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## Curriculum Vitae

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## Education & Research Experience

<b>Medical Physics Fellow.</b> <i>Dept. of Imaging Physics. MD Anderson Cancer Center. Houston.</i>	<b>Present - 2022</b>
<u>Mentor:</u> S. Cheenu Kappadath, Ph.D.	
<b>Ph.D., Medical Physics.</b> <i>MD Anderson Cancer Center UTHealth GSBS. Houston.</i>	<b>2022 - 2015</b>
<u>Thesis:</u> Absolute quantification of $^{99m}$ Tc activity distributions using a planar Molecular Breast Imaging commercial system	
<u>Advisor:</u> S. Cheenu Kappadath, Ph.D.	
<b>B.S., Bioengineering.</b> <i>Rice University. Houston.</i>	<b>2015 - 2011</b>
<u>Design Capstone:</u> Rice U., Dept. Engineering. Procyron Inc. (Industry Collaborator)	
<u>Research Assistant:</u> MDACC, Dept. Imaging Physics. Osama Mawlawi, Ph.D. (Mentor)	
<u>Research Assistant:</u> Texas Women's University, Dept. Physical Therapy. Shuo-Hsiu Chang, P.T./Ph.D. & Shih-Chiao Tseng, P.T./Ph.D. (Mentors)	

## Peer-Reviewed Publications

11. Lopez BP, Kappadath SC. Tumor  $^{99m}$ Tc uptake quantification with commercial planar MBI. Part I: activity concentration and SUV<sub>b</sub>. *Med Phys* (2022). [Under Review]
10. Lopez BP, Kappadath SC. Tumor  $^{99m}$ Tc uptake quantification with commercial planar MBI. Part I: absolute activity. *Med Phys* (2022). [Under Review]
9. Lopez BP, Rauch GM, Adrada B, Kappadath SC. Functional tumor diameter measurement with Molecular Breast Imaging: Development and clinical application. *Biomed Phys Eng Express* (2022) 8: 055026. DOI: [10.1088/2057-1976/ac85f0](https://doi.org/10.1088/2057-1976/ac85f0).
8. Lopez BP, Mahvash A, Long JP, Lam MGEH, Kappadath SC. Factors modulating  $^{99m}$ Tc-MAA planar lung dosimetry for 90Y-radioembolization. *J Appl Clin Med Phys* (2022). e13734. DOI: [10.1002/acm2.13734](https://doi.org/10.1002/acm2.13734).
7. Kappadath SC, Lopez BP. Organ-level internal dosimetry for intra-hepatic-arterial administration of  $^{99m}$ Tc-macroaggregated albumin. *Med Phys* (2022) 1-9. DOI: [10.1002/mp.15726](https://doi.org/10.1002/mp.15726).
6. Kappadath SC, Lopez BP, Salem Riad, Lam MGEH. Reassessment of the lung dose limits for radioembolization. *Nucl Med Commun* (2021) 42(10): 1064-1075. DOI: [10.1097/MNM.0000000000001439](https://doi.org/10.1097/MNM.0000000000001439).
5. Kappadath SC, Lopez BP, Salem Riad, Lam MGEH. Lung shunt and lung dose calculation methods for radioembolization treatment planning. *Q J Nucl Med* (2021) 65(1): 32-42. DOI: [10.23736/S1824-4785.20.03287-2](https://doi.org/10.23736/S1824-4785.20.03287-2).
4. Lopez BP, Guan F, Rauch GM, Kappadath SC. Monte Carlo simulation of pixelated CZT detector with Geant4: validation of clinical molecular breast imaging system. *Phys Med Biol* (2021) 66: 125009. DOI: [10.1088/1361-6560/ac0588](https://doi.org/10.1088/1361-6560/ac0588).
3. Lopez BP, Jordan DW, Kemp BJ, Kinahan PE, Schmidlein CR, Mawlawi OR. PET/CT acceptance testing and quality assurance: Executive summary of AAPM Task Group 126 Report. *Med Phys* (2021) 48(2): e31-e35. DOI: [10.1002/mp.14656](https://doi.org/10.1002/mp.14656).

