

# **CURRICULUM VITAE**

## **Personal Details**

**Name:** Christopher James Merry, MBBS(Melb), LL.M (Melb), FRACS, FAMA

**Place of birth:** Melbourne, Australia

**Nationality:** Australian

## **Professional Details**

### **Professional experience:**

- 1:** Full time Cardiothoracic surgeon, 2010- Royal Perth Hospital, Fiona Stanley Hospital
- 2:** Adjunct senior lecturer, Murdoch University, 2014. Senior Lecturer, Notre Dame University 2015
- 3:** Supervisor of Training, 2010 – Royal Perth Hospital
- 4:** Visiting Cardiothoracic Surgeon, 2008-2009, Alfred Hospital, Melbourne
- 5:** VMO Thoracic Surgeon 2009 Western Hospital, Melbourne
- 6:** Fellow in Cardiac and Aortic Surgery, 2008, Austin Hospital, Melbourne
- 7:** Cardiac Surgery Fellow August – December 2007, Royal Children’s Hospital, Melbourne, Senior Thoracic Registrar Feb – August 2007, Austin Hospital
- 8:** Accredited Cardiothoracic Registrar 2005-2006 , Alfred Hospital
- 9:** Accredited Cardiothoracic Registrar 2004 , St Vincent’s Hospital, Melbourne
- 10:** Accredited Cardiothoracic Registrar 2003, St Vincent’s Hospital, Melbourne
- 11:** General Surgical Registrar 2001-2002
- 12:** HMO-3 St Vincent’s Hospital 2000
- 13:** Senior Tutor, Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences, University of Melbourne, 1999
- 14:** HMO St. Vincent’s Hospital/Royal Children’s Hospital 1997-1998

## **Presentations**

### **2003**

RACS ASC: Free paper presentation

Merry CJ, Guest G, Watters D, Pappas C “**An electronic surgical logbook database that conforms to the minimum and recommended data sets for surgical audit, based on Filemaker Pro.**”

### **2004**

ASCTS: Free paper presentation

Merry CJ, Jayanathan J, Yii MY “**Early experience in SVR in the treatment of cardiac failure**”

### **2005**

ASCTS, Organ Failure Symposium, Invited speaker

Merry CJ, Larobina ME, Esmore DS “**Left Ventricular Assist Devices: A new role for the Cardiac surgical team?**”

### **2006**

RACS ASC: Free paper presentation

Merry CJ, Larobina ME, Ross V “**Hamilton Naki: Pioneer, Prosector, Political Pawn**”

Triple Crown Meeting, Invited speaker

Merry CJ, Esmore DS, Negri JC “**Management of Pulmonary Hypertension in the post transplant setting**”

ASCTS/ISMICS Conference, Poster presentation

Merry CJ, Esmore DS, Negri JC, Schutt T, Westall G

**Paediatric Lung Transplantation: Establishment and early experience in an adult hospital**

### **2008**

RACS ASC, Hong Kong: Free paper presentation

Merry CJ, Larobina ME “**The race to go bypass: development of the heart lung machine.**”

RACS ASC, Hong Kong: Free paper presentation

Merry CJ, Ross VK “**Noble surgeons: Surgeon laureates.**”

### **2009**

RACS ASC, Brisbane: Free paper presentation

Merry CJ, “**Abraham Lincoln: A man of pathological stature**”

### **2010**

ASCTS Annual meeting, Poster presentation

Dunne B, Andrews D, Edwards M, Merry C, Larbalestier R.

**“The Surgical Perspective In Infective Endocarditis: A 10 year Review of Surgically Treated Infective Endocarditis In A Major Cardiac Surgical Centre.”**

ASCTS Annual meeting, Poster presentation

Dunne B, Andrews D, Larbalestier R, Edwards M. Merry C

**“Bentall’s Procedure for Ascending Aortic Disease: A 10 Year Review”**

### **2012**

ASCTS Annual meeting, Poster presentation

Law T, Dunne B, Musk M, Merry C, Vincent V.

