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#### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Instructor, Medicine - Oncology

#### PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- B.A.Sc., University of British Columbia , Engineering Physics, Electrical Engineering Option (2006)
- Ph.D., Harvard University , Engineering Sciences (2012)

### Publications

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