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Qualifications:

In addition to a year-long post-graduate fellowship in geriatrics, education includes primary care experience in various health care settings such as community clinics, a rehabilitation hospital, university hospitals, and health maintenance organizations. Experience in specialties comprises primary care, neurorehabilitation, geriatrics, and college health.

Clinical Training/Experience

- November 2016-Present *Family Clinic of Merced, Merced, CA, Part Time*
Duties: Outpatient care of patients in a community based, family practice clinic. Duties include history and physical exam and diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic illnesses. Diagnostic test ordering and interpretation, pap smears, and minor procedures.
- May 2012- November 2016 *Professional hiatus to focus on my growing family.*
During this time I maintained my PA Certification. I kept up with the required CME and attended professional conferences. I took and passed my NCCPA re-certification exam on 1/12/2016. I have also stayed current BLS.
- September 2007-May 2012 *UC Merced Student Health Center Merced, CA. Full Time*
Duties: Outpatient care of patients at UC Merced. Duties included history and physical exam, diagnosing test ordering and interpretation, treatment plans, medication ordering and management, and primary care procedures such as laceration repair, incision and drainage of abscesses, excision of lesions, pap smears, splinting,
- November 2005-August 2007 *Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center, Downey, CA. Full Time*
Physician Assistant in the inpatient Neurorehabilitation Department on the Adult Brain Injury service.
Duties: Manage inpatients on the adult brain injury unit while functioning within the rehabilitation team including supervising physicians, nursing staff, physical therapists, occupational therapists, speech therapists, social workers, psychologists, case managers, dieticians, and physician specialists. Participate in family conferences, team meetings, and patient and family education. Other duties include history and physicals, diagnosis and treatment, medication and diagnostic test ordering and interpretation, dictations, daily progress notes, discharge planning, daily rounds with attending physician, daily communication with members of rehabilitation team.
- Oct. 2004-Oct. 2005 *USC Keck School of Medicine Post Graduate Fellowship in Geriatrics. Full time*
Post-Graduate clinical training at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center, the University of California, Irvine and the University of Southern California, Keck School of Medicine. Patients evaluated at community clinics and hospitals, board and care facilities, nursing homes, and assisted living facilities. Hospital experience included internal medicine, acute CVA rehabilitation, geriatric consults, cardiology consults, hospice, palliative care, geropsychiatry, and APS consults. Clinical specialty experience included geriatric medicine, internal medicine, dementia, movement disorders, cardiology, urology, and stroke. Home visits made with geriatric NP, APS social worker, IHSS social worker and hospice physician.

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Duties: History and physical, diagnosis and management of acute and chronic illness, participation in family conferences and multi-disciplinary team meetings, care coordination with therapists, social workers and other providers, discharge planning, patient and community education, utilization of tools such as MMSE, 3MS, and GDS, and interpretation of studies including brain MRI and CT, EKG and echocardiogram.

Sept. 2003-July 2004

Clinical Rotations, Western University of Health Sciences

Year of clinical experience consisted of one month clinical rotations in family practice and specialty areas, as well as a three month preceptorship.

Kaiser Permanente, Family Practice, Colton, CA (Preceptorship)

VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System, Geriatrics, Sepulveda, CA

Kaiser Permanente, Family Practice, San Diego, CA

Coast Plaza Doctors Hospital, Emergency Medicine, Norwalk, CA

Helton Skin and Laser Institute, Dermatology, Newport, CA

Talbert Medical Center, OB/GYN, Fountain Valley, CA

Cottage Hospital, General Surgery, Santa Barbara, CA

US Healthworks, Occupational Medicine, Santa Ana, CA

Friendly Care Medical Group, Internal Medicine, Anaheim, CA

Education

2005 Postgraduate Fellowship in Geriatrics: USC Keck School of Medicine, CA

2004 Masters of Science in Physician Assistant Studies: Western University, CA

Thesis: *Memantine? The Alzheimer Drug that will Keep You from Forgetting:*

The First Approved Drug Therapy for Moderate to Severe Alzheimer's Disease.

2000 Bachelor of Science in Biological Sciences: UC Santa Barbara, CA

Licenses/Certificates

National Commission of Certification of Physician Assistants, 12/2018

Physician Assistant License, Physician Assistant Committee, 12/2018

BLS for the Healthcare Provider, 7/2017

Professional Memberships

California Academy of Physician Assistants