**“48 days later: Lessons learnt from 48 days on veno-venous ECMO bridging to lung transplantation.”**

**2014**

RACS ASC, Free paper presentation

Merry C

**“John Hunter and resurrectionists”**

RACS ASC, Poster presentation

Merry C

**“Global Health law and Alcohol Control”**

RACS WA/NT/SA ASM, Bunker Bay, WA, Invited speaker

Merry C

**“Innovation in blood conservation”**

Heartware Users meeting, Melbourne

**“Considerations in Destination vs Bridge to Transplant LVAD implantation”**

Heartmate Users meeting, Perth

**“End of life decisions in LVAD implantation”**

**2015**

RACS ASC, Invited paper presentation

Merry C

**"Hearts across the Nullabor: a History of Cardiothoracic surgery in Western Australia"**

RACS ASC, Invited paper presentation

Merry C, LARBALÉSTIER R

**"Options for repair in Ischaemic Mitral Regurgitation"**

## **Publications**

**“Sternal cables are not superior to traditional sternal wiring for preventing deep sternal wound infection”.**

Dunne B, Murphy M, Skiba R, Wang X, Ho K, LARBALÉSTIER R, Merry C.

Interact Cardiovasc Thorac Surg. 2016 May;22(5):594-8. doi: 10.1093/icvts/ivw017.

**"Penetrating Cardiac Injury Managed Without Surgery but with Systemic Heparinisation."**

Dunne B, Tan D, Ihdahid A, Xu XF, Edwards M, Merry C.

Heart Lung Circ. 2015 Dec;24(12):e210-3. doi: 10.1016/j.hlc.2015.07.014. Epub 2015 Aug 10.

**“Infective endocarditis.”**

Dunne B, Marr T, Kim D, Andrews D, Edwards M, Merry C, LARBALÉSTIER R.

Heart Lung Circ. 2014 Jul;23(7):628-35. doi: 10.1016/j.hlc.2014.02.010. Epub 2014 Mar 6.

**“Extracorporeal-Assisted Rewarming in the Management of Accidental Deep Hypothermic Cardiac Arrest: A Systematic Review of the Literature.”**

Dunne B, Christou E, Duff O, Merry C.

Heart Lung Circ. 2014 Jun 27

**“Aortic Root Replacement for Ascending Aortic Disease: A 10 Year Review.”**

Dunne B, Marr T, Andrews D, LARBALÉSTIER R, Edwards M, Merry C.

Heart Lung Circ. 2012 Oct 31.

**“Excellent Clinical Outcomes From a National Donation-After-Determination-of-Cardiac-Death Lung Transplant Collaborative.”**

Levvey BJ, Harkess M, Hopkins P, Chambers D, Merry C, Glanville AR, Snell GI.  
Am J Transplant. 2012 Sep;12(9):2406-13

**“Carbon dioxide insufflation in open-chamber cardiac surgery: A double-blind, randomized clinical trial of neurocognitive effects.”**

Chaudhuri K, Storey E, Lee GA, Bailey M, Chan J, Rosenfeldt FL, Pick A, Negri J, Gooi J, Zimmet A, Esmore D, Merry C, Rowland M, Lin E, Marasco SF.  
J Thorac Cardiovasc Surg. 2012 May 11

**“Localised Ascending aortic dissection managed conservatively.”**

Iyer A, Prabha R, Nazaar A, Kugathasan G, Malik P, Malik A, Krishnan R, Merry C.  
Heart Lung Circ 2012 April 10.

**“Spinal Cord Ischemia Following Coronary Artery Bypass Surgery. ”**

Saxena P, Abu Hasan F, Merry CJ  
J Card Surg. 2012 Jan;27(1):45-6.

