# Karna Sura, MD

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WORK HISTORY	
Medical Director of Radiation Oncology	Mohawk Valley Health System, December 2018-Present Utica, NY
Clinical Assistant Professor of Radiation Oncology	Upstate Medical University, September 2018-Present Syracuse, NY
EDUCATION & TRAINING	
Radiation Oncology Residency	Beaumont Health, July 2014 - June 2018 Royal Oak, MI
Transitional Year	Beaumont Health, July 2013- June 2014 Royal Oak, MI
M.D.	Drexel University College of Medicine, August 2009 - May 2013 Philadelphia, PA
B.S.	Biological Sciences Drexel University, September 2006 - May 2009 Philadelphia, PA

## **HONORS & AWARDS**

- Resident Peer Reviewer Training Program, 2020
- Outstanding Young Professional, The Genesis Group of the Mohawk Valley Region, 2019
- Teacher of the Year, Upstate Medical University Department of Radiation Oncology, 2019
- Third Best Abstract Presentation, ACRO annual meeting, 2018
- ACRO Educational Grant, 2016
- Merit-based Travel Award, Penn clinical trials in oncology course and workshop, 2016
- Young Oncologist Essay Award Winner, 100<sup>th</sup> American Radium Society annual meeting, 2016
- Poster Award Winner, 100<sup>th</sup> American Radium Society annual meeting, 2016
- Medical Humanities Scholar, 2009-2013
- Bachelor of Science: Magna Cum Laude, 2009

## **GRANTS**

• The Advocates, "Prostate simulation" \$3,715

### **CERTIFICATIONS**

- Optune Certification, 2016
- Certificate of Advanced Training in Pain Management, 2016

Certificate of Advanced Training in Medical Education, 2014

### **PUBLICATIONS**

- (1) O.M. Odiase, D. Huang, **K.T. Sura** (2021) Radiation oncology education and experience in the undergraduate medical setting. *Medical Education Online*. Epub ahead of print.
- (2) **K. Sura**, J.W. Lischalk, I.S. Grills, A.J. Mundt, L.D. Wilson, N. Vapiwala (2019) Modern Perspectives on Radiation Oncology Residency Expansion, Fellowship Evolution, and Employment Satisfaction. *Journal of the American College of Radiology*. 16 (5): 749-753.
- (3) **K. Sura**, M. Repka, J.W Lischalk. (2019) Lessons Learned from Mock Radiation Oncology Interviews. *Journal of the American College of Radiology*. 16 (1): 79-81.
- (4) **K. Sura**, H. Ye, C.C. Vu, J.M. Robertson, P. Kabolizadeh. (2018) How many lymph nodes are enough? Defining the Optimal Lymph Node Dissection in Stage I-III Gastric Cancer using the National Cancer Database. *J Gastrointestional Oncol*. 9(6): 1168.
- (5) **K. Sura**, P. Chen. (2018) Determining the Optimal Treatment of Locally Advanced Breast Cancer with Sequelae of Dermatomyositis. *International Journal of Radiation Oncology Biology Physics*. Epub ahead of print
- (6) **K. Sura**, J.W. Lischalk, I.S. Grills, A.J. Mundt, L.D. Wilson, N. Vapiwala. (2017) A contemporary analysis of the prevalence of illegal match questions during medical student residency interviews. *International Journal of Radiation Oncology-Biology-Physics*. 100 (4): 1075-1078.
- (7) **K. Sura**, I.S. Grills, C.C. Vu, C.W. Stevens, H. Ye, T.M. Guerrero. (2017) Improved Survival with Increased Time-To-Radiation (TTR) and Sequential Chemotherapy After Surgery for pN2 Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer. *Clinical Lung Cancer*. 19(2): e185-194.
- (8) J.W. Lischalk, **K. Sura**, M. Repka, J. Leeman, V. Osborn, S. Engel, P. Barry. (2017) First Annual Report of the Resident Committee of the American College of Radiation Oncology. *Journal of Radiation Oncology*. Epub ahead of print.
- (9) **K. Sura**, L.D. Wilson, I.S. Grills. (2017) Comparison of Self-Reported Data on Student Doctor Network (SDN) to Objective Data of the National Resident Matching Program (NRMP) for Individuals Applying to Radiation Oncology. *Journal of the American College of Radiology*. 14 (12): 1594-1597.
- (10) **K. Sura**, J.W. Lishalk, J. Leckie, J.S. Welsh, A.J Mundt, E. Fernandez (2017) Webinar-based Contouring Education for Residents. *Journal of the American College of Radiology*. 14 (8): 1074-1079.e3
- (11) M.D. Johnson, **K. Sura**, V. Mangona, A. Glick, M. Wallace, H. Ye, I.S. Grills (2017) Matched Pair Analysis of High Dose versus Standard Dose Definitive Chemoradiation for Locally Advanced Non-small Cell Lung Cancer. *Clinical Lung Cancer* 18 (2): 149-155.
- (12) **K. Sura**, J.W. Lischalk, J. Leckie, I.S. Grills, N. Vapiwala (2016) Applying for Radiation Oncology Residency: Webinar-Based Medical Student Mentorship Outreach. *International Journal of Radiation Oncology Biology Physics* 97 (1): 11-12.
- (13) N.R Patel, R. Lanciano, **K. Sura**, J. Yang, J. Lamond, J. Feng, M. Good, E.J. Gracely, L. Komarnicky, L. Brady (2015) Stereotactic body radiotherapy for re-irradiation of lung cancer recurrence with lower biological effective doses. *J Radiat Oncol*. 4 (1): 65-70.

