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PERSONAL INFORMATION

- Born: October 26, 1974
- Visa Status: Indian Resident / H1b visa

EDUCATION

- Head Neck Fellowship 1st Jan 2006 – 30th June 2008
University of Pittsburgh/UPMC
- Research Fellow, Tata Memorial Hospital. 1st Aug 2005 – 18th Dec 2005.
- Sekhsaria Clinical Fellowship 1st Aug 2003 – 6th Mar 2005
Head & Neck Surgical Oncology
Tata Memorial Hospital,
E.Borges Road, Parel, Mumbai, INDIA
- Clinical Assistant / Lecturer- Dept of E.N.T 1st Aug 2001 – 31st July 2003
D.Y.Patil Medical College & Rajawadi Hospital
- Senior Resident- Dept of E.N.T & Head Neck February 2001 – July 2001
Surgery, T.N.Medical College- B.Y.L Nair Hospital
- Resident-Dept of E.N.T & Head Neck Surgery March 1998 - January 2001
T.N.Medical College- B.Y.L Nair Hospital

From March 1998 – July 2001, I completed my residency in ENT under the guidance of **Professor D.S.Grewal**, who is an eminent otologist and is an authority

on Facial nerve surgery. During this tenure I have performed all routine ENT procedures and emergency work and have participated in seminars, presented papers and also contributed to writing papers. I completed my thesis on the “Management of Bell’s palsy” which was a study of 30 cases of Bell’s palsy with respect to management – surgical versus medical.

- M.B.B.S. August 1992 -February1998
University of Bombay
Padmashree Dr.D.Y.Patil Medical College, Nerul, Navi Mumbai

This is the basic medical degree required of any doctor in India before further specialization. This 5 ½ year course includes one year of a Rotating Internship where I had to work in the departments of General surgery, Internal Medicine Gyn-Obs as well as ENT, Ophthalmology, Psychiatry and Preventive medicine.

H O N O R S & A W A R D S

- Association of Otolaryngologists of India (Mumbai Branch) – felicitation for academic excellence in ENT.
- Certificate of Merit - T.N.Medical College & B.Y.L.Nair Ch Hospital, Mumbai for meritorious achievement: DNB (ENT) – Standing 1st in India.
- Dr.S.Kameshwaran [President's] GOLD MEDAL for the Diplomate of National Board (Otolaryngology) Final Examination of June 2001.

The DNB is an ALL INDIA post graduate examination. The Convocation 2003 was addressed by **Prof.A.Kalam, President of INDIA .Received the Gold medal and degree form the President of India in person**

- 2001 Nair Golden Jubilee Research Foundation Best Thesis Award –“Management of Bell’s Palsy”.
- Dr.J.D. Desa Best Resident Paper Award Presentation at the Millennium Annual Association Of Otolaryngologist of India (Mumbai Branch) Conference- 1999 for the paper “Retraction pockets in the tympanic membrane – etiology and management”
- University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine Recognition Award for contributions to the Clinical Experience Course: June 2007

A C A D E M I C A C H I E V E M E N T S

ECFMG Certification: 05/26/2005 and Step 3 Examination passed in 2005.

Otorhinolaryngology Residency (Mumbai University)

- First Rank – M.S.Examination, Year 2000-2001
- First Rank – D.O.R.L Examination by College of Physicians & Surgeons
- First Rank -Diplomate of the National Board in E.N.T. (D.N.B)-All India Examination for Post Graduates.

Medical School (University of Bombay):

- Honors in Biochemistry
- Honors in Anatomy.
- 98th Percentile in Bombay University at Final M.B.B.S. examination.

