

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- University of Vermont, 1977-1981, Graduated, B.S.
- Henry Goldman School of Graduate Dentistry, Boston University, 1981 - December 1982
- New York Chiropractic College, 1983-1985, Graduated, D.C.
- American College of Chiropractic Neurology, Resident in Neurology, September 1987-April 1990
- Awarded Fellowship, American College of Chiropractic Neurology, September 1993
- Associate Professor, University of Bridgeport Chiropractic College, 1992-1994

BOARD CERTIFICATIONS

- Diplomate American College of Chiropractic Neurology (DABCN), April 26, 1992; recognized by the American Chiropractic Neurology Board
- Certificate in Childhood Developmental Disorders, American Chiropractic Neurology Board, September 2007
- Certificate in Vestibular Rehabilitation, American Chiropractic Neurology Board, September 2007

CORTICAL INTEGRATIVE THERAPY (CIT) ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2000: Pioneered a revolutionary diagnostic and treatment program based on Cortical Integrative Therapy (CIT) for the treatment of acquired brain injury and brain-based disorders.

2002: Presentation, *Cortical Integrative Therapy, Optokinetics, Learning Disabilities and Attention Disorders*. For Department Head, University of Coimbra, Portugal: June 2002.

2002: Presentation, *Cortical Integrative Therapy, Optokinetics, Learning Disabilities and Attention Disorders*. For Department Head, University of St. Michaels, Azores: June 2002.

2002: Presentation, *Cortical Integrative Therapy for Dyslexia, Attention Disorders and Learning Disabilities*. Lesley University, Cambridge, MA: November 2002.

2003: Conducted a study in concert with Fall River (Massachusetts) Public Schools at the Kuss Middle School. Research focused on the effectiveness of Cortical Integrative Therapy (CIT) in treating school-aged students diagnosed with Attention Deficit Disorders and Learning Disabilities.

2004: Received a legislative grant from the State of Rhode Island, which funded a pilot program to treat 10 children diagnosed with ADD/HD and co-morbid disorders. The results of these 10 case studies, independently verified, demonstrated the efficacy of CIT.

2005: Received a legislative grant from the Rhode Island Department of Education to treat 12 children who exhibited a broad range of disorders, including ADD/HD, speech and language pathology, Landau-Kleffner Syndrome, gait and movement disorders, ataxia, apraxia, and ocular motor dysfunction. The results of these 12 case studies, independently verified, further demonstrated the efficacy of CIT.

2005: Published in the *International Journal of Neuroscience* for the successful treatment of Landau-Kleffner Syndrome, a rare seizure-based language disorder, using CIT.

2006: Received a legislative grant from the State of Rhode Island for implementation of the Infinite Potential Program.

2006: Cerebral Palsy Rehabilitation Case (using CIT) and Video served as Rhode Island's contribution (presented by the Northern Rhode Island Collaborative) to the Pacific Rim Conference, University of Hawaii, Honolulu, HI.

2008: CIT accepted as an emerging therapeutic treatment for Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy (RSD), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), Dysautonomia, and chronic pain by Beacon Mutual Insurance Company (Rhode Island) and several other workers' compensation insurance carriers.

2008: Published [abstract] by the New England Hand Society. Case involved the replantation of a male patient's severed hand and successful limb retraining using CIT.

2010: Appointed to the Medical Advisory Board of the Sarah Jane Brain Project, the largest collaboration in U.S. medical history dedicated to pediatric acquired brain injury, after successfully treating Sarah Jane Donohue, the world's most documented pediatric brain injury case.

2010: Presentation, *Cortical Integrative Therapy*. Rusk Institute at NYU Langone Medical Center, New York City, NY: June 2010.

2010: Presentation, *Cortical Integrative Therapy*. Prodignite Foundation, Lisbon, Portugal: December 2010.

2010: Presentation, *Cortical Integrative Therapy*. Egas Moniz Hospital, Lisbon, Portugal: December 2010.

2011: Panelist, Pediatric Acquired Brain Injury National Tour, The Sarah Jane Brain Project, Boston Children's Hospital, Boston, MA: March 2011.

2011: Appointed to the International Medical Advisory Board of the Sarah Jane Brain Project.

2011: Nominated for Vision Award of the Champalimaud Foundation (Lisbon) in conjunction with the late Dr. Carlos Lima, a leading international stem cell transplant specialist. Before Dr. Lima's passing, he and Dr. Pedro were collaborating on a study that explored the use of stem cell transplantation and CIT rehabilitation therapy for the treatment of ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease). This work was to be jointly presented at the First International Neurosurgery Congress in Mash'had, Iran in 2012.

2011: Presentation, *Cortical Integrative Therapy: Neurological Applications in Rehabilitation -- Acquired Brain Injuries*. Republic of Angola Ministry of Health, Luanda, Angola: August 2011.

2012: Worked extensively with representatives of the Republic of Angola Ministry of Health to formulate a preliminary in-country post-doctoral program in CIT.

