What this talk will be about…

• How did I end up in industry?
  A little about me
  Personal journey
  How “mentorship” played a part in my journey

• Not a presentation on “how to mentor” or “be mentored”, HOWEVER, how “mentorship” has played a clear role in my career journey.
Where do I come from?

Birthplace and family

• Born in Seoul, South Korea
• Mom - highschool teacher
• Dad - businessman

• Lots of family…
  Mom has 4 younger brothers and sisters
  Dad has one older sister and 5 younger siblings
  21-23 first cousins (lost track of how many and don’t know them all!!)
• Lived very close to mom’s family and saw my dad’s family twice a year
  (huge family gatherings where we all slept on the floor during holidays)

Age 10 to end of Undergraduate degree

Life at the Falls…
- A.N. Myer highschool – concert band, rugby, track and field, developed a love for science (had a great physics teacher (Dr. Anderson)!!)
- My parents had a convenience store!! (aptly named Niagara Variety)

Life at McGill…
- Started a double major in Physics and Physiology
- Quickly realized Physics was more for me… 😊
- Started travelling (hugely influenced by friends who had travelled a lot)
  - Treeplanting, drive through Prairies to the Rockies, spent a part of a summer in Europe
Next 14 years in the UK...

Education, Job, Personal growth

• MSc, Medical Physics at University of Surrey
• PhD, Institute of Cancer Research, University of London (Royal Marsden Hospital) in Radiation Oncology Physics
• Worked at Kent Oncology Centre (2 years)
• 1 year hiatus (travelling)
• Worked at The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust (7 years)
  Hugely multi-cultural, lots of foreign students (mainly from EU)
  Played a lot of softball (ran the team)
• Got hitched, had a couple of kids…

2013 changed my life…

Back to Canada
My learnings on myself...

- Compartmentalize and what is important in life became clear
  - Family
    - Kids and husband, parents
  - Work
    - CNS physics site lead
    - Gamma Knife Icon project
    - Spine SBRT lead
- Embrace change

New perspective, new thoughts...

- Making a bigger difference became important
- Completed a Global Executive MBA program though Rotman, University of Toronto
  - Met many new healthcare professionals who are leaders – clinicians, leaders in pharma, government advisors, lawyers…
  - Learned so much of my own capability, peer-mentoring, new conversations
- Recruited to Elekta during this time when “very open to change”
- Influencing job role, projects, networking
Working in Industry is allowing me to grow in different ways

- Learning about new professions – meeting and working with colleagues with different knowledge
- Leveraging my clinical knowledge to help industry grow – help reduce gap between industry and clinical worlds
- Opportunity to grow my network - new mentors and mentees!
- Opportunity to engage in new projects – medical physics input
- Able to engage clinical community in new ways
- Realizing potential of my skillset
Mentorship has played a big role…

- Peer mentoring
- Providing mentorship
- What I wanted, What I give – became a unique mentor
  Huge satisfaction from seeing my “mentees” do well
- Learning and getting unique perspectives

Thank you

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