College (Mumbai Univ) **All my schooling as well as higher education has been in English.**

- State Rank 1st in English (90/100) among more than 100,000 students.
 - State Rank 2 in subgroup of Physics, Chemistry & Biology (148/150) among 100,000 students.
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Master of Science in Clinical Research (2007)

- Accepted to the degree course for clinical research training at the University of Pittsburgh

R E S E A R C H E X P E R I E N C E

PUBLICATIONS (ACCEPTED PUBLICATIONS – ARTICLES IN SUBMISSION)

1. Hathiram TB, Sathe N, Agarwal R, Walvekar R, Dwivedi A: Tonsil and Adenoids in Children. *Indian Practitioner* 1999;52(6):413 – 415.
 2. Hathiram BT, Grewal DS, Walvekar R, Dwivedi A, Kumar L, Mohorikar A. The Melkersson – Rosenthal Syndrome as a rare cause of facial nerve palsy – A case report: *Indian Journal of Otolaryngology and Head and Neck Surgery* 2000;52(4):375 – 376.
 3. Hathiram BT, Dwivedi A, Walvekar R, Kumar L, Hashmi M, Grewal DS. Lightning – A rare cause of hearing loss – A case report. *Indian Journal of Otology* 17(2): 87 – 89.
 4. Grewal DS, Hathiram BT, Agarwal R, Walvekar R. Otitic hydrocephalous of tubercular origin – a rare cause. *J Laryngol Otol* 2000;114(11):84-7.
 5. Walvekar R, Velankar H, Shiralkar P, Pradhan KA. “Live Fish” in the throat – an unusual foreign body. *BHJ* 2003;.45(3): 496-497.
 6. Walvekar R, Velankar H, Pradhan KA. Globus pharyngis – An unusual presentation. *BHJ* 2004;46(2):135-137.
 7. Grewal DS, Hathiram BT, Walvekar R, Mohorikar AV, Shroff M, Bahal NK. Surgical Decompression in Bell’s Palsy – Our View Point. *Indian Journal of Otolaryngology and Head and Neck Surgery* 2002;54(3):198 – 203.
 8. Walvekar RR, Chaukar DA, Mahajan A, D’Cruz AK. Skin metastasis in an oropharyngeal cancer-report of a case and review of literature: *BHJ* 2006;48(1):175 – 178.
 9. Walvekar RR, Ferris RL. Editorial Comment: Planned neck dissection for N2/N3 nodal disease after Chemoradiotherapy – An Adjuvant Therapy. *Abstracts in Hematology & Oncology* 2006;9(3):15 -21.
 10. Walvekar RR, Kane SV, D’Cruz AK. Collision tumor of the thyroid: follicular variant of papillary carcinoma and squamous carcinoma. *WJSO* 2006; 4:65
 11. Walvekar RR, Kane SV, Nadkarni MS, Bagwan IN, Chaukar DA, D’Cruz AK. Chronic arsenic poisoning: a global health issue-a report of multiple primary cancers. *J Cutan Pathol* 2007; 34(2): 203-206.
 12. Walvekar RR, Pantavaidya GH, Desai SB, Chaukar DA, D’Cruz AK. Urinary bladder metastasis-an unusual presentation of distant spread from a primary pyriform sinus cancer. A case report. *ANL (Auris Nasus Larynx)* 2006; 33(4): 493-495
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13. Nayak JV, Walvekar RR, Andrade RS, Daamen N, Lai SY, Argiris A, Smith RP, Heron DE, Ferris RL, Johnson JT, Branstetter BF. Deferring planned neck dissection following chemoradiation for stage IV head neck cancer: utility of PET-CT. *Laryngoscope* 2007 Dec;117(12):2129-2134.
