

# **CURRICULUM VITAE**

## **Gregory Rafijah, MD**

**Specialist Hand, Wrist and Elbow Surgery  
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### **PERSONAL**

<b>Specialty</b>	<b>Surgery of the Hand, Wrist and Elbow</b>
<b>Certification</b>	<b>American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery (7/2000) Certificate of Added Qualifications (CAQ) in Surgery of the Hand (8/7/2004)</b>
<b>Date of Birth</b>	<b>November 1, 1963</b>
<b>Place of Birth</b>	<b>Chicago, Illinois, USA</b>

### **APPOINTMENTS**

<b>09/08-Present</b>	<b>Assistant Clinical Professor UCI Medical Center Department of Orthopaedic Surgery Orange, California</b>
	<b>Director Microvascular Training Laboratory UC Irvine Medical Center Orange, California</b>

**9/98 – 08/08**      **Chief of Hand Surgery**  
**Director of Orthopaedic Anatomy and Basic**  
**Science Program**  
**Harbor UCLA Medical Center**  
**Department of Orthopaedic Surgery**  
**Torrance, California**

**Assistant Clinical Professor**  
**UCLA School of Medicine**  
**Los Angeles, California**

**1/05 – 1/08**      **Vice Chairman of Orthopaedic Surgery**  
**Torrance Memorial Medical Center**  
**Torrance, California**

**9/98 – 9/08**      **Orthopaedic Institute**  
**Surgery of the Hand, Wrist and Elbow**  
**19000 Hawthorne Blvd #200**  
**Torrance, California**

**9/04 – 2007**      **Genex Services Inc**  
**Physician Advisor**  
**1745 W Oranewood, Suite 103**  
**Orange, CA, 92868**

**9/98 – 1/2004**      **Orthopaedic Specialists**  
**Upper Extremity Specialist**  
**23550 Crenshaw Blvd**  
**Torrance, California**

**9/00 – 12/2004**      **Concentra Industrial Clinic**  
**Hand, Wrist and Elbow Specialist**  
**3055 Century Blvd**  
**Los Angeles, California**

## **MEMBERSHIPS**

**American Society for Surgery of the Hand (ASSH)**

**-Clinical Trials and Outcomes Committee 2009; 2010; 2011**

**-Annual Meeting Program Committee 2009; 2010; 2011**

**-Self-Assessment Exam Committee 2009; 2010; 2011**

**American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS)**

**California Orthopaedic Association**

**Southern California Society for Hand Surgery**

**American Association of Hand Surgery (AAHS, 2011)**

## **POSTGRADUATE TRAINING**

**8/97 – 8/98**

**Hand Surgery Fellowship**

**University of Washington**

**Division of Hand and Microvascular Surgery**

**Department of Orthopaedic Surgery**

**Seattle, Washington**

**Chief: Thomas Trumble, MD**

**6/92 – 7/97**

**Orthopaedic Internship and Residency**

**Harbor UCLA Medical Center**

**Department of Orthopaedic Surgery**

**Torrance, California**

**Chief: Daniel Zinar, MD**

## **EDUCATION**

**7/88 – 6/92**

**UHS/ The Chicago Medical School**

**3333 Greenbay Road**

**Chicago, Illinois**

**Degree: Doctor of Medicine**

**Honors: AOA**

**9/83 – 6/86      University of California, Irvine  
Irvine, California  
Degree: BS, Biological Sciences**

**8/82 – 6/83      El Camino Community College  
Torrance, California  
Degree: Associate of Arts (AA)  
Honors: Alpha Gamma Sigma**

## **LICENSURE**

**2/94 – present    Medical Board of California (G078365)  
4/94 – present    Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA# BR3953684)  
1/95 – present    X-Ray Supervisor and Operator (#RHD140665)  
4/97 – present    Washington State Dept Health (#34865-inactive)**

## **EXAMINATIONS**

**1/11 ABOS Re-certification for Orthopaedic Surgery  
1/11 ABOS Recertification of CAQ Hand Surgery  
8/04 Certificate of Added Qualifications in Surgery of the Hand  
7/00 American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery part II  
7/97 American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery part I  
7/93 Diplomate National Board of Medical Examiners (#421503)**

## **Journal Reviewer**

**Journal of Shoulder and Elbow Surgery 2011 - present**

## **HONORS and Awards**

<b>2010</b>	<b>Kevin Armstrong Clinical Faculty Teaching Award; Dept of Orthopaedic Surgery, UC Irvine School of Medicine</b>
<b>2010</b>	<b>American Association of Hand Surgery -Research grant to evaluate the effect of fibrin glue on nerve regeneration (\$5,000).</b>
<b>2008</b>	<b>Paul Johnson Teaching Award Harbor-UCLA Orthopaedic Surgery</b>
<b>2004</b>	<b>Paul Johnson Teaching Award Harbor-UCLA Orthopaedic Surgery</b>
<b>9/90</b>	<b>Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA)</b>
<b>1989-90</b>	<b>Pathology Honors Program</b>
<b>Deans List</b>	<b>UC Irvine 1984-86 El Camino College 1983 (Alpha Gamma Sigma)</b>
<b>Track</b>	<b>Numerous Awards, Scholarships and School records during High School and College career NCAA Academic All American 1985 and 1986</b>

