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Professor M. Gazi Yaşargil was born on July 6, 1925 in Lice, Turkey. In 1953, he began his neurosurgical residency at the University of Zürich, under Professor Hugo Krayenbühl. From 1965 to 1967 he was a research-fellow in microvascular surgery at the University of Vermont, Burlington, under Professor R.M. Peardon Donaghy, where he learned microsurgical techniques, which were then applied to the cerebral arteries on animals in the laboratory.

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