- (14) A.S. Sura and **K. Sura** (2013) Unofficial Guide to Accelerated, Combined, BA/MD, and BS/MD programs: Complete Edition. *CreateSpace*.
- (15) J. Ying, **K. Sura**, I. Fischer (2012) Differential Effects of Distinct CNS Regions on Cell Migration and Axonal Extension of Neural Precursor Transplants. *Journal of Neuroscience Research*. 90 (11): 2065-73.
- (16) A. Sethi and **K. Sura** (2010) Unofficial Guide to Accelerated, Combined, BA/MD, and BS/MD programs. *CreateSpace*.
- (17) T.K Makar, C.T. Bever, I.S. Singh, W. Royal, S.N. Sahu, T.P. Sura, S. Sultana, K.T. Sura, N. Patel, S. Dhib-Jalbut, D. Trisler (2009) Brain-derived neurotrophic factor gene delivery in an animal model of multiple sclerosis using bone marrow stem cells as a vehicle. *J. Neuroimmunol*. 210, 40-51.
- (18) T. K. Makar, D. Trisler, **K. T. Sura**, S. Sultana, N. Patel, C. T. Bever (2008) Brain derived neurotrophic factor treatment reduces inflammation and apoptosis in experimental allergic encephalomyelitis. *J. Neurol Sci.* 270,70-76.
- (19) T. K. Makar, D. Trisler, C. T. Bever, J. E. Goolsby, **K. T. Sura**, S. Balasubramanian, S. Sultana, N. Patel, D. Ford, I.S. Singh, A. Gupta, R. M. Valenzuela, S. Dhib-Jalbut (2008) Stem cell based delivery of IFN-B reduces relapses in experimental autoimmune encephalomyelitis *J. Neuroimmunol* 196, 67-81.
- (20) K. Sura (2008) Stem Cells: The Totipotent Truth. The 33rd: Drexel Publishing.

