

CURRICULUM VITAE

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I. PERSONAL

Name: **Maria B. Albuja-Cruz, M.D.**
Current Rank: Assistant Professor of Surgery
Department: Surgery, Division on GI, Tumor and Endocrine Surgery

II. HIGHER EDUCATION

Institutional

July 2003 Doctor of Medicine
Pontificia Universidad Catolica del Ecuador School of Medicine
Quito, Ecuador

Medical Training

July 2011- June 2012 Clinical Fellow in Endocrine Surgery
Jackson Memorial Hospital
University of Miami Health System
Miami, FL

July 2010- June 2011 Surgical Chief Resident
University of Colorado School of Medicine
Denver, CO

July 2009- June 2010 Surgical Senior Resident
University of Colorado School of Medicine
Denver, CO

July 2008- June 2009 Surgical Intermediate Resident
University of Colorado School of Medicine
Denver, CO

July 2007- June 2008 Surgical Junior Resident
University of Colorado School of Medicine
Denver, CO

July 2006- June 2007 Surgical Intern
University of Colorado School of Medicine

Denver, CO

Certification and Licensure

2012 American Board of Surgery Certification (056775)
2011 Colorado Board of Medical Examiners (#50594)
2011 Florida Board of Medical Examiners (TRN16504)
2006 National Board of Medical Examiners (06675987)

III. PUBLICATIONS

Juried and referred journal articles

- 1) **Albuja-Cruz M**, Thorson C, Bassan A, Lew J, Rodgers S. “Extent of Modified Radical Neck Dissection for Papillary Thyroid Cancer Does Not Influence Lateral Neck Recurrence. *Surgery (In press)*
- 2) **Albuja-Cruz M**, Goldfarb M, Gondek S, Lew J. “Reliability Of Fine Needle Aspiration For Thyroid Nodules Greater Than Or Equal To 4cm” *J Surg Res (In press)*

III. PROFESSIONAL

Professional and Honorary Organizations

American Association of Endocrine Surgeons, Candidate Member	2011-Present
American Association of Clinical Endocrinologist, Member	2011-Present
American College of Surgeons, Resident Member	2006- Present
Operation Hope, Member	2005-Present

Honors and Awards

Nationwide Distinction in Ecuador Designated top 1% of medical graduates	July 2003
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Other Professional Activities - Oral Presentations at International and National Meetings

Albuja-Cruz M, Allan BJ, Thorson CM, M.D.¹, and John I. Lew JI. “Efficacy of Localization Studies and Intraoperative Parathormone Monitoring in the Surgical Management of Hyperfunctioning Ectopic Parathyroid Glands” (*to be presented at 8th Annual Academic Surgical Congress 2013, New Orleans, LA*)

Allan BJ, Thorson CM, Van Haren RM, Parik P, **Abuja-Cruz MB**, Lew JI. “Risk of Underlying Malignancy in Adrenal Incidentaloma” (*to be presented at 8th Annual Academic Surgical Congress 2013, New Orleans, LA*)

Abuja-Cruz M, Thorson CM, Allan BJ, Lew JI, Rodgers S,. “Extent of Modified Radical Neck Dissection for Papillary Thyroid Cancer Does Not Influence Lateral Neck Recurrence” (*presented at 33rd Annual American Association of Endocrine Surgery 2012, Iowa City, IA*)

Abuja-Cruz M, Goldfarb M, Gondek S, Lew JI. “Reliability Of Fine Needle Aspiration For Thyroid Nodules Greater Than Or Equal To 4cm” (*presented at 7th Annual Academic Surgical Congress 2012, Las Vegas, NV*)

Abuja-Cruz M, Raeburn C, McIntyre R. Routine central neck dissection for papillary thyroid cancer is safe and results in lower stimulated thyroglobulin levels (*presented at 2010 International Thyroid Congress, Paris, FRANCE*)

Abuja-Cruz M, Stiegmann G. “Giant Inflammatory Polyposis Coli” (*presented at the Southwestern Surgical Congress 2011, Ko-Olina, HI*)

Abuja-Cruz M, Raeburn C. “New Contralateral Parathyroid Tumor with Normal PTH in Patient with History of Functional Parathyroid Cancer” (*presented at the American Association of Endocrine Surgeons 2010 Annual Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA*)

Other Professional Activities - Invited Lectures

Abuja-Cruz M. “Open vs Laparoscopic Incisional Hernia Repair” (presented at Surgical Ground Rounds, University of Colorado School of Medicine, February 7th 2011, Denver, CO)

Abuja-Cruz M. “Lung Cancer, Stage I Disease: Wedge Resection versus Lobectomy” (presented at Cardiothoracic Surgery Conferences, May 26th 2010, Denver, CO)

Abuja-Cruz M. “Pancreatic Pseudocyst: Surgical Management” (presented at Surgical Ground Rounds, University of Colorado School of Medicine, March 22nd 2010, Denver, CO)

Abuja-Cruz M. “Pneumatosis Intestinalis” (presented at Surgical Ground Rounds, University of Colorado School of Medicine, October 8th 2009, Denver, CO)

Abuja-Cruz M. “Thyroid Nodules in Children” (presented at City Wide, The Children’s Hospital, Department of Pediatric Surgery, August 28th 2009, Denver, CO)

Abuja-Cruz M. “Reinfusing Shed Blood – Valuable” (presented at Surgical Ground Rounds, University of Colorado School of Medicine, August 18th 2008, Denver, CO)

Abuja-Cruz M. “Albumin: Overrated” (presented at Surgical Ground Rounds, University of Colorado School of Medicine, August 13th 2007, Denver, CO)

Abuja-Cruz M. “Microtia Reconstruction” (presented at Otolaryngology Grand Rounds, UC Davis Medical Center, August 2005, Sacramento, CA)

V. TEACHING

Instructor, Endocrine Surgery Conference (weekly) July 2011-Present
University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Medical Center, Miami, FL

VI. SERVICE

2005-2008 Operation Hope (non profit, all volunteer Medical Mission from United States specializing in Facial Reconstructive Surgery) – Policlínico Docente Hospital Riobamba – Ecuador

2005 Pan American Medical Society (non profit Medical Mission from United States that perform for gratis different types of surgeries in the field of ENT, Plastics and Orthopedics) – Fuerzas Armadas General Hospital; Quito – Ecuador

VII. OTHER

Personal Interests and Hobbies

Finished four half marathons (Quito 2005, Colfax 2008, Denver 2009, Steamboat 2011)
Finished three full marathons (Steamboat 2010, Boulder 2010, Denver 2010)
Renaissance/Impressionism

Language Fluency

English: Fluent
Spanish: Maternal language
French: Basic

International Baccalaureate Diploma (August, 2006)