

CURRICULUM VITAE

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PERSONAL: David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA
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EDUCATION

1992-1996 Los Altos High School
Los Altos, California
1996-2000 Stanford University
Bachelor of Science in Biology
2005-2009 University of California San Diego
Doctor of Medicine
2012-2014 Track 2 Certificate, UCLA CTSI Training Program in
Translational Science
UCLA, Los Angeles, CA
2020-2022 ACS-MacLean Surgical Ethics Fellowship
University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Post-graduate Training

2009-2012 Internship and Junior Residency in General Surgery
Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, Torrance, CA
2012-2014 Research Fellowship, Division of Pediatric Surgery
David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, Los Angeles, CA
2014-2016 Senior and Chief Residency in General Surgery
Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, Torrance, CA
2015-2016 Administrative Chief Resident in General Surgery
Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, Torrance, CA
2016-2018 Fellowship in Pediatric Surgery
Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI

LICENSURE

2010-present State of California, Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate
#A115037
2011-present DEA License # FS2383507
2016-2020 State of Wisconsin, License of Medicine and Surgery #65156-20

2019-present Fluoroscopy, X-ray Supervisor and Operator #RHC00204434

BOARD CERTIFICATION

2016-present American Board of Surgery (#61868)
Recertification: N/A

2018-present American Board of Pediatric Surgery (#001488)
Recertification: N/A

Additional Training/Certification

2009-2018 Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support
2009-2020 Advanced Trauma Life Support
2014 Fundamentals of Laparoscopic of Surgery Certification
2018 Pediatric Advanced Life Support/Basic Life Support

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2018 UCLA Mattel Children’s Hospital
Attending Surgeon, Division of Pediatric Surgery
Los Angeles, California

2018 David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA
Assistant Clinical Professor of Surgery
Division of Pediatric Surgery
Los Angeles, California

Hospital Affiliations (Current)

UCLA Mattel Children’s Hospital
Los Angeles, CA

UCLA Santa Monica Hospital
Santa Monica, CA

Harbor-UCLA Medical Center
Torrance, CA

Olive View Medical Center
Sylmar, CA

Northridge Medical Center
Northridge, CA

Torrance Memorial Medical Center
Torrance, CA

Providence Little Company of Mary Hospital
Torrance, CA

Los Robles Medical Center
Thousand Oaks, CA

Miller Women and Children's Hospital
Long Beach, CA

California Hospital Medical Center
Los Angeles, CA

Research Experience

2001 Osteoporosis Study Assistant, Hospital for Special Surgery, New York, NY
2004 Movement Disorder Laboratory Assistant, Michael P. Caligiuri, PhD
2008-2009 Research in Ethics and Honor Codes, Michael Kalichman, PhD
2012-2014 Research Fellow, UCLA Department of Surgery, Division of Pediatric Surgery
2021-current Co-Principal Investigator, Exploring Wellness, Justice, Equity, and Inclusion Among UCLA Surgical Faculty

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

National Committees

2017-present Ethics Committee - Member
American Pediatric Surgical Association

Volunteer Experience

1999-2000 Mentor and Tutor, Partners for Academic Excellence, Stanford University
2001-2003 Mentor, Athletes Helping Athletes, Long Island, NY
2003-2004 USC University Hospital, Volunteer, Los Angeles, CA
2004 L.A. Free Clinic, Beverly Clinic, Los Angeles, CA
2006-2007 Migrant Farm Worker Project, San Diego, CA
2006-2009 UCSD Student-Run Free Clinic Project, San Diego, CA
2014-2016 Harbor-UCLA Hospital Bioethics Committee
2017-2018 Children's Hospital of Wisconsin Ethics Committee
2019-present Ronald Reagan UCLA Hospital Ethics Committee
2019-present Stanford Oval Outreach Alumni Volunteer