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

- (1) O.M. Odiase, K. Sura (2020) Radiation Oncology Education and Experience in the Undergraduate Medical Setting. *Poster presentation*. ASTRO 2020, Online.
- (2) K Sura, M Gerrer (2020) How Do Patients Spend Their Medical-Expense Financial Grants? *Poster presentation*. ACRO 2020, Ft. Lauderdale, FL.
- (3) K Sura, S Galoforo, K Buelow, M Dabjan, IS Grills, GD Wilson (2018) IL-6 Receptor Antibody Preferentially Affects Tumors in the Repopulation Phase of Growth. *Poster presentation*. ASTRO 2018, San Antonio, TX.
- (4) R Levitin, K Sura, JT Dilworth, PY Chen (2018) Equivalent Outcomes for Accelerated Partial Breast Irradiation for Invasive Lobular Carcinoma: A Matched Pair Analysis. *Poster presentation*. ASTRO 2018, San Antonio, TX.
- (5) X Ding, X Li, J Zhou, C Stevens, K Sura, P Chinnaiyan, I Grills, Y Di, P Kabolizadeh (2018) Explore the future of of proton hypo-fractionation treatment-Spot-scanning Proton Arc therapy. *Poster presentation*. ESTRO 2018, Barcelona, Spain.
- (6) K. Sura, S. Nandalur (2018) HDR prostate brachytherapy. *Online presentation*. May ARROCase Challenge.
- (7) **K. Sura**, J.W. Lischalk, I.S. Grills, A.J Mundt, L.D Wilson, N. Vapiwala (2018) Impact of Mentorship on Medical Students Applying to Radiation Oncology Residency. *Oral presentation*. ACRO 2018, Fort Lauderdale, FL.
- (8) **K. Sura**, E. Olariu, I.S. Grills, K.E. Tech, A. Krishnan, A. Wang, P. Chinnaiyan (2017) Limitations of MR Perfusion for Predicting Tumor Progression after Radiosurgery for Brain Metastases. *Oral*

- presentation. RSNA 2017, Chicago, IL.
- (9) **K. Sura**, A. Maitz, I.S. Grills, P.Y. Chen, P. Chinnaiyan (2017) Arteriovenous malformation (AVM) *Online presentation*. May ARROCase Challenge.
- (10) **K. Sura**, L.D. Wilson, I.S. Grills (2017) Comparison of Self-Reported Data on Student Doctor Network (SDN) to Objective Data of the National Resident Matching Program (NRMP) for Individuals Applying to Radiation Oncology. *Poster presentation*. 59<sup>th</sup> ASTRO annual meeting, San Diego, CA.
- (11) **K. Sura**, I.S. Grills, P. Kabolizadeh, J. Zhou, X. Li, D. Yan, D.J. Krauss, P. Chinnaiyan, X. Ding (2017) Feasibility of Spot-Scanning Proton Arc (SPArc) Fractionated Radiosurgery to the Post-Operative Cavity for Brain Metastases. *Poster presentation*. 59<sup>th</sup> ASTRO annual meeting, San Diego, CA.
- (12) C.C. Vu, **K. Sura**, T.B. Lanni, G.S. Gustafson, D.J. Krauss. Cost-Effectiveness of Single-Fraction High-Dose Rate Brachytherapy versus Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy for the Treatment of Low-Intermediate Risk Prostate Cancer. *Poster presentation*. 59<sup>th</sup> ASTRO annual meeting, San Diego, CA.
- (13) I.S. Grills, K. Lee, R. Hymas, H. Ye, **K. Sura**, M.D. Johnson, N. Abro, A. Caruso, E. Abbott, R. Deraniyagala, C.W. Stevens, R. Welsh (2017) Operable Stage I Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer treated with Stereotactic Radiotherapy (SBRT) Compared to Surgical Lobectomy: Failure Patterns and Implications for Management. *Oral presentation*. 59<sup>th</sup> ASTRO annual meeting, San Diego, CA.
- (14) **K. Sura**, H. Ye, C.C. Vu, J.M. Robertson, P. Kabolizadeh (2017) How many lymph nodes is enough? Defining the optimal lymph node dissection in stage I-III gastric cancer using the National Cancer Database. *Poster presentation*. 2017 ASCO annual meeting.
- (15) F.N. Ogunleye, **K. Sura**, L. Blankenship, D. Ezekwudo, B. Gbadamosi, I.A. Jaiyesimi, P. Kabolizadeh (2017) Treatment patterns for resected gastric cancer using the National Cancer Database. *Poster presentation*. 2017 ASCO annual meeting.
- (16) **K. Sura**, P. Kabolizadeh, I.S. Grills, A.H. Maitz, X. Li, J. Zhou, D. Yan, C.W. Stevens, P. Chinnaiyan, X. Ding (2017) Feasibility of Spot-Scanning Proton Arc Radiosurgery of a Single Peripheral Brain Metastasis. *Poster presentation*. 56<sup>th</sup> annual conference of the Participle Therapy Co-Operative Group, Japan.
- (17) **K. Sura**, R. Gemayel, B. Nguyen, H. Ye, E. Sebastian, A. Limbacher, K.G. Blas, Z.A. Seymour, D.J. Krauss (2017) Correlating Acute And Chronic Genitourinary Toxicity And Dose-volume Parameters In Ultrasound-based Planning For High-dose Rate Prostate Brachytherapy. *Poster presentation*. 2017 American Brachytherapy Society annual meeting, Boston, MA.
- (18) B. Nguyen, **K. Sura**, R. Gemayel, H. Ye, E. Sebastian, A. Limbacher, K.G. Blas, Z.A. Seymour, D.J. Krauss (2017) Correlating Acute and Chronic Gastrointestinal Toxicity and Dose-volume Parameters Using Surrogate Rectal Contours in Ultrasound-based Planning for High-dose Rate Prostate Brachytherapy. *Poster presentation*. 2017 American Brachytherapy Society annual meeting, Boston, MA.
- (19) **K. Sura**, C. C. Vu, M. D. Johnson, H. Ye, C. W. Stevens, T. M. Guerrero, and I. S. Grills (2016) Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy (IMRT) Utilization and Practice Patterns in the Management of

