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CURRICULUM VITAE

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ADDRESS: 6407 East 112th Avenue, Temple Terrace FL 33617

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: 24 September 1958, Philadelphia PA

EXPERIENCE:

2009 to present

James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital and Polytrauma Rehabilitation Center, Tampa FL, Staff Optometrist, TBI/ABI/Poly-trauma Vision Assessment and Rehabilitation, Department of Ophthalmology

James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital and Polytrauma Rehabilitation Center, Tampa FL, Director, Interprofessional Polytrauma/Tbi Rehabilitation Advanced Clinical Fellowship in Optometry

James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital and Polytrauma Rehabilitation Center, Tampa FL, Residency Coordinator, Primary Eye Care/Brain Injury Vision Assessment

DoD and Veterans Affairs Vision Center of Excellence, Crystal City VA, Subject Matter Expert in Traumatic Brain Injury Vision Assessment and Rehabilitation, Clinical Recommendation Consensus.

1993 to 2009

Neuro-Ophthalmologic Associates, Philadelphia PA, staff optometrist

Wills Eye Institute, Department of Neuro-ophthalmology

Wills Eye Consultation Center

Center City Ophthalmology

2007 to 2009

Edward Deglin, MD and Retina Associates, Nazareth Hospital, Philadelphia PA, optometric consultant

1993 to 2011

National Board of Examiners in Optometry, Charlotte NC, Clinical Skills Exam, Chief Examiner

1989 to 1993

National Board of Examiners in Optometry, Charlotte NC, Clinical Skills Exam, Examiner

1991 to 1993

Northeastern Eye Associates, Philadelphia PA, optometric consultant

1987 to 1988

Mary Stefanyshyn, MD, Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia PA, optometric consultant

1985 to 1991

Penn Eye Associates, Philadelphia PA, private practice

1985 to 1991

Nibondh Vacharat, MD, Episcopal Hospital, Philadelphia PA, optometric consultant

1985 to 1986

Optometric Technician Program, Manor Junior College and Pennsylvania College of Optometry,
Director of program

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS:

2016 to present

Pennsylvania College of Optometry at Salus University, Elkins Park PA, Adjunct Faculty

2009 to present

NOVA Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale FL, Adjunct Faculty

1985 to 1989

Pennsylvania College of Optometry, Philadelphia PA, Department of Biomedical Sciences, Teaching Associate, Human Physiology, CPR Instructor and Monitor

1981 to 1985

Pennsylvania College of Optometry, Philadelphia PA, Department of Anatomy
Teaching Associate, Human Anatomy and Neuro-anatomy

RESIDENCY:

1984 to 1985

The Eye Institute, Pennsylvania College of Optometry, Philadelphia PA, Primary Care Optometry

EDUCATION:

1980 to 1984

Pennsylvania College of Optometry, Philadelphia PA, Doctorate in Optometry, BS in Optometry,
Honors in primary care, Magna Cum Laude

1976 to 1980

La Salle College, Philadelphia PA, BA in Biology, minor in Slavic Languages, Magna Cum Laude

RESEARCH:

2017

Primary Investigator: "Visual and traumatic brain injury in veterans".

IRB: Pro00029527. Research in progress.

2014

Primary Investigator: "Visual consequences of mild traumatic brain injury in veterans".
Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology conference, Orlando FL, 2014

2012

Consensus mTBI vision screen: a Delphi study. Greg Goodrich, Gary Martinsen et al

1982 to 1983

Primary investigator: "The effect of UV-A, UV-B and Chlorpromazine on the Rabbit Lens" Academy
of Optometry Poster

BOARD OF OPTOMETRY CERTIFICATION:

1982 to 1984, National Board of Optometry Part I, II, III

1984, Pennsylvania State Board

1985/1998, National Board of Optometry TMOB

LICENSURE:**1984 to present**

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

1984 Optometry License: OE-0006344

1998 Therapeutic License: OE-006344-T

2003 Therapeutics/Glaucoma: OEG000665

2003 DEA License: number on request, current

BCLS Certification for Healthcare Providers, current

CONTINUING EDUCATION:

In accordance with Title 49, Chapter 23, sections 81-83 of the Pennsylvania Code: biennially, 30
hours minimum, at least 6 of which concern administration of pharmaceuticals for therapeutics.
List of CE credits will be provided on request.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

Pennsylvania Optometric Association

American Optometric Association

Armed Forces Optometric Society

National Association of Veterans Affairs Optometrists

PROFESSIONAL COMMITTEES:**2012 to present**

Veterans Administration, Optometry Service, Field Advisory, Optometric Education, Fellowship
subcommittee, member