Leadership

2007 UCSD Peer Mentoring Group – Founding Member
2009 UCSD Faculty Committee Standing and Promotions Representative
2009 UCSD Admissions Representative
2015-2016 Harbor-UCLA Program Evaluation Committee Representative
2017-present APSA Ethics Committee Representative
2020-present UCLA Department of Surgery Physician Wellness Officer
2020-present UCLA Physician Wellness Oversight Committee Representative
2020-present UCLA Department of Surgery Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee Representative
2021-present UCLA Department of Surgery Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee: Subcommittee on Recruitment and Retention Member
2021-present UCLA Lead Representative, General Surgery Research Collaborative on Resident Wellness

Memberships

American Academy of Pediatrics, Section on Surgery
American Pediatric Surgical Association
American College of Surgeons
American Medical Association
Children’s Oncology Group
Disaster Healthcare Volunteers
Medical Reserve Corps of Los Angeles

Editorial Review

Reviewer: Journal of Pediatric Surgery 2017-present

HONORS AND SPECIAL AWARDS

1996-2000 United States U-20/21 Women’s National Soccer Team
1996-2000 Clarke A. and Elizabeth Nelson Athletic Scholarship
1997-2000 United States Women’s National Soccer Team
1998-1999 Pac-10 All-Academic Team
1999 NCAA All-America Team
1999-2000 Stanford Athletic Department Honor Roll Student
2000 Pam Strathairn Award, Stanford University Senior Athletic Board Awards
2004 Outstanding Volunteer at USC University Hospital
2005 United States Women’s National Select Team Captain
2007 UCSD Student-Run Free Clinic Project Award
2010 Intern of the Year – Harbor-UCLA General Surgery
2013 Sheikh Zayed Institute Award for Innovation in Pediatric Surgery, APSA
2014 PAPS Research Prize, Basic Science, second place.

2016 Chief Resident of the Year – Harbor-UCLA General Surgery

RESEARCH GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS:

- 2013 Sheikh Zayed Institute Award for Innovation in Pediatric Surgery, APSA, \$10,000
- 2013-2019 Esophageal Lengthening in Minipigs
LA BioMed Seed Grant: \$32,375
Harbor-UCLA Department of Pediatrics Intramural Grant: \$40,000
- 2020-current Eclipse Distraction Enterogenesis – Industry sponsored FDA Phase 1 GLP study generating preclinical safety data for endoluminal intestinal lengthening device. Covance Labs, San Carlos, CA
Eclipse Regeneration, Inc.: \$340,464
Role: Principal Investigator
- 2020-current Pilot Eclipse Distraction Enterogenesis – Pilot surgical study in preparation for FDA GLP safety study. Covance Labs, San Carlos, CA
Eclipse Regeneration, Inc.: \$25,966
Role: Principal Investigator
- 2020-current Enhanced Stress Resilience Training to Improve Mental Health, Stress, and Performance in Resident Physicians.
UCLA Department of Surgery Intramural Funding: \$20,000
Role: Principal Investigator
- 2020-2021 American College of Surgeons MacLean Surgical Ethics Fellowship Grant \$7,500

LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS:

1. **Sullins VF**, Yaghoubian A, Munoz V, Kaji A, Bricker SD, Plurad DS, Lee SL. Does Race/Ethnicity Affect the Use of Restraints and Outcomes in Patients Involved in Motor Vehicle Crashes? American College of Surgeons, Chicago, IL, Oct 1, 2012, poster.
2. **Sullins VF**, Wagner JP, Suwarnasarn A, Lee SL, Wu BM, Dunn JCY. A novel biodegradable device for intestinal lengthening. American Pediatric Surgical Association, Marco Island, FL, May 4, 2013.
3. **Sullins VF**, Wagner JP, Walther CM, Chiang EK, Lee SL, Wu BM, Dunn JCY. Function of restored jejunum lengthened by a degradable spring. American College of Surgeons Surgical Forum, Chicago, IL, Oct 7, 2013.
4. **Sullins VF**, Yaghoubian A, Nguyen J, Kaji A, Lee SL. Racial/ethnic and socioeconomic disparities in the use of helmets in children involved in bicycle