## Peer-Reviewed Publications (continued)

2. Lopez BP, Mahvash A, Lam MGEH, Kappadath SC. Calculation of lung mean dose and quantification of error for <sup>90</sup>Y-microsphere radioembolization using <sup>99m</sup>Tc-MAA SPECT/CT and diagnostic chest CT. *Med Phys* (2019) 46(9): 3929-3940. DOI: [10.1002/mp.13575](https://doi.org/10.1002/mp.13575).
1. Wendt III RE, Hua AA, Meier JG, Lopez BP, Fahrenholz SJ, Mawlawi OR. A measurement of the attenuation of radiation from <sup>18</sup>F by a PET/MR scanner. *J Appl Clin Med Phys* (2018) 19(6): 336-340. DOI: [10.1002/acm2.12479](https://doi.org/10.1002/acm2.12479).

## Scientific Presentations

22.	Mahvash A, Henry EC, Lopez BP, et al. Radioembolization for HCC patients with Personalized Yttrium-90 Dosimetry for curative intent (RAPY90D): an interim analysis. <i>Hepatology</i> (2022). [oral]	AASLD 2022
21.	Lopez BP, Rauch GM, Adrada BA, Kappadath SC. Functional tumor diameter measurement with Molecular Breast Imaging. <i>J Nucl Med</i> (2022). [oral]	SNMMI 2022
20.	Lopez BP, Kappadath SC. Absolute <sup>99m</sup> Tc tumor activity uptake quantification with Molecular Breast Imaging. <i>J Nucl Med</i> (2022). [poster/ePoster]	
19.	Kappadath SC, Henry EC, Lopez BP, et al. Radioembolization for HCC patients with Personalized Yttrium-90 Dosimetry for curative intent (RAPY90D): an interim analysis. <i>J Nucl Med</i> (2022). [oral]	
18.	Patel MM, Adrada BE, Lopez BP, et al. Quantitative Molecular Breast Imaging for early prediction of neoadjuvant systemic therapy response in locally advanced breast cancer patients. <i>San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium</i> (2021). [ePoster]	SABCS 2021
17.	Lopez BP, Rauch GM, Kappadath SC. Automatic tumor functional diameters with Molecular Breast imaging for treatment response assessments. <i>Med Phys</i> (2021) 48(6): e168. [oral]	AAPM 2021
16.	Kappadath SC, Lopez BP, Mahvash A. Organ doses following intra-hepatic-arterial administration of <sup>99m</sup> Tc-MAA in planning dosimetry for <sup>90</sup> Y-SIRT. <i>Med Phys</i> (2021) 48(6): e141. [oral]	
15.	Lopez BP, Guan F, Rauch GM, Kappadath SC. Tumor specific <sup>99m</sup> Tc-sestamibi quantification in molecular breast imaging with Monte Carlo simulations. <i>Med Phys</i> (2020) 47(6): 2645. [ePoster]	AAPM 2020
14.	Lopez BP, Mahvash A, Long JP, Lam MGEH, Kappadath SC. Improving the accuracy of predicted lung dosimetry in <sup>90</sup> Y-microsphere radioembolization with <sup>99m</sup> Tc-MAA planar scintigraphy. <i>Med Phys</i> (2020) 47(6): 2651. [ePoster]	
13.	Kappadath SC, Lopez BP, DiTusa R, Braat AJAT, Mahvash A, Toskich B. Parametric model adjustment of prescribed mean radiation dose to ensure complete coverage at tumor margins during ablative <sup>90</sup> Y-radioembolization. <i>Med Phys</i> (2020) 47(6): 2630. [ePoster]	
12.	Thomas MA, Lopez, BP, Neff A, Mahvash A, Kappadath SC. Predicting new Y90 administered activity in <sup>90</sup> Y-radioembolization from post-therapy <sup>90</sup> Y-SPECT/CT images. <i>Med Phys</i> (2020) 47(6): 2623. [oral]	
11.	Kappadath SC, Lopez BP, Mahvash A. A Novel Lung Dose Calculation Methodology for <sup>90</sup> Y-Radioembolization using diagnostic chest-CT and <sup>99m</sup> Tc-MAA SPECT/CT. <i>JVIR</i> (2019) 30(3): s144-145. [oral]	SIR 2019
10.	Beijst C, Lopez BP, de Jong HWAM, Kappadath SC. Y-90 PET/CT with Long Axial Field-Of-View Digital Detectors. <i>Med Phys</i> (2019) 46(6): e194. [oral]	AAPM 2019
9.	Kappadath SC, Lopez BP, Mahvash A. A novel lung dose calculation methodology with precision analysis for <sup>90</sup> Y-radioembolization using diagnostic chest-CT and <sup>99m</sup> Tc-MAA SPECT/CT. <i>Eur J Nucl Med Mol Imaging</i> (2018) 45(suppl 1): S196. [oral]	EANM 2018
8.	Lopez BP, Mahvash A, Kappadath SC. Novel SPECT/CT-based lung dose calculation for treatment planning in <sup>90</sup> Y-microsphere radioembolization therapy. <i>Med Phys</i> (2018) 45(6): e390. [oral]	AAPM 2018