Veterans Administration, Optometry Service, Field Advisory, Low Vision/Traumatic Brain Injury
rehabilitation subcommittee, member

American Optometric Association, Vision Rehabilitation Section, Brain Injury Subcommittee, member

2013 to 2015

American Optometric Association, Vision Rehabilitation Section, Brain Injury Subcommittee, chair
2011 to 2015

VA Optometry Traumatic Brain Injury Workgroup, co-chair

2011 to present

DoD and Veterans Affairs Vision Center of Excellence, Crystal City Virginia, Clinical Recommendation Consensus Committee, Subject Matter Expert in Traumatic Brain Injury Vision Assessment and Rehabilitation

Vision Center of Excellence World Wide Ocular Trauma, monthly video-teleconference participant and reporter for James A Haley Veterans' Hospital

2010 to present

American Optometric Association, Neuro-rehabilitation Educators SIG, member

Multisensory Deficits of Traumatic Brain Injury in Veterans Group, James A. Haley VH, member

American Optometric Association, Vision Rehabilitation SIG, member

2009 to 2010

National Board of Examiners in Optometry, Clinical Skills Exam Development Committee, Chair

2008 to 2009

National Board of Examiners in Optometry, Clinical Skills Exam Development Committee, Vice-Chair

2001 to 2010

National Board of Examiners in Optometry, Clinical Skills Exam Development Committee, Member

1993 to 1998

Delaware Valley Eye Care Consultants, Philadelphia PA, Utilization Management Committee, Member

1993 to 1998

Delaware Valley Eye Care Consultants, Philadelphia PA, Credentialing Committee, Member

PUBLICATIONS:

2018

Bringing Traumatic Brain Injury and Vision into Focus. Chrystyna Rakoczy, O.D. *Journal of the Ukrainian Medical Association of North America* Vol.55, No1 (159) 2018. Published in English and Ukrainian.

2016

Brain Injury Electronic Resource Manual: Vol1 B Traumatic Brain Injury Visual Dysfunction: Optometric Management and Advanced Topics. American Optometric Association, Vision Rehabilitation Section website, www.AOA.org. Chrystyna Rakoczy, O.D., editor, co-author, AOA Brain Injury Committee Chair. Published Jan , 2016

2015

An Interprofessional Clinical Fellowship in Rehabilitation Serving Veterans with Polytrauma and Brain Injury. Chrystyna Rakoczy, John Townsend, Jeffrey Cully, Debbie Hettler, Robert Zeiss, Deborah Ludke, *Journal of Interprofessional Education & Practice* 1 (2015) 16-20

2014

Brain Injury Electronic Resource Manual: Vol1 A Traumatic Brain Injury Assessment and Diagnosis.
American Optometric Association, Vision Rehabilitation Section website, www.AOA.org.

Chrystyna Rakoczy, Mitchel Scheiman, Allen Cohen et. al. Chrystyna Rakoczy, editor, co-author, AOA Brain Injury Committee Chair. Published Feb 3, 2014

Visual consequences of mild traumatic brain injury in Servicemembers. Radouil T. Tzekov, Scott D. Barnett, Tracy S. Kretzmer, Nancy M. Kirk, Chrystyna M. Rakoczy. In review for publication in *Clinical and Experimental Ophthalmology*

2013

Development of a mild traumatic brain injury-specific vision screening protocol: A Delphi study. Greg Goodrich, Gary Martinsen, Chrystyna Rakoczy et. al. *JRRD*. 2013; 50:6.

PRESENTATIONS:

2017

"TBI and Vision in US Military". Ukrainian Medical Association of North America. Meeting, Washington DC, July 2017

2016

"Bringing TBI and Vision into Focus" DVBIC Lecture Series, MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa FL, January 14, 2016

2015

"Vertical Vertigo". 2015 VISN 8 Optometry meeting. Tampa FL. COPE Event # 39542-LV, February 2015

"Visual Dysfunctions of mTBI: a literature review and innovations update". 2015 VISN 8 Optometry meeting. Tampa FL. February 2015

2014

"TBI visual dysfunction rehabilitation" 2014 USF Ophthalmology Resident's Lecture Series, James A. Haley VH. July 31, 2014

"Vision Deficits after traumatic brain injury" 2014 Polytrauma Resident's Lecture Series, James A. Haley VH. Chung To, Chrystyna Rakoczy. June 2014

"SD-OCT changes and subjective visual symptoms in veterans with mild traumatic brain injury". Chrystyna Rakoczy, Radouil Tzekov. Poster presented at the James A Haley Veterans' Hospital Research Day, Tampa FL, June 2014