- accidents. American Academy of Pediatrics, Section on Surgery, Orlando, FL, Oct 26, 2013.
5. **Sullins VF**, Wagner JP, Walthers CM, Chiang EK, Lee SL, Wu BM, Dunn JCY. Glucose absorption in mechanically lengthened rat jejunum after restoration into continuity. American Academy of Pediatrics, Section on Surgery, Orlando, FL, Oct 26, 2013.
 6. **Sullins VF**, Yaghoubian A, Nguyen J, Kaji AH, Lee SL. Are there racial/ethnic and socioeconomic disparities in helmet use among those involved in bicycle accidents? Southern California Chapter of the American College of Surgeons, Santa Barbara, CA, January 18, 2014.
 7. **Sullins VF**, Jabaji Z, Stark R, Dunn JCY, Lee SL. A novel rodent model of long-gap esophageal atresia. Pacific Association of Pediatric Surgeons, Banff, Calgary, CAN, May 28, 2014.
 8. **Sullins VF**, Scott A, Wagner JP, Steinberger D, Lee SL, Wu BM, Dunn JCY. Intestinal lengthening in an innovative rodent surgical model. Pacific Association of Pediatric Surgeons, Banff, Alberta, CAN, May 26, 2014.
 9. Distraction Enterogenesis. Department of Surgery Grand Rounds, Harbor-UCLA, Torrance, CA, May 2014.
 10. Mechanical Enterogenesis. Department of Pediatrics Grand Rounds, Harbor-UCLA, Torrance, CA, May 2014.
 11. **Sullins VF**, Lee SL. Malpractice in cases of pediatric appendicitis: a 30-year review. Presented at American Academy of Pediatrics, Section on Surgery, San Diego, CA, Oct 11, 2014.
 12. **Sullins VF**, Traum PK, French SW, Wu BM, Dunn JCY, Lee SL. A novel method of esophageal lengthening in a large animal model of long-gap esophageal atresia. American Academy of Pediatrics, Section on Surgery, San Diego, CA, Oct 11, 2014.
 13. **Sullins VF**, Lee SL. Analysis of medical malpractice claims involving pediatric surgical conditions. Presented at American Pediatric Surgical Association Annual Meeting, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, May 2, 2015.
 14. Non-Accidental Trauma in Pediatric Patients. Harbor-UCLA Joint Trauma and Emergency Medicine Conference, Harbor-UCLA, Torrance, CA, Sept 2015.
 15. Renovascular Hypertension in Children. Harbor-UCLA Division of Vascular Surgery Multidisciplinary Conference, Harbor-UCLA, Torrance, CA Dec 2015.
 16. **Sullins VF**, Traum PK, French SW, Wu BM, Dunn JCY, Lee SL. A Novel Method of Esophageal Lengthening in a Large Animal Model of Long-Gap Atresia. Presented at Harbor-UCLA 1st Annual Research Day, Torrance, CA, June 10, 2016.
 17. Management of Esophageal Atresia: Past, Present and Future. Department of Surgery Grand Rounds, Harbor-UCLA, Torrance, CA, Feb 2016.
 18. **Sullins VF**, Lee SL. Malpractice in cases of pediatric appendicitis. Presented at Harbor-UCLA 2nd Annual Research Day, Torrance, CA, June 8, 2016.
 19. Carcinoid Tumors of the Appendix. Surgery/Pathology/Radiology Conference, Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI, Aug 3, 2017.
 20. Congenital Mesoblastic Nephroma. Surgery/Pathology/Radiology Conference Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI, Jan 5, 2018.

21. Pediatric Thyroid Malignancy. Surgery/Pathology/Radiology Conference, Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI, Feb 2, 2018.
22. Life Beyond Residency. Presented at Department of Surgery Grand Rounds, Harbor-UCLA, Torrance, CA, Feb 6, 2019
23. Ethical Issues During the COVID-19 Pandemic, American Pediatric Surgical Association Virtual Annual Meeting, May 28, 2020.
24. Palliative Renal Transplant. MacLean Center for Clinical Medical Ethics, Pediatric Ethics Case Conference, Nov 4, 2020.
25. Evaluation of Emesis in Infants and Toddlers. UCLA Department of Pediatrics Grand Rounds, Los Angeles, CA, Nov 6, 2020.
26. Emotional Regulation in Surgery: Fostering Well-being, Performance, and Leadership. Presented at Academic Surgical Congress Virtual Annual Meeting, Hot Topics Session, Feb 4, 2021.
27. Mechanical Enterogenesis in the Management of Short Bowel Syndrome. UCLA Department of Surgery Grand Rounds, Los Angeles, CA, July 14, 2021.
28. Pediatric Surgical Jeopardy. UCLA Department of Surgery Resident Education Conference, Los Angeles, CA, July 14, 2021.