- Locally Advanced Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer (NSCLC) using the National Cancer Database (NCDB). *Poster presentation.* 58<sup>th</sup> ASTRO annual meeting, Boston, MA.
- (20) C. Vu, **K. Sura**, P. Chen, J. Dilworth (2016) Regional Nodal Irradiation in Breast Cancer Patients with Clinical N1 and Pathologic N0 Disease After Neoadjuvant Chemotherapy: An Analysis of the National Cancer Data Base. *Poster presentation*. 58<sup>th</sup> ASTRO annual meeting, Boston, MA.
- (21) W.G. Wang, **K. Sura**, J. Robertson, D. Krauss, P. Chen, I. Grills (2016) Outcomes and Toxicity for Treatment of Adrenal Metastases with Radiation Therapy. *Poster presentation*. 58<sup>th</sup> ASTRO annual meeting, Boston, MA.
- (22) **K. Sura,** D.J. Krauss, I.S. Grills (2016) Gamma Knife Radiosurgery (GKRS) in Poor Performance Status Patients. *Oral presentation*. 4<sup>TH</sup> Annual Radiation Oncology Resident Research Meeting, Plymouth, MI.
- (23) **K. Sura**, I.S. Grills, C.C. Vu, C.W. Stevens, H. Ye, and T.M. Guerrero (2016) Improved Survival with Delayed Radiation and Sequential Chemotherapy after Surgery for pN2 Non-Small Lung Cancer. *Oral presentation*. 100<sup>th</sup> ARS annual meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
- (24) C.C Vu, **K. Sura**, M.S. Jawad, S.R. Nandalur (2016) Adjuvant Chemoradiation is Associated with Improved Overall Survival in Patients with Stage III Endometrial Cancer: An Analysis of the National Cancer Data Base. *Poster presentation*. 100<sup>th</sup> ARS annual meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
- (25) K. Sura (2016) Trigeminal neuralgia. Online presentation. January ARROCase Challenge.
- (26) **K. Sura**, H. Ye, I.S. Grills (2015) Socioeconomic Factors Impact Probability of Receiving Radiation As Part of Breast Conserving Therapy for Early-Stage Breast Cancer. *Poster presentation*. 57<sup>th</sup> ASTRO annual meeting, San Antonio, TX.
- (27) I.S. Grills, M.D. Johnson, **K. Sura**, H. Ye, J.L Wloch, S.K Prausa, G.S Gustafson, D. Yan (2015) Advanced Radiation Therapy (RT) Planning and Delivery Methods Impact Survival in Locally Advanced (LA) NSCLC. *Poster presentation*. 57<sup>th</sup> ASTRO annual meeting, San Antonio, TX.
- (28) M.D. Johnson, **K. Sura**, K.G. Blas, H. Ye, I.S. Grills (2015) Salvage Treatment for Regional Recurrence Following Definitive Surgery or Stereotactic Body Radiation Therapy (SBRT) for Early-Stage Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer (NSCLC). *Poster presentation*. 57<sup>th</sup> ASTRO annual meeting, San Antonio, TX.
- (29) **K. Sura**, M.D. Johnson, H. Ye, A. Glick, V.S. Mangona, I.S. Grills (2014) Matched Pair Analysis of High Dose Versus Standard Dose Definitive Chemoradiation Therapy for Locally Advanced Non-small Cell Lung Cancer. *Oral presentation*. 56<sup>th</sup> ASTRO annual meeting, San Francisco, CA.
- (30) **K. Sura**, K. Tan, G.M. Freedman, A.B. Troxel, L.L. Lin (2013) Factors Affecting Breast Cancer Patient Quality of Life in Association With Radiation. *Oral presentation*. 55<sup>th</sup> ASTRO annual meeting, Atlanta, GA.
- (31) N. R Patel, **K. Sura**, M. Wong, S. Joyce, J.R. Poli (2012) Cost-effective means to Reduce High Grade Mucositis for Patient Treated with Head & Neck Cancers. *Poster presentation*. RSNA annual meeting, Chicago, IL.
- (32) **K. Sura** and B. Bobrin (2012) Minocycline Use in Patient with Multi-Drug-Intolerant Neuropathy. *Poster presentation*. American Neuropsychiatric Association 23rd Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.
- (33) **K.T. Sura**, Y. Jin, I. Fischer (2010) Effect of environment on the properties neural precursor transplants in the CNS. *Poster presentation*. Discover Day 2010, Drexel College of Medicine
- (34) K.B. Long, J. Merkt, **K. Sura**, C.M. Artlett, and E.P. Blankenhorn (2010) Analysis of Disease Progression and Severity in the Tsk2 Mouse Model of Scleroderma. *Poster presentation*. Discover Day