 14. Ryan Li, Walvekar RR, Nalesnik M, Gamblin C. Unresectable hepatocellular carcinoma with a solitary metastasis to the mandible. *Am Surg* 2008 Apr; 74(4):346-9.
 15. Walvekar RR, Razfar A, Carrau RL, Schaitkin BS. Sialoendoscopy and associated complications: a preliminary experience. *Laryngoscope* 2008 May; 118(5):776-779
 16. Ryan Li, Byers K, Walvekar RR. Gingival hypertrophy an unusual presentation of ascorbic acid deficiency. (accepted in *Am J Otol*)
 17. Bomeli SR, Desai SC, Johnson JT, Walvekar RR. Management of salivary flow in head and neck cancer patients – a systematic review (accepted in *Oral Oncology*)
 18. Sharma A, Wayne S, Nikiforova MN, Johnson JT, Walvekar RR. Two sites of head neck squamous cell carcinoma: utility of loss of heterozygosity (accepted to *Annals Otology, Rhinology, Laryngology*)
 19. Walvekar RR, Carrau RL, Schaitkin BS. Sialoendoscopy: predictors of successful endoscopic sialolithotomy (accepted in *Am J Otol*)
 20. Lai SY, Walvekar RR, Ferris RL. Endoscopic video-assisted thyroidectomy: expanded indications and oncologic efficacy (accepted in *Head Neck*)
 21. Walvekar RR, Chaukar DA, Deshpande MS, Pai PS, Kakade A, Chaturvedi P, D’Cruz AK. Verrucous carcinoma of the oral cavity: a clinical and pathological study of 101 cases (accepted to *Oral Oncology*)
 22. Walvekar RR, Chaukar DA, Deshpande MS, Pai PS, Kakade A, Chaturvedi P, D’Cruz AK. Prognostic Indicators of locoregional failures in late stage tumors – a retrospective analysis of 2275 patients with squamous cell carcinoma of the gingivobuccal complex (accepted to *Oral Oncology*)
 23. Chaukar DA, Walvekar RR, Das AK, Deshpande MS, Pai PS, Hawaldar R, Kakade A, Chaturvedi P, D’Cruz AK. Long term quality of life: A tool to direct future rehabilitative efforts in cancers of the head neck survivors (accepted to *Am J Otol*)
 24. Walvekar RR, Carrau RL, Schaitkin B. Sialoendoscopy: Minimally Invasive Approach to the Salivary Ductal System-Invited (*submitted to Operative techniques*)
 25. Walvekar RR, Li Ryan, Gendron K. Spinal Accessory Injury – Review article for E-medicine (*under editorial review*)
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26. Walvekar RR, Li R, Gooding WE, Johnson JT, Ferris RL. Role of surgery in limited (T1-2,N0-1) cancers of the oropharynx (*under review in Laryngoscope*)
27. Walvekar RR, Chaukar DA, Deshpande MS, Pai PS, Kakade A Chaturvedi P, D'Cruz AK. Prognostic Indicators of locoregional failures in early stage tumors with squamous cell carcinoma of the gingivobuccal complex – manuscript in preparation
28. Andrade P, Walvekar RR, Seethala R, Heron D, Gooding WE, Ferris RL. Prognostic risk stratification for primary parotid cancers – manuscript in preparation

