

# Salem Samra, M.D.

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## Education

**Yale University School of Medicine** **New Haven, CT**

Fellowship in Hand and Microsurgery, July 2012 – June 2013

**Yale University School of Medicine** **New Haven, CT**

Residency in Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, June 2006 – July 2012

**Baylor College of Medicine** **Houston, TX**

Medical Doctorate earned May 2006

Graduated with High Honors

**University of Pennsylvania** **Philadelphia, PA**

Bachelor of Arts in the Biological Basis of Behavior and  
Asian and Middle Eastern Studies (Double Major) with a Minor in  
Chemistry earned May 2002

Cumulative GPA: 3.82/4.0, Graduated Summa Cum Laude

**The Ranney School** **Tinton Falls, NJ**

High School Diploma earned June, 1998

5.13 weighted GPA, Class Valedictorian

## Licensure and Certifications

State of New Jersey Medical License# 25MA09104300

USMLE Step 1 Score: 261 (99)

USMLE Step 2 Score: 265 (99)

USMLE Step 3 Score: 230 (95)

ACLS Certified

## Honors & Achievements

At Yale University School of Medicine:

Awarded “Top Paper Presentation” for “Optimal Placement of  
Brachioplasty Scar – A Survey Evaluation” at Plastic Surgery 2010, the  
annual meeting of the American Society of Plastic Surgery.

Scholastic Award for outstanding performance on the In-Service exam  
(2009).

Certificate of completion of the Yale Microvascular Surgery Training  
Course (2009).

Certificate of completion of the MicroAire Carpal Tunnel Release System  
training program (2009).

At Baylor College of Medicine:

Received High Honors for exceptional academic performance in the Basic Sciences (2004).

Inducted into Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society as a third year student (2005).

Recipient of the DeBakey Scholar Award in Honor of Michael E. DeBakey, M.D., in recognition of Outstanding Scholarship (2006).

President of the Baylor Student Association (2005-2006).

Certificate of completion of Fundamentals of Microsurgery Training Course (2006).

At the University of Pennsylvania:

Inducted into Phi Beta Kappa National Honors Society (2002).

Deans List (1998-1999, 1999-2000, 2000-2001).

Induction into Golden Key National Honors Society (2000).

Induction into the Psi Chi Psychology National Honor Society (2006).

At the Ranney School:

Senior Award in Mathematics (1998).

Male Scholar Athlete of the Year (1998).

Advanced Placement Scholar with Distinction, (1998).

Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar (1998).

Tandy Information Scholar (1998).

National Honors Society Inductee (1995).

President of the Student Body (1997-1998).

Letter winner in Soccer, Basketball, and Baseball (1995-1998).

**Research**

**Scientific Papers Authored:**

Samra S, Samra A, Netscher DT. Threatened lower extremity in a neonate from a severely constricting amniotic band: a case for limb salvage after a 6-year functional follow-up. *Ann Plast Surg.* 2006 Nov;57(5):569-72.

Norris ME 3<sup>rd</sup>, Samra S, DeMercurio J, Bourianoff TH, Netscher DT. Free palmaris longus graft tenodesis effectively treats swan neck adduction collapse secondary to thumb basilar joint arthritis. *Plast Reconstr Surg.* 2007 Aug;120(2):475-81.

Netscher DT, Aliu O, Samra S, Lewis E. A case of congenital bilateral absence of elbow flexor muscles: review of differential diagnosis and treatment. *Hand (NY)*. 2008 Mar;3(1):4-12. Epub 2007 Oct 9.

Samra S, Sawh-Martinez R, Barry O, Persing JA. Complication Rates of Lipoabdominoplasty versus Abdominoplasty in High Risk Patients. *Plast Reconstr Surg*. 2010 Feb;125(2):683-90.

Samra S, Sawh-Martinez R, Tom L, Colebunders B, Salameh B, Truini C, Ariyan S, Narayan D. A Targeted Approach to Sentinel Lymph Node Biopsies in the Parotid Region for Head and Neck Melanomas. *Ann Plast Surg*. 2012 Oct;69(4):415-7.

Sawh-Martinez R, Colebunders B, Salameh B, Tom L, Samra S, Truini C, Ariyan S, Narayan D. Level I Sparing Radical Neck Dissections for Cutaneous Melanoma in the Lymphoscintigram Era. *Ann Plast Surg*. 2012 Oct;69(4):422-4.

**In press:**

Samra S, Sawh-Martinez R, Liu YJ, Samra F, Persing JA. Optimizing the Aesthetics of the Brachioplasty Scar.