- 2010, Drexel College of Medicine.
- (35) K.B. Long, C. Kreutzberger, **K. Sura**, C.M. Artlett, and E.P. Blankenhorn (2010) Developing Pathology in a Mouse Model of Scleroderma, Tsk2/+. *Poster presentation*. 19th Annual Infection and Immunity Forum, Eastern PA Branch of ASM, Drexel University College of Medicine
- (36) **K. Sura**, E. Wong, and B. Ritz (2009) Development of an Alternative to the Chromium Release Natural Killer Cell Cytotoxicity Assay Using a Florescent Dye. *Poster presentation*. Drexel COAS Research Day, Philadelphia, PA.
- (37) **K. Sura**, S. Sultana, D. Trisler, C. Bever and T. Makar (2006) Molecular Characterization of Bone Marrow Derived CD34+ Stem Cells and Their Differentiation Potential. *Poster presentation*. VA Research Day, Baltimore, MD.
- (38) T. Makar, D. Trisler, C. Bever, **K. Sura**, S. Sultana, D. Ford, S. Dhib- Jalbut (2006) Retrovirus-mediated CNS delivery of IFN-beta enhances therapeutic potential in mouse model of Multiple Sclerosis. *Poster presentation*. Society for Neuroscience, October 14-18, Atlanta, GA.

## LEADERSHIP & SERVICE EXPERIENCES

January 2021 - Present	Radiation Oncology Finance Committee
August 2020 - Present	Upstate Medical University medical school interviewer
July 2017 - April 2020	IJROBP Resident Peer Reviewer Training Program
July 2016 - June 2017	Chief Resident, Department of Radiation Oncology, Beaumont Health
June 2016 - June 2017	Member, Beaumont Resident/Fellow Council
June 2016 - April 2018	Executive Resident Committee, Webinars, American College of
•	Radiation Oncology (ACRO)
June 2015 - Present	Member, Association of Residents in Radiation Oncology (ARRO) education sub-committee

#### **MENTORSHIP**

February 2019 - Present Otasowie Odiase, SUNY Upstate Medical Student

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & SOCIETIES

2014 - Present	American Board of Radiology (ABR)
2014 - Present	American College of Radiation Oncology (ACRO)
2014 - Present	American College of Radiology (ACR)
2014 - Present	American Society for Radiation Oncology (ASTRO)