## **PUBLICATIONS**

**Rafijah G; Anatomy of Peripheral Nerve. in Upper Extremity Nerve Repair- Tips and Techniques: A Master skills Publication: American Society for Surgery of the Hand, 2008, chapter 1 pp 3-14.**

**Redjal, H; Rafijah, G; Perlunate Injuries of the Wrist; Fractures and Injuries of the Distal Radius and Carpus: The Cutting Edge. Philadelphia: Saunders Elsevier Inc., 2009. chapter 43 pp 425-35.**

**Rafijah,G; Zinar, D; Schmelling K: Fractures of the Forearm and Distal Radius. in Orthopaedic Knowledge Update, Trauma 3: American Academy Orthopaedic Surgeons, 2005, chapter 19 pp 199-220.**

**Trumble TE; Gilbert M; Murray LW; Smith J; Rafijah G; Mcallister, W; Displaced Scaphoid Fractures treated with Open Reduction and Internal Fixation With a Cannulated Screw. J Bone Joint Surg Am 2000 May 82(5): 633-41.**

**Trumble, T; Rafijah, G; Gilbert, M; Allan, C; North, E; Mcallister, W; Thumb Trapeziometacarpal Joint Arthritis: Partial Trapeziectomy with Ligament Reconstruction and Interposition Costochondral Allograft; Journal of Hand Surgery; 1/2000; 25A(1) 61-76.**

**Rafijah, G: Endoscopic vs Open Carpal Tunnel Release. Occupational Medicine Bulletin. 5/2000.**

**Leblanc, GG; Epstein, M; Bronner-Fraser, M; Rafijah, G; Differential Development of Cholinergic Neurons from Cranial and Trunk Neural Crest Cells *in Vitro*. Developmental Biology 137, 318-330 (1990).**

## **RESEARCH**

**Rafijah G; Chung KC: In-situ Decompression of the Ulnar Nerve; a multicenter Trial. Multicenter trial with University of Michigan. IRB approved at UCI 1/2010. In progress.**

**Rafijah G, Vitalli R; Gupta R; Effect of Fibrin Glue Sciatic Nerve Regeneration in a Rat Model. Current study conducted at University of California, Irvine.**

**Sohn R, Rafijah G, Jo M, Lee M; Transcaphoid Perilunate Fracture Dislocations of the Wrist; Treatment with Isolated Dorsal Approach and Scaphoid Screw Fixation. Poster presentation: 59<sup>th</sup> Meeting of American Society for Surgery of the Hand, San Antonio, Texas, 9/2005**

**Rafijah G; Lee M; Kim KC; Trans-Scaphoid Perilunate Fracture Dislocations Treated With an Isolated Dorsal Approach and Cannulated Screw. Presented by Dr Lee at Harbor UCLA Dana Street Memorial Lecture 6/7/2002. Winner Annual Research Award.**

**Combs, C; Rafijah G; Metallic Radial Head Replacement for Comminuted Fractures of the Proximal Radius. Presented at Harbor UCLA Dana Street Memorial Lecture 6/4/2004**

**Kim KC; Rafijah G; Interobserver and Intraobserver Reliability of Classification Systems of Distal Radius Fractures. Presented at Harbor UCLA Dana Street Memorial Lecture 6/4/2004.**

**Raskin, A; Rafijah, G; Doshi, A; External Fixation vs Percutaneous K-Wire Fixation of Extra-Articular Distal Radius Fractures: Is There a Difference? Presented at Harbor UCLA Dana Street Memorial Lecture, 6/2001.**

**Rafijah, G; Trumble; T, Kubiak, E; Biomechanical Evaluation of Thumb CMC Joint Arthroplasties, submitted for publication 2000.**

**Rafijah, G; Watts, H; Wrist Arthrodesis in Pediatric Orthopaedics, submitted for publication 1998.**

**Rafijah, G; Nathan, R; Miniature External Fixation of Phalangeal and Metacarpal Fractures Due to Low Velocity Gun Shot Wounds; Presented Harbor-UCLA Dana Street Memorial Lecture 6/1995.**

## **PRESENTATIONS**

**Rafijah, G; Just Another Carpal Tunnel? The Differential Diagnosis and Neurological Evaluation of the Upper Extremity; 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Society for Surgery of the Hand (ASSH), Instructional Course 13: Zebras in Hand Surgery; Las Vegas, Nevada, 9/8/2011.**

**Rafijah, G; Perilunate Injuries of The Wrist; Kaiser Winter Upper Extremity Conference, Mammoth Lakes, California, 4/2/2011.**