PUBLICATIONS/BIBLIOGRAPHY:

RESEARCH PAPERS (PEER-REVIEWED)

A. RESEARCH PAPERS—PEER REVIEWED

1. **Sullins VF**, Wagner JP, Suwarnasarn A, Lee SL, Wu BM, Dunn JCY. A novel biodegradable device for intestinal lengthening. *J Pediatr Surg* 2014 Jan;49(1):109-113.
2. **Sullins VF**, Wagner JP, Walthers CM, Chiang EK, Lee SL, Wu BM, Dunn JCY. Function of mechanically lengthened jejunum after restoration into continuity. *J Pediatr Surg* 2014 Jun;49(6):971-4.
3. **Sullins VF**, Yaghoubian A, Nguyen J, Kaji A, Lee SL. Racial/ethnic and socioeconomic disparities in the use of helmets in children involved in bicycle accidents. *J Pediatr Surg* 2014 Jun;49(6):1000-3.
4. Wagner J, **Sullins VF**, Dunn JCY. Transplanted skin-derived precursor cells generate enteric ganglion-like structures in vivo. *J Pediatr Surg* 2014 Aug;49(8):1319-24.
5. Wagner JP, **Sullins VF**, Dunn JC. A novel model of permanent intestinal aganglionosis. *J Surg Res* 2014 Nov;192(1):27-33.
6. **Sullins VF**, Scott A, Wagner JP, Steinberger D, Lee SL, Wu BM, Dunn JCY. Intestinal lengthening in an innovative rodent surgical model. *J Pediatr Surg* 2014 Dec;49(12):1791-4.

7. Wagner JP, **Sullins VF**, Dunn JCY. Skin-derived precursors generate enteric-type neurons in aganglionic jejunum. *J Pediatr Surg* 2014 Dec;49(12):1809-14.
8. Wagner JP, **Sullins VF**, Khalil HA, Dunn JCY. A durable model of Hirschsprung's colon. *J Pediatr Surg* 2014 Dec;49(12):1804-8.
9. **Sullins VF**, Traum PK, French SW, Wu BM, Dunn JCY, S.L. Lee. A novel method of esophageal lengthening in a large animal model of long-gap esophageal atresia. *J Pediatr Surg* 2015 Jun;50(6):928-32.
10. Scott A, **Sullins VF**, Steinberger D, Wagner JP, S.L. Lee, Wu BM, Dunn JCY. Repeated mechanical lengthening of intestinal segments in a novel model. *J Pediatr Surg* 2015 Jun;50(6):954-7.
11. Rouch JD, Wagner JP, Scott A, **Sullins VF**, Chen DC, DeUgarte DA, Shew SB, Tillou A, Dunn JC, Lee SL. Innovation in pediatric surgical education for general surgery residents: a mobile web resource. *J Surg Educ* 2015 Nov-Dec;72(6):1190-4.
12. Pham XBD, **Sullins VF**, Kim DY, Range B, Kaji AH, de Virgilio CM, Lee SL. Factors predictive of complicated appendicitis in children. *J Surg Re* 2016 Nov;206(1):62-66.
13. **Sullins VF**, Rouch JD, Lee SL. Malpractice in cases of pediatric appendicitis. *Clin Pediatr* 2017 Mar;56(3):226-30.
14. Sullins V, Aiken J, Densmore J. Laparoscopic diagnosis of the elusive pediatric femoral hernia. *Journal of Laparoendoscopic & Advanced Surgical Techniques & Part B: Videoscopy* 2018 Jun;28(3): <https://doi.org/10.1089/vor.2017.0448>.
15. Amin R, **Sullins VF**, Mitchell ME, Arca MJ. Thoracoscopic repair of Sibson hernia in a pediatric patient. *J Thorac Cardiovasc Surg* 2018 Sep 25. pii: S0022-5223(18)32473-5.
16. Bence CM, **Sullins VF**, Xiao J, Calkins CM, Martin TJ, Kovacic KK, Lal DR. Thoracoscopic repair of proximal H-type tracheoesophageal fistula. *Videoscopy* 2019 May;29(3): <https://doi.org/10.1089/vor.2019.0584>.
17. Sidhu S, Mandelbaum AD, Dobarra V, Williamson CG, Tran Z, **Sullins V**, Benharash P. National trends in the cost burden of pediatric gunshot wounds across the United States. *Journal of Pediatrics* (In press) Published May 12, 2021: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jpeds.2021.05.018>.

