

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Employment History:

07/12 - present

Kristen L. Biggs, MD, Skin Care & Vein Centre, PC
Owner, President, and CEO
Medical Director

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12/2013 - Kristen L. Biggs, MD, Skin Care & Vein Centre, PC, becomes an Accredited Vascular Testing Facility by the Intersocietal Accreditation Commission (IAC)

1/2014 - Kristen L. Biggs, MD, Skin Care & Vein Centre, PC, becomes the first Accredited Vein Center in New Mexico, and one of the first three Accredited Vein Centers in the United States by the Intersocietal Accreditation Commission (IAC)

07/08 – 6/12

UNM HSC Department of Surgery
Assistant Professor of Vascular Surgery
Associate Program Director, General Surgery
Medical Director, UNM Vein Center

Division of Vascular Surgery
MSC10 5610
University of New Mexico
Albuquerque, NM 87131-0001

Education:

07/06 – 06/08

Fellow in Vascular Surgery
Division of Vascular Surgery
University of California, Los Angeles
Los Angeles, California
Program Director: Peter F. Lawrence, MD, Chief of Vascular Surgery, UCLA

07/00 – 06/06

Categorical General Surgery Resident
Department of General Surgery
University of Texas at San Antonio / Wilford Hall Medical Center
San Antonio, Texas

Mentor: Boulos Toursarkissian, MD, Chief of Vascular Surgery, UTHSCSA

07/03 – 06/04 **Vascular Surgery Research Fellow**
University of Texas at San Antonio Wilford Hall Medical Center Clinical Research Squadron San Antonio, Texas
Mentor: Andy C. Chiou, MD, MPH, Chief of Vascular Surgery, WHMC

06/96 - 5/00 **University of Texas Health Science Center Medical School**
San Antonio, Texas
M.D.

06/92 - 5/96 **Southwestern University**
Georgetown, Texas B.S., Chemistry, *magna cum laude*.

Licensure:

2013-present Registered Phlebology Sonographer (RPhS), Cardiovascular Credentialing International (CCI)
2009-present Board Certified in Vascular Surgery, The American Board of Surgery
2008-present Registered Physician in Vascular Interpretation (RPVI), The American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography (ARDMS)
2008-present New Mexico Board of Pharmacy Controlled Substance License
2008-present Physician License, New Mexico Medical Board
2006-present Board Certified in Surgery, The American Board of Surgery
2006-2008 Physician and Surgeon License, The Medical Board of California
2006-present Controlled Substance Registration Certificate, United States Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration
2006-2008 Fluoroscopy X-ray Supervisor and Operator Permit, California Department of Health Services Radiologic Health Branch
2000-2006 Physicians in Training Postgraduate Resident Permit, Texas State Board of Medical Examiners

Honors and Awards:

2006-2007 **Outstanding Student Teaching Award**
Awarded by the UCLA Department of Surgery.

- 1997 **Medical Student Summer Research Stipend**
Awarded by the Office of the Medical Dean.
- 1996 **Phi Beta Kappa.**
Southwestern University.
- 1996 **Dean's Award for Exemplary Participation in the School of Fine Arts**
- 1996 **Senior Honor Pin** awarded by the Department of Music.
- 1992-1996 **Academic Scholarship.** One quarter tuition merit scholarship.
- 1992-1996 **Music Performance Award Scholarship**
- 1992-1996 **Dean's List.** Southwestern University.
- 1994 **Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship Stipend**
Awarded by UTHSCSA, Department of Pharmacology.

Research Experience:

- 07/03 – 06/04 **Vascular Surgery Research Fellow**
University of Texas at San Antonio and Wilford Hall Medical Center, Clinical Research Squadron.
Andy C. Chiou, MD, MPH, Chief of Vascular Surgery, WHMC.
Designed and completed IRB approved clinical research protocols and other clinical projects for publication and presentation.
- Summer 1997 **Medical Student Summer Research Program**
Joseph R. Haywood, PhD, UTHSCSA, Department of Pharmacology.
Investigated [³H]MK-801 binding to the NMDA receptor-coupled ion channel in hypertensive and normotensive rat adrenal glands.
- Summer 1994 **Student Undergraduate Research Fellowship (S.U.R.F.) Program**
Joseph R. Haywood, PhD, UTHSCSA, Department of Pharmacology.
Investigated the uptake mechanisms of norepinephrine in PC12 cells.

