic surgeons on reconstructive and cosmetic cases. Oversee all aspects of patient care on Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery hospital floor and in the Diabetic Limb and Wound Clinic. Wound care including deep tissue debridement and VAC placement in complicated wounds.  
  
Operation of office skin clinic, performing procedures including small

lesion removal, muscle biopsy, application of skin substitutes, and vein sclerotherapy.

Clinical instruction of medical students, physician assistant students, and physical therapy students. Research sub-investigator.

- **Louisiana State University Medical Center, Shreveport, LA**  
Nuclear Medicine Technologist (1995-1996).
- **West Calcasieu Cameron Parish Hospital, Sulfur, LA**  
Nuclear Medicine Technologist (1994-1995).
- **Gulf War Veteran** (1990-1991)
- **Louisiana Army National Guard** (1988-1994)

## **EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

- 1996-1998 Louisiana State University Medical Center, Shreveport, LA  
Bachelor of Science, Physician Assistant
- 1993-1994 Overton Brooks VA Medical Center, Shreveport, LA  
Clinical Training in Nuclear Medicine Technology
- 1988-1994 Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, LA  
Bachelor of Science, Nuclear Medicine Technology

## **BOARD CERTIFICATION**

- 1998-present National Certifying Commission of Physician Assistants
- 1994-1996 Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

2013-present	Association of Physician Assistants in Cardiovascular Surgery
2007-2010	National Association of Plastic Surgery Physician Assistants
1996-present	Louisiana Association of Physician Assistants
1996-present	Northwest LA Chapter of Physician Assistants
1996-present	American Association of Physician Assistants
1992-1993	Chi Lambda Beta, Clinical Lab and Bacteriology Professional Fraternity, Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, LA
1988-1993	Kappa Sigma Social Fraternity Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, LA

## RESEARCH INVOLVEMENT/PUBLICATIONS

1. Cunningham, M., Valiulis, J., Myers, D., Akins, J., **Simolke**, E.; Diabetic Foot Exam Booklet. Publication sponsored by Ortho-McNeil, 1999.
2. Imipenem-Cilastin in Combination with Limb-Sparing Surgery in the Treatment of Diabetic Foot Infections. November 2000. Sponsored by Merck and Company.
3. *Wounds*. 2004; 16(12):355-358. The Effects of 810 Nanometer Diode Laser Irradiation on Full-Thickness Skin Wounds in Rats.
4. Diabetic Limb Infections: An Analysis of Causative Organisms per Level of Infection. Finalist and oral poster presenter at the American Association of Physician Assistants National Conference in Orlando, Fl., May 2005.