"Visual consequences of mild traumatic brain injury in veterans". Chrystyna Rakoczy, Radouil Tzekov. Poster presented at the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology conference, Orlando FL, May 2014

"Visual rehabilitation". VA Optometry TBI conference presentation. Chung To, Imelda Llanos, Chrystyna Rakoczy. May 19, 2014

"Visual sequelae following anoxic brain injury". Chung To, Chrystyna Rakoczy, Imelda Llanos. Multimedia poster presented, SECO 2014, Atlanta GA, March 2014

"Vestibular/visual dysfunction case presentation". VA Optometry TBI conference presentation. Chrystyna Rakoczy, Karen Skop. Mar 17, 2014

"Vestibular issues associated with vision in TBI". VA Optometry TBI conference presentation. Chrystyna Rakoczy, Karen Skop. Jan 27, 2014

2013

- "Bedside to community: a gunner's story"*: VA Employee Education System training program in cooperation with the DoD/VA Vision Center of Excellence, hosted at the Blinded Veterans of America conference, Spokane, WA. COPE Event # 105916
- "Polytrauma System of Care and Brain Injury Vision Assessment and Rehabilitation: one model of care"*: Managing Vision Disorders Following Brain Injury. VA Employee Education System training program in cooperation with the DoD/VA Vision Center of Excellence, hosted at the Blinded Veterans of America conference, Spokane, WA. COPE Event # 105916
- "Vertical Vertigo"*: Managing Vision Disorders Following Brain Injury. VA Employee Education System training program in cooperation with the DoD/VA Vision Center of Excellence, hosted at the Blinded Veterans of America conference, Spokane, WA. COPE Event # 105916
- "Vestibular Dysfunction from Decompensating CN IV from TBI"*: Michael Peterson, Chrystyna Rakoczy, poster for the American Optometric Association Meeting
- "TBI Vision Deficits: primer for caretakers"* : Michael Peterson, Chrystyna Rakoczy at the James A. Haley VH, Tampa FL
- "Vision Deficits after Traumatic Brain Injury"* 2013 Polytrauma Resident's Lecture Series, James A. Haley VH

2012

- "TBI Vision Deficits: primer for families and caretakers"* James A. Haley VH, Tampa FL
- "VISN 8 TBI update and Literature review"*: Michael Peterson, Chrystyna Rakoczy at the VISN 8 Optometry meeting, 2012
- "Vision Deficits after Traumatic Brain Injury"* 2012 Polytrauma Resident's Lecture Series, James A. Haley VH

2011

- "TBI update"* VISN8 Optometry conference, Tampa, FL
- "Bring TBI and Vision into Focus"* DVBIC Conference, Washington DC
- "James A. Haley VH Brain Injury Vision Assessment and Rehabilitation Program"* Vision Center of Excellence presentation, Las Vegas NV
- "Multidisciplinary TBI Case Presentations"* TBI Vision Rehabilitation Symposium, National Intrepid Center of Excellence, Bethesda MD
- "TBI Vision Deficits: primer for families and caretakers"* James A. Haley VH, Tampa FL
- "Vision Deficits after Traumatic Brain Injury"* 2011 Polytrauma Resident's Lecture Series, James A. Haley VH

2010

- "Visual Field Awareness: Scanning Techniques for Visual Field Loss"* in Continuum of Care: Low Vision and Blind Rehabilitation Advanced Management Techniques a web-based lecture series publication for optometrists in the VA
- "TBI/Polytrauma: A Review for Blind Rehabilitation Outpatient Specialists and Vision Impairment Services Team members"* BROS Conference in Daytona FL *"Ocular Motility"* In-service at James A. Haley VH new resident training lecture series
- "Vision Deficits after Traumatic Brain Injury"* Polytrauma Grand Rounds James A. Haley VH

"Vision Deficits after Traumatic Brain Injury" 2010 Polytrauma Resident's Lecture Series, James A. Haley VH

"Update on TBI and Poly-trauma: Local and National" VISN8 Conference, Tampa FL

"Vestibular testing for Optometrists" VISN8 Conference, Tampa FL

"Inter-professional Polytrauma/ Traumatic Brain Injury Clinical Fellowship at the James A. Haley VH" Poster, Academy of Optometry, San Francisco CA

"Multi sensory Impairment in TBI" DVBIC Blast Injury Conference, Tampa FL

2009

"Theory of Optics and Optics of the Eye" James A. Haley VH Resident training

"Diplopia: causes and how to measure it" James A. Haley VH Resident training

"Optics of refraction and optical errors" James A. Haley VH Resident training

"I see what you are saying: The TBI vision Exam" ENVISION Conference, San Antonio TX