**In progress:**

Samra S, Samra F, Thomson JG. Delayed mastopexy/reduction mammoplasty as a novel approach to inframammary hidradenitis.

Samra S, Beckett J, Smith DA, Buonocore S, Holtz D, Matthew MK, Thomson JG. Management of Ulnar Polydactyly in the Newborn.

Samra S, Balkin D, Steinbacher DM. Immediate Fat Grafting in Primary Cleft Lip Repair.

Samra S, Balkin D, Steinbacher DM. Using Facial Impressions to Teach Cleft Lip Repair: a Novel Technique in Surgical Education.

**Presentations**

***“Facial Nerve Injury and Reanimation”***. Visiting Student Presentation, Georgetown University Department of Plastic Surgery. April 21, 2005.

***“Radial Forearm Free Flap Forehead Reconstruction after Wide Excision of Malignant Melanoma in a 64 Year Old Male”***. Visiting Student Presentation, Institute of Reconstructive Plastic Surgery, New York University School of Medicine. July 11, 2005.

***“Complication Rates of Lipoabdominoplasty versus Abdominoplasty in High Risk Patients.”*** 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Resident’s

Research Day, Section of Plastic Surgery, Yale University School of Medicine. May 1, 2008.

**“Optimizing the Aesthetics of the Brachioplasty Scar.”** 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Resident’s Research Day, Section of Plastic Surgery, Yale University School of Medicine. April 30, 2009.

**“Complication Rates of Lipoabdominoplasty versus Abdominoplasty in High Risk Patients.”** Plastic Surgery 2009, Annual meeting of the American Society of Plastic Surgeons. Seattle, WA. October 24, 2009.

**“Female Genital Rejuvenation.”** Plastic Surgery Grand Rounds, Section of Plastic Surgery, Yale University School of Medicine. April 7, 2010.

**“A Targeted Approach to Sentinel Lymph Node Biopsies in the Parotid Region for Head and Neck Melanomas.”** 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Resident’s Research Day, Section of Plastic Surgery, Yale University School of Medicine. April 29, 2010.

**“Optimal Placement of Brachioplasty Scar – A Survey Evaluation.”** Plastic Surgery 2010, Annual meeting of the American Society of Plastic Surgeons. Toronto, Ontario. October 4, 2010.

**“A Targeted Approach to Sentinel Lymph Node Biopsies in the Parotid Region for Head and Neck Melanomas.”** Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Chapter of the American College of Surgeons. Waterbury, CT. November 5, 2010.

**“Motivations for Performing Minimally Invasive Surgery: A Comparison between Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy and Endoscopic Carpal Tunnel Release.”** New England Hand Society 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. Sturbridge, MA. December 3, 2010.

**“Fat Grafting: Past, Present, & Future.”** Plastic Surgery Grand Rounds, Section of Plastic Surgery, Yale University School of Medicine. May 4, 2011.

**“The Effect of Cumulative Melanoma Thickness on Staging, Recurrence, and Survival.”** 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Resident’s Research Day, Section of Plastic Surgery, Yale University School of Medicine. May 12, 2011.

**“Fat Grafting: Past, Present, & Future.”** Visiting Resident Presentation. Hacettepe University, Ankara, Turkey. June 22, 2011.

**“A Targeted Approach to Sentinel Lymph Node Biopsies in the Parotid Region for Head and Neck Melanomas.”** Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Society of Plastic Surgeons. Amelia Island, FL. October 22, 2011.

**“Decision-making and Management of Ulnar Polydactyly of the Newborn: Outcomes and Satisfaction.”** 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Resident’s Research Day, Section of Plastic Surgery, Yale University School of Medicine. May 24, 2012.

Accepted for presentation:

***“Optimal Placement of Brachioplasty Scar – A Survey Evaluation.”***

The Aesthetic Meeting 2010, Residents and Fellows Forum in the annual meeting of the American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery, April 23, 2010.

***“Optimal Placement of Brachioplasty Scar – A Survey Evaluation.”***

20<sup>th</sup> Biennial Congress of the International Society of Aesthetic Plastic Surgery. Electronic paper. August 14-18, 2010.

***“Algorithms in Vaginal and Pelvic Floor Reconstruction”*** Broer N, Richter C, Samra S, Thomson G. IXth German- Turkish Gynecological Education and Research Foundation Meeting. Antalya, Turkey. May 7, 2011.

**Societies**

Member of the Yale Surgical Society.

**Languages**

English, Spanish, Arabic