**Rafijah, G; Repair and Reconstruction of Thumb MCP Joint Ulnar Collateral Ligament Injuries. Hand, Wrist and Elbow Course, Orange, CA, 12/11/2010.**

**Rafijah G; Upper Extremity Replantation; 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Society for Surgery of the Hand; Precourse 3: The Art of Microsurgical Hand Reconstruction; Boston, Massachusetts, 10/6/2010.**

**Rafijah G; Upper Extremity Review for MOC; 74<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of The Western Orthopaedic Association, August 4-7 2010, Monterrey, California.**

**Rafijah G; Difficult Carpal Bone Fractures. Symposium presented at 64<sup>th</sup> Meeting of American Society for Surgery of the Hand (ASSH). San Francisco, California, 9/5/2009.**

**Rafijah G; Kim KC; Vidor N; Inter-observer and Intra-observer Reliability of Frykman, AO/ASIF, and Fernandez Classifications of Distal Radius Fractures. Presented as a Poster at 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Society for Surgery of the Hand (ASSH). San Francisco, California, 9/4/2009**

**Rafijah G; Intercarpal Arthrodesis: Current Status of the Four Corner Fusion, Presented at American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Irvine, CA, 6/9/09**

**Rafijah G; Intercarpal Arthrodesis: Current Status of the Four Corner Fusion, Presented at Dana Street Memorial Lectures, Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, Torrance, CA, 6/5/2009.**

**Rafijah G; Flexor Tendon repair, University of Washington Hand Review Course, Seattle, Washington, 5/9/2009**

**Rafijah, G; Extensor Tendon Anatomy University of Washington Hand Review Course, Seattle, Washington, 5/9/2009**

**Rafijah G; Fracture of the distal Radius in Adults; Crucial Elements Course sponsored by So Cal Society for Hand Surgery, UC Irvine, Irvine, California, 11/3/07**

**Rafijah, G; Volar Approach for Dorsally Angulated Malunions of the Distal Radius With Locking Internal Fixation, Harbor UCLA Dana Street Memorial Lectures, Torrance, Ca, 6/2/06**

**Rafijah, G; Hemi-Hamate Auto Grafting of Unstable PIP Joint Fracture dislocations, Harbor UCLA Dana Street Memorial Lectures, Torrance, Ca, 6/1/06**

**Rafijah G; Current Concepts in the Treatment of Distal Radius Fractures. Presented at Synthes Course on Technological Advances in Fracture Surgery. Pasadena, Ca; 4/1/06**

**Rafijah, G: Carpal Instability, Presented at Crucial Elements in Hand Surgery Course, Los Angeles, Ca, 11/2005**

**Sohn R, Rafijah G, Jo M, Lee M; Transcaphoid Perilunate Fracture Dislocations of the Wrist; Treatment with Isolated Dorsal Approach and Scaphoid Screw Fixation. Poster presentation: 59<sup>th</sup> Meeting of American Society for Surgery of the Hand, San Antonio, Texas, 9/2005**

**Rafijah G; Locked Volar Plating of Distal Radius Fractures. Presented at Harbor UCLA Dana Street Memorial Lecture 6/6/2003.**

**Rafijah G; Total Elbow Arthroplasty in the Treatment of Supracondylar Fractures of the Distal Humerus. Presented at Harbor UCLA Dana Street Memorial Lecture 6/7/2002.**

**Rafijah G; The Hand: Our Most Precious Tool, AAORN Meeting, 3/2002.**

**Rafijah G; Fractures of the Proximal Ulna and Radius. Fracture Fourm. Beaver Creek, Colorado, 1/13/2002.**

**Rafijah, G; Cannulated Screw Fixation of Scaphoid Fractures. Presented at Harbor UCLA Dana Street Memorial Lecture 6/15/2001.**

**Rafijah G; Advanced Giant Cell Tumors of The Distal Radius: Treatment with en –Bloc Excision and Reconstruction with a Distal Radius Allograft. Presented at Harbor UCLA Dana Street Memorial Lecture 6/2000.**

**Rafijah, G; Trumble; T, Kubiak, E; Biomechanical Evaluation of Thumb CMC Joint Arthroplasties, Presented at Harborview Academic Day, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 6/1998.**

**Trumble, T; Rafijah, G; Gilbert, M; Allan, C; North, E; Mcallister, W; Thumb Trapeziometacarpal Joint Arthritis: Partial Trapeziectomy with Ligament Reconstruction and Interposition Chostochondral Allograft. Presented at American Society for Surgery of the Hand, 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, 9/1998.**

**Rafijah, G; Watts, H; Wrist Arthrodesis in Pediatric Orthopaedics. Presented at Shriners Hospital For Crippled Children Academic Day, Los Angeles, CA, 6/1997.**

**Rafijah G; Current Concepts in Scaphoid Fractures, UCLA Orthopaedic Grand Rounds; #/1994.**

## **Hobbies**

**Cycling, Sailing, Guitar.**