BOOK CHAPTERS

1. “ENT Simplified – 1st Edition”. Eds: Grewal DS, Hathiram BT .Published by Bhalani Book Depot, Mumbai, India (1999). Helped in editing the book
2. Atlas of Surgery of the Facial Nerve – First edition. Eds: Grewal DS, Hathiram BT. Published by Jaypee Bros, New Delhi, India (2006). Helped in basic stages of the atlas
3. Walvekar RR, Ferris RL. Complications of Percutaneous gastrostomy. In: Complications of Head & Neck Surgery, 2nd Edn. Dr.Eisele and Dr.Smith. (accepted for publication)
4. Walvekar RR, Myers EN. Techniques and Complications of Tracheotomy in Adults. In: Tracheotomy. Myers EN, Johnson JT(Eds). (Plural) 2007;35-68.
5. Walvekar R, Myers EN. Management of the mass in the pre-styloid parapharyngeal space. In: Salivary Gland Disorders. Myers EN, Ferris RL(Eds). (Springer) 2007;281-294.
6. Walvekar R, Myers EN. Management of the mass in the buccal space. In: Salivary Gland Disorders. Myers EN, Ferris RL(Eds). (Springer)2007;295-308.

PRESENTATIONS

- Walvekar R-“ Retraction Pockets & their management : Our view point”– Paper presentation at the Millennium AOI Mumbai Branch Conference , November 1999 (Oral)
 - Karnik P, Walvekar R-“The Role of Endoscopic sinus surgery in the management of sino-nasal tumors”. Tumors of the Nasal Cavity & Paranasal Sinuses-Study Material compiled by Dr.Vijay V. Haribhakti. Jaslok Hospital.
 - Grand Round presentation at the University of Pittsburgh – “Management of the neck after chemoradiotherapy in head neck cancer” (Oral)
 - Walvekar RR. Use of PET/CT in deferring neck dissection after chemoradiation therapy in stage IV head and neck cancer. Triologic Society meeting, San Diego, CA, 28th April 2007 (Oral)
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- Walvekar RR et al. Prognostic Indicators of locoregional failures in late stage tumors – a retrospective analysis of 2275 patients with squamous cell carcinoma of the gingivobuccal complex. AHNS meeting, San Diego, CA, 28th April 2007 (Poster)
- Walvekar RR et al. Ackerman’s tumor (Verrucous carcinoma) of the oral cavity. AHNS meeting, San Diego, CA, 28th April 2007 (Poster)
- Visiting Professor and Distinguished Lecturer, Didactic day at Louisiana State Health Sciences Center, Department of Otolaryngology & Head Neck Surgery, 2nd October 2007 (Oral)
- Walvekar RR et al. Sialoendoscopy: University of Pittsburgh Experience. Second International Conference on Salivary Gland Disorders, Pittsburgh, PA, 19th October 2007 (Oral)
- Walvekar RR et al. Role of Surgery in the Management of Limited Cancers of the Oropharynx, Pittsburgh, Alumni Day/Head Neck Course, Pittsburgh, PA, 28th March 2008 (Oral)
- Presentation (with Dr.E.N.Myers):
 - “Management of the neck in carcinoma of the parotid gland”- September 8th, 2006, Vth Balkan Congress of Otolaryngology – Head Neck Surgery, *Edrine, Turkey*
 - “Cancers of the external ear and middle ear cleft” – September 30th 2006, Surprise Conference in Honor of Dr.Richard Gacek, *Sarasota, Florida*
 - “Tracheostomy: Tips on how to avoid complications” – January 25th 2007, 7th GCC Otolaryngology Head Neck Society Conference and 12th National Scientific Meeting of Otolaryngology Head Neck Surgery and Communication Disorder Society – Sultanate of Oman
 - XII International Course of Head & Neck Surgeon, Sao Paulo, Brazil 04/2007
 - “Surgical organ preservation of the larynx: historical perspectives and personal observations”
 - Rohan Walvekar, MD
 - “Pharyngoesophageal reconstruction: historical perspectives and personal observations”
 - Rohan Walvekar, MD and Tarek Khairy, MD
 - “Laryngeal preservation protocols: historical perspectives and personal observations”
 - Tarek Khairy, MD and Rohan Walvekar, MD
 - 12th ASEAN ORL – Head and Neck Congress, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam 08/2007
 - “Newer diagnostic and therapeutic techniques in the management of cancer of the larynx”
 - Rohan Walvekar,MD

ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

- Walvekar RR - Reviewer for Journal of Clinical Pathology. Volume 59 Reviewers. *J Clin Pathol* 2006;59:1338 – 1340. [Manuscript ID#: JCP/2006/036624 (Feb/2006)]
 - Walvekar RR - Reviewer for Head Neck.
 - Manuscript ID# HED-06-0620 (Jan/2007)
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- Manuscript ID# HED-07-0373 (Aug/2007)
 - Manuscript ID# HED-08-0109 (Feb/2008)
- Walvekar RR – Role of Sentinel reader for Evidence Based Medicine [MORE McMaster Online Rating of Evidence] (since Feb/2007)
 - [HTTP://PLUS.MCMASTER.CA/MORE/RATINGHISTORY.ASPX](http://plus.mcmaster.ca/more/ratinghistory.aspx)
- Walvekar RR – Reviewer for Journal of Cutaneous Pathology. [Manuscript ID# CUP-L-061-2007] (Feb/2007)
- Walvekar RR – Reviewer for Histopathology [Manuscript ID# HISTOP-06-07-0316] (July/2007)
- Walvekar RR. Moderator – Free paper session: Second International Conference on Salivary Gland Disorders, Pittsburgh, PA, 19th October 2007
- Walvekar RR – Reviewer for World Journal of Surgical Oncology.
 - Manuscript ID# 4209616161655595 (Nov/2007)
 - Manuscript ID# 8519342871725282 (Dec/2007)
 - Manuscript ID# 1938903875180839 (Feb/2008)
- Walvekar RR – Reviewer for Laryngoscope as of 11/2007
 - Manuscript ID#LS6177 (Jan/2008)
 - Manuscript ID#LS6627 (April/2008)