**“Is Informed Consent In Cardiac Surgery And Percutaneous Coronary Intervention Achievable?”**

Larobina ME, Merry CJ, Negri JC, Pick AW.  
ANZ Journal of Surgery 2007: 77:530-534

**“The Surgical Trainee Log We Need: Minimum Of Work, Maximum Of Output”**

Merry CJ, Goodall-Wilson D, Guest G, Papas C, Selvidge J and Watters DAK  
ANZ Journal of Surg. 2006: 76: 185-189

## **Education**

### **Postgraduate**

- Completed Masters of Health and Medical Law (Melb) 2016
- Successful completion of FRACS, Cardiothoracic, 2007

### **Undergraduate**

- Melbourne University, graduated MB.BS 1996
- Scotch College, Melbourne - 1984-1989

## **Honours/Prizes**

Admitted to Roll of Fellows, Australian Medical Association, 2008

- St Vincent’s Hospital Dean’s prize, final year (1996)
- Carl De Gruchy award for History of Medicine (1995)
- Jamieson Prize for clinical medicine, finalist (1996)

## **Interests**

### **AMA/Representative experience**

#### **1) Post-tertiary**

- Cardiothoracic representative RACS State committee 2014
- Convenor, cardiothoracic section RACS ASC 2015
- WA younger fellows representative 2015
- Vice President AMA Victoria 1999-2007
- AMA Victoria Council member 1997-2009
- AMA Stawell Prize selection committee 2007-2014
- AMA Victoria representative to Melbourne University Faculty of Medicine 2005-2006
- Academic steering committee, Doctors Health forum, 2005
- AMA Victoria Audit and Finance committee 2002-2006
- AMA Victoria representative on Doctors Health Advisory Service 2003-2005
- AMA Victoria representative on Specialist Recognition Advisory Committee. 2000-2003
- AMA Federal Councillor representing Victorian Branch, 2002
- AMA Federal Councillor representing Doctors in Training, 1998-2000
- Chair, AMA Vic Youth Health committee 2001
- Chair, AMA Big Debate 2001 committee
- President, St. Vincent's Hospital RMO committee 2001
- Chair of AMA Council of Doctors in Training (AMACDT), 1998-2000
- Chair of AMA Youth Health Committee, 1998-2000
- AMACDT representative on Medical Training and Review panel, 1998-1999
- AMACDT representative on Confederation of Postgraduate medical education committees, 1998-1999
- AMACDT representative on AMA Medico-Legal committee 1998-1999
- AMACDT representative on AMA Ethics and Public Health Committee, 1998-2000
- AMACDT representative on AMWAC Female medical workforce Committee, 1998-1999
- AMACDT representative on AMA Women in Medicine committee, 1997
- Victorian Representative on AMACDT 1997-2000
- HMO representative to Vic Branch of the AMA 1997-1998, 2005
- Victorian AMA Industrial Relations sub-committee 1997-1999
- St. Vincent's Hospital RMO committee, AMA representative 1997-1998

### **University**

#### **1995**

- Australian Medical Students' Association (AMSA) President
- AMSA representative on AMACDT
- AMSA representative on AMA Federal Council
- AMSA representative on AMA Women in Medicine committee
- AMSA representative on AMA Ethics, Education and Public Health committee

#### **1994**

- AMSA National Coordinator.

#### **1993**

- Melbourne University Student Union (MUSU) Student Council

- MUSU Executive Council
- MUSU Occupational Health and Safety Committee

## **1992**

- President Melbourne University Medical Students Society (MUMSS)
- Student representative on Medical Faculty

## **Other interests**

### **Radio**

- Host of fortnightly 3RRR radio show “Radiotherapy”, discussing issues related to Medicine, 1998- 2010
- Weekly appearances on 3AK Talk Radio to discuss medical news and opinion, **2001-2003**
- “Boundary rider” MMM football – injury reporting, player interviews, 2003

### **Sport**

- Australian Rules Football, Volleyball

### **Drama/theatre**

- Med Medleys, MUMSS student revue, production, writing, treasury, 1990-1996