B. RESEARCH PAPERS—PEER REVIEWED (IN PRESS)

None

A. RESEARCH PAPERS—PEER REVIEWED (SUBMITTED)

1. Nguyen J, **Sullins VF**, Barzargan S, Kaji AH, Lee SL. Racial/Ethnic and Socioeconomic Disparities in Helmet Use Exist in Patients Involved in Bicycle Accidents. *Journal of Injury and Violence Research*. (Submitted for publication)
2. Pennington EC, Javid P, Mueller C, **Sullins V**, Hunter CJ. Ethical dilemmas in the management of infants with necrotizing enterocolitis totalis. *Journal of Pediatric Surgery* (Submitted for publication)
3. Greenberg AL, Boscardin C, Lebares CL, **the General Surgery Research Collaborative on Resident Wellbeing**. Flourishing as a guide to intervention: A multicenter study of general surgery residents. *JAMA Surgery* (Submitted for publication)

RESEARCH PAPERS (NON-PEER REVIEWED)

D.RESEARCH PAPERS—NON-PEER REVIEWED

1. Amin RA, Jaber C, Lee SL, **Sullins VF**. Analysis of medical malpractice claims involving pediatric surgical conditions. *Curr Pediatr Res* 2017;21(4):591-4.

E. RESEARCH PAPERS—NON-PEER-REVIEWED (IN PRESS)

None

F. RESEARCH PAPERS—NON-PEER REVIEWED (SUBMITTED)

None

BOOK CHAPTERS

1. Lee SL, **Sullins VF**, DuBois JJ, Vermiform Appendix. *Medscape Reference*. Updated October 18,2013. Available at: <http://emedicine.medscape.com/article/195652-overview>.
2. **Sullins VF**, Lee SL. Appendicitis in Ashcraft's Pediatric Surgery, Sixth Edition, Holcomb WH, Murphy JP, Ostlie D (eds.), 568-579, 2014
3. **Sullins VF**, Lee SL. Full-term Infant with Respiratory Distress in Surgery: A Case Based Clinical Review, de Virgilio C, Grigorian A, Frank P (eds), Springer, 321-328, 2015

4. Jabaji Z, **Sullins VF**, Lee SL. Newborn with Bilious Emesis in Surgery: A Case Based Clinical Review, de Virgilio C, Grigorian A, Frank P (eds), Springer, 329-334, 2015
5. **Sullins VF**, Lee SL. Infant with Bilious Emesis in Surgery: A Case Based Clinical Review, de Virgilio C, Grigorian A, Frank P (eds), Springer, 335-342, 2015
6. Jabaji Z, **Sullins VF**, Lee SL. Infant with Non-bilious Emesis in Surgery: A Case Based Clinical Review, de Virgilio C, Grigorian A, Frank P (eds), Springer, 343-348, 2015
7. **Sullins VF**, Lee SL. Newborn with Excessive Drooling in Surgery: A Case Based Clinical Review, de Virgilio C, Grigorian A, Frank P (eds), Springer, 357-364, 2015
8. **Sullins VF**, Jarboe M, Calkins CM. Acquired Anorectal Disorders in Holcomb and Ashcraft's Pediatric Surgery, Seventh Edition, Holcomb WH, Murphy JP, St. Peter SD (eds.), 613-620, 2019
9. **Sullins VF**, Shenoy R, Lee SL. Full term Male Infant with Respiratory Distress in Surgery: A Case Based Clinical Review, Second Edition, de Virgilio C, Grigorian A (eds), Springer, 399-404, 2020
10. Shenoy R, **Sullins VF**, Lee SL. Infant with Bilious Emesis in Surgery: A Case Based Clinical Review, de Virgilio C, Grigorian A (eds), Springer, 405-409, 2020
11. **Sullins VF**, Shenoy R, Lee SL. Infant with Non-bilious Emesis in Surgery: A Case Based Clinical Review, Second Edition, de Virgilio C, Grigorian A (eds), Springer, 411-415, 2020
12. **Sullins VF**, Shenoy R, Lee SL. Excessive Drooling in a Newborn in Surgery: A Case Based Clinical Review, Second Edition, de Virgilio C, Grigorian A (eds), Springer, 423-428, 2020