ONGOING PROJECTS

- Retrospective Analysis of 2275 Gingivo-buccal cancers from 1997 – 2001 at Tata Memorial Hospital –Oral presentation IA00, Amsterdam (Early stage tumors)
- IRB Exempt submitted & approved: Retrospective projects
 - Economic analysis of PET/CT vs ND for management of neck post CRT (Dr.Johnson) and MIVAT vs Regular thyroidectomy (Ferris)
 - Clinical Prognostic markers for the management of cancers of the salivary glands (Ferris/Walvekar) – accepted for oral presentation at 2nd International Conference on Salivary Gland Disorders, Pittsburgh (October 2007) – manuscript in preperation
 - Role of surgery in limited cancers of the oropharynx (Dr.Ferris) – manuscript and abstract submitted for Archives & AHNS 2008 respectively
 - QOL (voice and speech related) TL vs CRT (Dr.Ferris)
 - Incidence of level I metastasis in oral cancer (with Dr.Myers)
 - Carcinoma of the RMT – (Walvekar/Ali)
 - Antibiotic prophylaxis in head neck cancer – (Walvekar/Johnson/Man)

C O N F E R E N C E S , W O R K S H O P S & S E M I N A R S

- Attended “Third Microear Surgical Workshop” May 1999- AJBM ENT Hospital Mumbai – Conducted by DR. A.G.Pusalkar.
 - Attended First All India Live ENT Laser Surgery Workshop- December 1999.
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- Attended VIII th ICOT (International Center for Otology Training) workshop , Savannah, Georgia USA 28TH APRIL – 6TH MAY 2002.
 - OBSERVER’S POST: Baylor College of Medicine, under Dr.Bobby Alford, Department of E.N.T. & Head – Neck Surgery 8TH MAY 2002 – 8TH JUNE 2002. During this period I observed at the Texas Children’s Hospital under Dr.Joseph L. Edmonds M.D.Texas Pediatric Otolaryngology Center.
 - Attended 11th Functional Endoscopic Sinus Surgery Workshop with Hands-on cadaveric dissection organized by Seth G.S. Medical College and P.D. Hinduja National Hospital & Medical Research Centre, Mumbai 29th August – 1st September 2002.
 - Attended and Assisted in O.R. – Advanced Otology Surgical Workshop organized by The Association of Otolaryngologists of India Mumbai (West) Branch at Lilavati Hospital & Research Center – 9th & 10th November 2002.
 - Attended ‘Live Endoscopic sinus surgery workshop 2002’ as a delegate held on the 12th December 2002 at the S.P.Jain auditorium, Bombay Hospital – Dr.Mrs.Vimal Kasbekar, Course Director
 - Attended the Laryngeal Framework – Phonosurgery Workshop and Annual Conference of Indian Society of Laryngology – 8th & 9th February 2003 : Organized by Dr.P.Hakim,,Dr.K.P.Morwani and President Dr.Anklesaria
 - OBSERVER’S POST at the TATA MEMORIAL CANCER Hospital, Parel, Mumbai, India from 3rd of February 2003 to 21st April 2003
 - Visiting Fellowship at Eye & Ear Institute, Univ of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Pittsburgh, PA with Dr.Eugene Myers and Dr.Jonas Johnson from 4th April 2005 – 16th April 2005.
 - Festschrift in honor of Dr.E.N.Myers, March 30th,2006, UPMC, Pittsburgh, PA.
 - Course:AO ASIF Principles of Operative treatment of Craniomaxillofacial trauma and Reconstruction from April 22nd – 23rd,2006. Pittsburgh, PA
 - Sinus surgery course, Univeristy if Piitsburgh. Shadyside hospital. Dr.Barry Schaitkin. October 20th & 21st, 2006
 - Surgical Anatomy of the Head Neck Course, University of Pittsburgh, Shadyside hospital (for PGY-2) – assisted as ‘Instructor’: October 22nd, 2006
 - Update in Allergy and Sino-nasal disorders, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA (Dr.B J Fergusson): March 14th, 2007
 - Alumni Day/Update in Otology ENT Refresher Course, University of Pittsburgh, PA: March 16-17th,2007
 - Multidisciplinary Mangement of Head & Neck Cancer: Challenges & Directions in 2007, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA (Dr.Argiris & Dr.Johnson): April 4th, 2007.
 - Triologic Society and AHNS, COSM. San Diego, CA, 27th – 29th April 2007
 - Advances in treating head and neck cancer: collaborative approaches to reach a common goal. San Diego, CA, 28th April 2007
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- The Second International Conference on Salivary Gland Disorders, Pittsburgh, PA, 19th – 21st October, 2007 – Hands-on workshop on Sialendoscopy (Francis Marchal)
- Sinus surgery course, University of Pittsburgh. Shadyside hospital. Dr. Barry Schaitkin. November 2nd to 4th, 2007
- Surgical Anatomy of the Head Neck Course, University of Pittsburgh, Shadyside hospital (for PGY-2) – ‘Course Instructor’: November 3rd, 2007
- Alumni Day/Update in Head Neck Surgery/ ENT Refresher Course, University of Pittsburgh, PA: March 28-29th, 2008