Publications:

Sarangarm D, Knepper J, Marek J, **Biggs KL**, Robertson D, Langsfeld M. Post-endovascular aneurysm repair patient outcomes and follow-up are not adversely impacted by long travel distance to tertiary vascular surgery centers. *Ann Vasc Surg.* 2010;24(8):1075-81.

Biggs KL, Moore WS. Current Trends in Managing Carotid Artery Disease. In: Starnes BW and Martin RF, editors. *Surgical Clinics of North America. Vascular Surgery: New Concepts and Practice for the General Surgeon.* Volume 87, Number 5. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: W.B. Saunders Company; 2007. p. 995-1016.

Chiou AC, **Biggs KL**, Lin PH. Thoracic Aorta Disease. In: Lumsden AB, Lin PH, Bush RL, Chen C. *Endovascular Therapy: Principles of Peripheral Interventions.* Blackwell Publishing; 2006; 103-120.

Chiou AC, **Biggs KL**, Matsumura JS. Vena cava filters: why, when, what, how? *Perspect Vasc Surg Endovasc Ther.* 2005;17(4):329-39.

Fitzpatrick CM, **Biggs KL**, Atkins BZ, Quance-Fitch FJ, Dixon PS, Savage SA, Jenkins DH, Kerby JD. Prolonged low-volume resuscitation with HBOC-201 in a large-animal survival model of controlled hemorrhage. *Journal of Trauma-Injury Infection & Critical Care.* 2005;59(2):273-8; discussion 281-3.

Chiou AC, **Biggs K**, Matsumura J. Update on Thoracic Aortic Endograft. In: Yao JST, Pearce WH, editors. *Trends in Vascular Surgery.* Appleton and Lange; 2004.

Biggs K. Medical illustrations for Update on Thoracic Aortic Endograft. In: Yao JST, Pearce WH, editors. *Trends in Vascular Surgery.* Appleton and Lange; 2004.

Biggs KL, Chiou AC, Hagino RT, Klucznik RP. Endovascular repair of a spontaneous carotid artery dissection with carotid stent and coils. *J Vasc Surg.* 2004;40:170-173.

Biggs KL, Sykes MT. Arterial Insufficiency Ulcers: Principles of Management. In: Sheffield PJ, Smith APS, Fife CE, editors. *Wound Care Practice.* Flagstaff, Arizona: Best Publishing Company; 2004. p. 225-250.

Presentations:

National

"Filters, Retrievable; Fact or Fiction;" 37th Annual Symposium of The Society for Clinical Vascular Surgery; Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, March 2009

"Post-Endovascular Aneurysm Repair Patient Outcomes And Follow-up Are Not Adversely Impacted By Long Travel Distance To Tertiary Vascular Surgery Centers;" 37th Annual Symposium of The Society for Clinical Vascular Surgery; Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, March 2009

"Surgical Treatment of Varicose Veins – Stab Avulsion or Light Assisted Stab Phlebectomy;" 25th Annual UCLA Symposium: A Comprehensive Review and Update of What's New in Vascular and Endovascular Surgery; Beverly Hills, California, October 2007

"Interesting Finding of a Free-Floating Peripheral Arterial Plaque;" The Society for Vascular Surgery Annual Meeting; Anaheim, California, June 2004

"Endovascular Repair of a Spontaneous Carotid Artery Dissection With Carotid Stent and Coils;" 28th Annual Meeting of The Southern Association of Vascular Surgery; Rio Grande, Puerto Rico, January 2004

Regional

"Traumatic Pseudoaneurysm in the Presence of Congenital Arteriovenous Malformation: Endovascular Management;" 25th Annual Meeting of The Southern California Vascular Surgical Society; Coronado, California, May 2007

"Patient Satisfaction After Light-Assisted Phlebectomy;" 25th Annual Meeting of The Southern California Vascular Surgical Society; Coronado, California, May 2007

Local

"It's not vain to treat your varicose veins. It's important for your vascular health." The Kingston Residence of Santa Fe Healthcare Series, January 2013

"Diagnosis and Treatment of Chronic Venous Insufficiency: A Vascular Surgeon's Perspective;" El Centro Family Health Provider Breakfast at the Rio Arriba Health Commons in Espanola, New Mexico, January 2013

"Diagnosis and Treatment of Chronic Venous Insufficiency: A Vascular Surgeon's Perspective;" Los Alamos Medical Center, December 2012

"Diagnosis and Treatment of Chronic Venous Insufficiency: A Vascular Surgeon's Perspective;" Christus St. Vincent Regional Medical Center Grand Rounds, November 2012

"Updates in the Management of Vein Disease;" Santa Fe Community College, October 2012

