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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Vituity 7/2009 - Current

7/2012 - Current

Palomar Medical Center, Escondido, CA and Pomerado Hospital, Poway, CA

Lead Physician Assistant, Emergency Department

- Quality Improvement, Throughput and Patient Experience Committee member

Vituity Reservist Program 2016 - 2017

- St. Elizabeth Community Hospital, Red Bluff, CA

7/2009 - 7/2012

Kaweah Delta Medical Center, Visalia, CA

Physician Assistant, Emergency Department

- RME Throughput committee member
- UC Davis Physician Assistant student preceptor

University of California, Irvine Medical Center, Orange, CA

Senior Emergency Trauma Technician, Emergency Department, 1/3/2000 – 6/14/2007

Staff Preceptor and Clinical Skills Developer

Medix Ambulance, 26021 Pala Mission Viejo, CA

EMT- 1, 1998 – 2000

Doctors Ambulance, 23091 Terra Laguna Hills, CA

EMT -1, 1996 – 1997

EDUCATION

Master of Physician Assistant Studies, College of Medicine, 2012

University of Nebraska, Omaha, NE

Associate in Science, Primary Care Physician Assistant Program, 2009

San Joaquin Valley College, Visalia, CA

Bachelor of Science, Emergency Medical Care, 2006

Loma Linda University, Loma Linda, CA

Associate in Arts, Liberal Arts and Sciences, 2004

Saddleback Community College, Mission Viejo, CA

LICENSES

State of California PA License - [REDACTED] Expiration 10/31/2020

Drug Enforcement Agency - [REDACTED]

CERTIFICATIONS

NCCPA	Certification No 1086347 Expiration 12/31/2020
EMT-B	Emergency Medical Technician – 1995-2007
ACLS	AHA Advanced Cardiac Life Support
PALS	AHA Pediatric Advanced Life Support
BLS	AHA First Responder

PUBLICATIONS

Goss J, Higgins J, Simpson L: *The Need To Be More Professional*. Journal of Emergency Medical Services (JEMS). Volume 141, March 2006.

AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS

2013 - Physician Assistant of the year - Pomerado Hospital

April 2009 – Society of Emergency Medicine Physician Assistants (SEMPA) Scholarship Award Winner

May 2006 - Loma Linda University, Alumni Scholarship Award Winner - for exceptional quality of work with acts of diversity, service & volunteerism.

Loma Linda University, Dean's list award recipient, 4 out of 6 quarters from 2004-2006.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

California Association of Physician Assistants (CAPA)
Society of Emergency Medicine Physician Assistants (SEMPA)

NON-CLINICAL LEADERSHIP

SEMPA Board of Directors, Director at Large 2018-2020

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

SEMPA - Education Committee Member 2015-2019 - Responsible for making recommendations for and direct the planning and implementation of education meetings as well as education tools and resources, in addition to the marketing of educational offerings. Advocacy Committee Member 2019-current - Identify public policy issues and concerns that directly affect the role, scope of practice, reimbursement, and the practice ability of the EMPA.

Palomar Health Emergency Department QI Committee 2016-current - Tasked with monthly PA chart reviews to ensure a high standard of quality patient care is maintained and quarterly case presentations for 20 plus full and part-time PAs. I also serve on the Throughput and Patient Experience Committees.

Kaweah Delta Rapid Medical Evaluation (RME) Throughput Committee 2010-2012 - Part of a multidisciplinary implementation team that included providers and staff from all levels of the ED and along with system engineering experts, worked to increase patient satisfaction by decreasing LWBS to < 1% and TTP to 30 minutes or less.