"The Traumatic Brain Injury Vision Examination" VISN8 Conference, Orlando FL
"Update on TBI and Poly-trauma" VISN8 Conference, Orlando FL

"TBI and Vision Deficits" poster at the DVBIC Blast Conference, Tampa FL

2008

"Which is Better One or Two: Basic Optics of Refraction and the Circle of Least Confusion?" Wills Eye Conference Philadelphia, PA

"20 Hour Review Course for Ophthalmology Boards"

Basic Theoretical Optics

Basic Ophthalmic Optics

Retinoscopy and Refraction

Phorias and Tropias: Measuring techniques

For Ophthalmology Residents 1st, 2nd and 3rd year of the Pennsylvania College of Osteopathic Medicine Ophthalmology Residency Program

"10 Hour Review Course for Ophthalmology Boards"

Retinoscopy and Refraction

Phorias and Tropias: Measuring techniques

For Ophthalmology Residents 1st, 2nd and 3rd year of the Pennsylvania College of Osteopathic Medicine Ophthalmology Residency Program

2007

"Double Vision: 9 questions to ask" Wills Eye Conference

"Double Vision: The exam" Wills Eye Conference

"Double Vision = Double Trouble" PA Regional Ophthalmic Society

1985

"Carcinoma Metastatic to the Eye", Pennsylvania College of Optometry.

"Ischemic Optic Neuropathy in Juvenile Diabetes", Pennsylvania College of Optometry.

"Inclusion Conjunctivitis", Pennsylvania College of Optometry.

"Ischemic Optic Neuropathy-a Review of Bogen and Glaser's Article", Pennsylvania College of Optometry.

AWARDS:

2016

Commendation: Department of Veterans Affairs; national level recognition for exemplary service to VHA Optometric Service and the Department of Veterans Affairs, in appreciation of dedication and commitment and constantly enhancing the quality of the national VHA optometry program.

2015

Commendation: Department of Veterans Affairs; national level recognition for exemplary service to VHA Optometric Service and the Department of Veterans Affairs, in appreciation of dedication and commitment and constantly enhancing the quality of the national VHA optometry program.

Certificate of Appreciation: VISN8 Optometry, for education in Visual Dysfunctions after Traumatic Brain Injury

2014

Jerry Davidoff Vision Care Award: national level recognition, presented to an American Optometric Association Vision Rehabilitation Section (AOA VRS) member who has demonstrated outstanding service and dedication to the visual welfare of the public, the field of vision rehabilitation services and/or the AOA VRS.

2013

Commendation: Department of Veterans Affairs; national level recognition for exemplary service to VHA Optometric Service and the Department of Veterans Affairs, in appreciation of dedication and commitment and constantly enhancing the quality of the national VHA optometry program.

2012

Letter of appreciation: from the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense Health Affairs, for contributing to the consensus workshop to develop Clinical Recommendation regarding visual dysfunction associated with mild traumatic brain injury

2011

Certificate of Appreciation: from the National Intrepid Center of Excellence, for participation and presentation at the TBI Vision Rehabilitation Symposium

2010

Certificate of Appreciation: from VISN8 Optometry, for education

2009

Certificate of Appreciation: from VISN8 Optometry, for education

Appreciation award: from the National Board of Examiners in Optometry, for 20 years of service

1984

Clinical Excellence Award: Pennsylvania College of Optometry

OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

2015

Established Primary Eye Care/Brain Injury Vision Rehabilitation Residency Program in conjunction with the Pennsylvania College of Optometry at Salus University

2014

Established Contact Lens Clinic at the James A. Haley Hospital Eye Clinic

2011-2013

Subject Matter Expert: Brain Injury Vision Assessment and Rehabilitation, Vision Center of Excellence.

2009

Established the Brain Injury Vision Assessment and Rehabilitation Clinic at the James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital in Tampa FL

Established first VA Optometric fellowship program in Interdisciplinary TBI/Poly-trauma Rehabilitation sponsored by the VA Office of Academic Affairs.

Co-established the "EyeGym" for rehabilitation of vision dysfunction secondary to brain injury at the James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital, Tampa, FL.

Designed VA CPRS template to be used for TBI/ABI/binocular vision dysfunction vision examinations

CURRENT PROJECTS:

VA Optometric Fellowship Web Presentation, contributor

LANGUAGES:

Fluent in English and Ukrainian.