"Updates in the Treatment of Venous Insufficiency;" The 32nd Annual Fall Primary Care Conference of the New Mexico Academy of Physician Assistants, September 2012

“Venous Disorders in the Elderly;” The University of New Mexico Health Science Center Geriatrics Grand Rounds, March 2012

“Peripheral Artery Aneurysms in the Upper Extremity;” The University of New Mexico Health Science Center Vascular Surgery Grand Rounds, February 2012

“Varicose Vein Management;” The University of New Mexico Health Science Center Vascular Surgery Grand Rounds, June 2012

“Perioperative Management of Vascular Surgery Patients;” Fundamentals of the Post-Anesthesia Care Unit Lecture Series, June 2012

“Antiplatelet Drugs in Vascular Surgery;” The University of New Mexico Health Science Center Vascular Surgery Grand Rounds, April 2011

“Management of Mesenteric Ischemia;” The University of New Mexico Health Science Center Vascular Surgery Grand Rounds, July 2010

“An Update on the Management of Varicose and Spider Veins;” Department of Surgery City-Wide Grand Rounds, June 2010

“Diagnosis and Management of Renal Artery Stenosis;” The University of New Mexico Health Science Center Vascular Surgery Grand Rounds, March 2010

"The Evolution of Management of Thoracoabdominal Aortic Aneurysms;" The University of New Mexico Health Science Center Vascular Surgery Grand Rounds, November 2009

"Management of Mesenteric Ischemia;" Current Concepts in General Surgery Conference; Albuquerque, New Mexico, September 2009

"Diagnostic Studies of Venous Disease;" The University of New Mexico Health Science Center Vascular Surgery Grand Rounds, July 2009

"The Evolution of Management of Thoracoabdominal Aneurysms;" Current Concepts in General Surgery Conference; Albuquerque, New Mexico, September 2008

"Venous Insufficiency;" Vascular Ultrasound Lecture Series, UCLA Division of Vascular Surgery; Los Angeles, California, April 2008

"Acute Venous Thrombosis;" Vascular Ultrasound Lecture Series, UCLA Division of Vascular Surgery; Los Angeles, California, February 2008

"Peripheral Arterial Scanning and Post-Op Graft Surveillance;" Vascular Ultrasound Lecture Series, UCLA Division of Vascular Surgery; Los Angeles, California, October 2007

"Arterial Hemodynamics;" Vascular Ultrasound Lecture Series, UCLA Division of Vascular Surgery; Los Angeles, California, August 2007

"Vena Caval Filters;" The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio General Surgery Grand Rounds, October 2005

"Adrenal Insufficiency in ICU patients;" The Wilford Hall Medical Center General Surgery Resident Conference, November 2004

"Carotid Artery Radiation Injury: Screening Guidelines and Treatment Options;" 30th Annual Meeting of the J. Bradley Aust Surgical Society, June 2004

"Ruptured Popliteal Wallstent with Peroneal Embolization and Acute Limb Ischemia;" The Endovascular Club of San Antonio, May 2004

"Renovascular Hypertension: An Update on Current Practice;" The Wilford Hall Medical Center General Surgery Grand Rounds, February 2004

"Carotid Artery Stents Used in The Acute Setting – A Case Report;" The Endovascular Club of San Antonio, November 2003

"Carotid Dissection;" The Wilford Hall Medical Center Vascular Surgery / Interventional Radiology Conference, October 2003

"Renovascular Hypertension;" The Wilford Hall Medical Center Vascular Surgery / Interventional Radiology Conference, September 2002

Funding and Grants:

February 2004 – Awarded \$800 by the Surgeon General's Office (SGO) in support of research protocol FWH20040072H: "Carotid Artery Radiation Injury: Screening Guidelines and Treatment Options"

Professional Memberships:

2012-Present Active Member, American Venous Forum
2012-Present Active Membership, Society for Vascular Surgery
2012-Present Active Membership, Society for Clinical Vascular Surgery
2012-Present Active Member, Vein Experts

2012-Present Fellow, American College of Surgeons (FACS)
2012-Present Active Member, New Mexico Medical Society
2010-2012 Associate Member, Association of Program Directors in Surgery
2008-2012 Candidate Membership, Society for Clinical Vascular Surgery
2006-Present J. Bradley Aust Surgical Society, UTHSCSA
2004-2011 American Medical Association
2003-2006 Participant in the Candidate Group, American College of Surgeons
1996-2006 Texas Medical Association
1996-Present Phi Beta Kappa