2012: Lecturer for the International Mind, Brain, Health and Education Initiative at the Shefa Neuroscience Research Center (Tehran, Iran), and presenter at the *Razavi' International Hospital Neurotrauma Conference 2012*.

2012: Presentation, First International Congress on Road Safety, held in conjunction with the World Health Organization, Razavi' International Hospital, Mash'had, Iran: March 2012.

2012: Accepted at the Shefa Neuroscience Research Center in Tehran, Iran. Demonstration project to commence in March 2012 was cancelled due to deteriorating international environment.

2012: Presenter and panelist for the Sarah Jane Brain Foundation during Brain Injury Awareness Month, Rayburn Building, Washington, D.C.: March 2012.

2012: Keynote Speaker, *Cortical Integrative Therapy: Application of non-invasive brain stimulation in the treatment of acute/sub-acute/post-neurosurgical traumatic brain, spinal cord, and peripheral nerve injuries and brain-based disorders*. First International Neurosurgery Congress, Razavi' International Hospital, Mash'had, Iran: July 2012.

2012: Presentation, *Cortical Integrative Therapy: Application of non-invasive brain stimulation in the treatment of traumatic brain injury and brain-based disorders*. Center for Brain Health, University of Texas, Dallas, TX: July 2012.

2012: CIT accepted as a reimbursable procedure by the State of Rhode Island Executive Office of Health and Human Services and Rhode Island Medicaid.

2013: Presentation, *Cortical Integrative Therapy: Application of non-invasive brain stimulation in the treatment of traumatic brain injury and brain-based disorders*. Sarah Jane Brain Foundation Angel Awards Dinner, Columbia University Medical Center, New York, NY: January 2013.

2013: Grand Rounds Presentation, *Cortical Integrative Therapy: Application of non-invasive brain stimulation in the treatment of traumatic brain injury and brain-based disorders*. Massachusetts General Hospital, Pediatric Intensive Care Department, Boston, MA: February 2013.

2014: Presentation and Panel Discussion, *The Future of Youth Sports in a Brain Injury World*. Sarah Jane Brain Foundation NFL Draft Day Conference, moderated by Dr. Sanjay Gupta, New York City, NY: May 2014.

2014: Panelist at the 8th Annual National P.A.I.N. Summit, hosted by the Power of Pain Foundation, Chandler, AZ: November 2014.

2015: Commenced three-year Medicaid Pilot for the State of Rhode Island Executive Office of Health and Human Services and Rhode Island Medicaid for patients diagnosed with acquired brain injury and various brain-based disorders.

2016: Lecturer, *Cortical Integrative Therapy: Application of non-invasive brain stimulation in the treatment of pediatric brain injury and brain-based disorders*. 10th World Congress on Controversies in Neurology, Lisbon, Portugal: March 2016.

PUBLICATIONS AND ABSTRACTS

Leisman, G., **Pedro, Victor**. 2005. *Case Study: Hemispheric Integrative Therapy In Landau-Kleffner Syndrome: Applications for Rehabilitation Sciences*. International Journal of Neuroscience, 115:1227-1238, 2005.

Sung, J., **Pedro, V.**, Ferrara, J., Ramos, P., & DaSilva, M.F. 2008. *Hand Replantation: Functional Results (3 cases)*. New England Hand Society [abstract].

Pedro, V. 2016. *Cortical Integrative Therapy: application of non-invasive brain stimulation in the treatment of pediatric brain injury and brain-based disorders*. International Journal of Clinical Neurosciences and Mental Health, issue 3 (2016)-supplement 1, special issue on Controversies in Neurology [abstract of lecture].

RECENT SELECTED NEWS MEDIA

There have been numerous radio and TV interviews with and about Dr. Victor M. Pedro and CIT, as well as print media and blog stories written by or about many of his patients.

- A story about entertainer Paula Abdul and her successful treatment by Dr. Pedro for RSD appeared in the June 2013 issue of *Pain Pathways Magazine*.

- Stories about Wil Trapp, MLS midfielder of the Columbus Crew and his comeback from a devastating concussion, were reported by MLSsoccer.com on August 19, 2015 and *The Columbus Dispatch* on April 22, 2015 and July 3, 2105.
- Tracy Yatsko, concussion advocate, former spokesperson for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and subject of an Emmy-nominated TV documentary about concussions in youth sports, is covered extensively on the Internet.
- Cara Griffith and her struggles to overcome brain injuries sustained through concussions appeared in the April 2015 issue of *Parenting NH* magazine. Cara also gave a TEDx talk in 2015 about her long journey to recovery from traumatic brain injury.
- Many special reports and feature stories have been aired on TV, including stories on NBC10, WJAR (Providence); ABC6, WLNE (Providence and New Bedford); Fox12, WPRI (Providence); PBS39, (Bethlehem, PA); and Sports Legends New England with Bob Lobel.

LANGUAGES

Dr. Pedro is fluent in Portuguese and Spanish.