CHAPTERS (IN PRESS)

1. Moore A, **Sullins VF**, Lee SL. Chapter 22: Pediatric Surgery. Review of Surgery for ABSITE and Boards, Third Edition, de Virgilio C, Grigorian A (eds). (in press)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

None

REVIEWS

None

EDITORIALS

None

PAPERS IN PREPARATION (RESEARCH COMPLETED)

None

ABSTRACTS

1. **Sullins VF**, Wagner JP, Walthers CM, Chiang EK, Lee SL, Wu BM, Dunn JCY. Function of restored jejunum lengthened by a degradable spring. JACS Sept 2013;217(3):S79.
2. **Sullins VF**, Aiken JA, Densmore JD. Laparoscopic diagnosis of the elusive pediatric femoral hernia. Video presentation at IPEG, London, England, July 21, 2017.
3. Amin R, **Sullins VF**, Berdan E, Mitchell M, Arca MA. Thoracoscopic repair of Sibson's Hernia. Presented at American Pediatric Surgical Association Annual Meeting, Palm Desert, CA, May 4, 2018.
4. Jang M, **Sullins V**, Jarzembowski J, Aiken J, Robey, T. Foregut duplication cyst arising in an H-type tracheoesophageal fistula: an unusual presentation of a pediatric neck mass. Presented at American Academy of Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, October 7-10, 2018.
5. Christian VJ, **Sullins VF**, Lal DR, Plunk M, Lerner DG. Single-balloon enteroscopy for diagnosis of trauma-associated distal small bowel obstruction. Presented at the North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology, and Nutrition Annual Meeting, Hollywood, FL, Oct 27, 2018.
6. Bence C, **Sullins V**, Xiao J, Calkins C, Martin T, Kovacic K, Lal D. Thoracoscopic repair of proximal H-type tracheoesophageal fistula. Presented at the International Pediatric Endosurgery Group Annual Meeting, Santiago, Chile, March 2019.
7. Xiao J, **Sullins V**, Koehler S, Aiken J, Arca M. Laparoscopic assisted excision of a type III sacrococcygeal teratoma. Presented at the virtual International Pediatric Endosurgery Group Annual Meeting, Sept 10, 2020. (Top Abstract)
8. Massoumi RL, Childers CP, **Sullins VF**, Lee SLL. Underrepresentation of pediatric operations in the relative value unit updating process. Presented at the American Academy of Pediatrics Section on Surgery Virtual Annual Meeting, Oct 23, 2020.

VIDEOS/MEDIA/PODCASTS

1. Xiao J, **Sullins V**, Koehler S, Aiken J, Arca M. Laparoscopic assisted excision of a type III sacrococcygeal teratoma. Journal of Laparoendoscopic & Advanced Surgical Techniques. <https://videolibrary.globalcastmd.com/ipeg-2020-top-abstract-laparoscopic-4>
2. **Sullins V**, Carlisle E. Introduction to Moral Distress Rounds Infomercial, American Pediatric Surgical Association Annual Meeting, May 2021. APSATV https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L-Xr2_UNqZo