C O M M U N I T Y A C T I V I T I E S

- Free E.N.T Check Up Camp Organized By the Bedekar Sadan & Malini B Society – Mumbai.
- Organized and conducted School Health Clinics, Immunization Drives under the Department of Preventive and Social Medicine, D.Y Patil Medical College
- Lecture: “Common Problems in ENT in Children” for Light House [Child and Parent Guidance center] at St.Elizabeth Hospital, Mumbai on 24th April 2003
- ENT surgeon on panel for a holistic free camp “ EDU – FAIR” for Light House [Child and Parent Guidance center] at Sophia College, Mumbai on 27th April 2003
- Cancer forum/Screening-Oral, Head & Neck Cancer: The Healthy Black Family Project- 10th April 2006.[Kingsley Center, 6435 Frankstown Ave, PGH, PA 15206]
- Yul Brynner Oral Head and Neck Cancer Screening Clinic: University of Pittsburgh- 20th April 2007

E X T R A C U R R I C U L A R A C T I V I T I E S

- Member of the Rotary International Dist 3140 Mumbai Mid City Club, India.
- Sports Secretary – D.Y Patil Medical College 1994 – 1995.
- Represented I.E.S.’s English Medium High School and D.Y.Patil Medical College in inter school and inter collegiate tournaments in Carrom and Cricket
- Won Snooker Tournament – Willingdon Sports Club 1998.

M E M B E R S H I P P R O F E S S I O N A L A S S O C I A T I O N S

- Association of Otolaryngologists of India (Mumbai Branch) – Life Member
- Association of Otolaryngologists of India (AOI) – Life Member
- Community Ear Nose Throat Specialists – Member (2008)
- American Head Neck Society (AHNS) – Nominated for General Membership (2008)
- **Pennsylvania Medical License**

- License type: Medical Physician and Surgeon
- License Number: MD430119
- Issue Date: 09/12/2006 Expiration Date:12/31/2008

T E A C H I N G E X P E R I E N C E

- 1 ½ year of Senior Residency: 01/2000 - 07/2001
- 2 years of Lecturer's post : 08/2001 - 07/2003
- Current: Visiting Instructor / Clinical Fellow, Department of Otolaryngology, University of Pittsburgh, USA: 1st January 2006 to date.

B R E A K I N T R A I N I N G

- 7th March 2005 – 31st July 2005 : USA for interviews for Head Neck Fellowships and completed the Step 2CS and Step 3 ECFMG examinations and got an ECFMG certificate.
- 19th December 2005 – 31st December 2005 : Pittsburgh: pre employment paperwork towards Fellowship starting 1/1/06

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