## Scientific Presentations (continued)

7.	<b>Lopez BP</b> , Balagopal A, Mahvash A, Kappadath SC. Evaluation of errors in common lung mass estimation methods used for lung mean dose (LMD) calculation in $^{90}\text{Y}$ -microsphere therapy planning. <i>J Nucl Med</i> (2018) 59(suppl 1): 1706. [poster]	<b>SNMMI 2018</b>
6.	<b>Lopez BP</b> , Kappadath SC. Improving the sensitivity of molecular breast imaging using a novel detector response function. <i>J Nucl Med</i> (2018) 59: 581. [oral]	
5.	Kappadath SC, <b>Lopez BP</b> , Adrada B, Hess K, Rauch G. Prediction of breast tumor response to neoadjuvant chemotherapy through quantitative $^{99}\text{mTc}$ sestamibi Molecular Breast Imaging (MBI). <i>Eur J Nucl Med Mol Imaging</i> (2017) 44(suppl 2): 5660. [oral]	<b>EANM 2017</b>
4.	<b>Lopez BP</b> , Rauch G, Adrada B, Bache S, Hess K, Kappadath SC. Quantification of in vivo tumor uptake in clinical molecular breast imaging (MBI) examinations. <i>Med Phys</i> (2017) 44(6): 3263. [oral]	<b>AAPM 2017</b>
3.	Bache S, <b>Lopez BP</b> , Rauch G, Adrada B, Jessop A, Kappadath SC. Quantification of tumor uptake with molecular breast imaging. <i>Eur J Nucl Med Mol Imaging</i> (2016) 43 (Suppl 1): S149. [oral]	<b>EANM 2016</b>
2.	Meier J, <b>Lopez BP</b> , Mawlawi O. Impact of 4D PET/CT on PERCIST Classification of Lung and Liver Metastases in NSCLC and Colorectal Cancer. <i>Med Phys</i> (2016) 43(6): 3460. [poster]	<b>AAPM 2016</b>
1.	Lorsakul A, Li Q, Mawlawi O, <b>Lopez BP</b> , Laine A, El Fakhri G. The assessment of lesion detection on respiratory-gated clinical PET/CT using 4D numerical observer. <i>J Nucl Med</i> (2015) 56(suppl 3): 371. [oral]	<b>SNMMI 2015</b>

## Awards

<b>John R. Cameron Young Investigator Finalist: Oral Presentation.</b> Novel SPECT/CT-based lung dose calculation for treatment planning in $^{90}\text{Y}$ -microsphere radioembolization therapy.	<b>AAPM 2018</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place Instrumentation and Data Analysis Track: Poster Presentation.</b> Evaluation of errors in common lung mass estimation methods used for lung mean dose calculation in $^{90}\text{Y}$ -microsphere therapy planning.	<b>SNMMI 2018</b>
<b>Allen Trustee Distinguished Scholarship.</b> Rice University	<b>2011- 2015</b>

## Teaching & Mentorship Experience

<b>Teaching Assistant.</b> Rice University. <u>Course:</u> Fundamentals of Medical Imaging I (BIOE 485, Fall Semesters) <u>Instructor:</u> Mawlawi O, PhD	<b>2018 - 2020</b>
<b>First-Generation Student Group.</b> MDACC UTHealth GSBS. Member.	<b>Present - 2015</b>
<b>First-Year Student Mentor.</b> MDACC UTHealth GSBS, Medical Physics Program. “Big Sister/Big Brother” mentor to incoming Ph.D. candidate student.	<b>Fall 2017</b>