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Licenses/Board Affiliations:

State of California License #G-71771 - In good standing. Exp 5/31/2023.
Lapsed In Good Standing: Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (#009246)
State of Georgia (#32697) lapsed, in good standing.
DEA License Number BB2211338 - In good standing.
Diplomate of the National Board of Medical Examiners, Certificate No. 318728
Diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine, Certificate No. 121664, 1994, 2004, 2015
Diplomate of the American Board of Independent Medical Evaluators, ABIME 2000, 2020
Diplomate of the American Board of Toxicology, 2012, 2017
Diplomate of the American Board of Quality Assurance and Utilization Review Physicians – 2020
CA State Certified Qualified Medical Evaluator, Certificate No. 915187
Certified Medical Review Officer, MROCC- 96-01924, 2002, recert 2021 pending
Certified Department of Transportation Medical Examiner, NRCME No. 2656509225
BLS Certified: 2016, 2018, 6/29/20, 2/24/21
ACLS Certified: 6/20/16; 2/24/21
UPIN: EO9378
NPI: 1780779371

Education:

8/1993 – 5/1998	Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Wisconsin Master of Preventive Health (M.P.H.) Occupational and Environmental Medicine
7/1985 – 5/1988	Veterans Administration Hospital Río Piedras, Puerto Rico Internal Medicine Internship/Residency
7/1981 – 5/1985	University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine Río Piedras, Puerto Rico M. D., Medicine Honors: <i>Alpha Omega Alpha</i> Class 1st Vice President, 1981-1982
8/1975 – 5/1977	University of Puerto Rico Río Piedras, Puerto Rico M. S. Candidate, Biochemistry (all but Thesis completed)
8/1972 – 5/1975	University of Puerto Rico Río Piedras, Puerto Rico B. S., Chemistry Honors: <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
8/1968 – 5/1972	University of Puerto Rico Río Piedras, Puerto Rico B.A., Art, English Literature Honors: <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>

Medical/Biomedical Experience:

11/2020-present	Faculty , American Board Quality Assessment and Utilization review Physicians. Author of the <i>Workers' Compensation Core Knowledge Manual</i> chapter.
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- 6/2021 – present **Medical Director**, Premise Health In House Occupational Clinic, Smuckers, Oxnard, CA
- 6/2021 – present **Medical Director**, Premise Health In House Occupational Clinic, Lockheed Martin, Palmdale, CA.
- 9/2020- present **Medical Director**, Premise Health In House Occupational Clinic, MOOG International, Torrance, CA
- 5/2018- present **Concentra Occupational**, Medical provider.
- 5/2016-present **Medical Director**, Premise Health. Inhouse Occupational Medical services for B Braun International, Irvine, CA. Physician Advisor for B Braun.
- 4/2016- May 2017 **Medical Provider**, Internal Medicine, Department of Corrections Norco, CA. Responsible for medical services rendered in the Urgent/Emergency Department and Hospital facility.
- 1995-present **President, OccMed, Inc.**
Corporate entity that provides occupational medical consulting services, disability evaluations and clinical services in Internal Medicine, Occupational Medicine and Toxicology.
- 1995-present **President, N Betancourt, MD, Inc.**
Provides consulting services in occupational medicine/internal medicine to contract facilities.
- 1999- 2004 **Medical Director, Risk Assessment and Management - SCRMA**
Upland, CA. Third Party Administrator.
- 1999- 2001 **Medical Director, US Healthworks- El Monte**
South El Monte, CA. Clinical occupational medical services.
- 1999-2002 **Medical Director and Principal, OccMed La Puente, Inc.**
La Puente, CA. Clinical occupational medical services. Hospital privileges at Citrus Valley Medical Center, Queen of the Valley, West Covina, CA.
- 1995- 1997 **Medical Director**
BusinessHealth Network
Bakersfield, CA
- 1993 - 1995 **Associate Director of Industrial Medicine**
Friendly Hills HealthCare Network
La Habra, California
- 1994- present **State Certified Qualified Medical Examiner (QME)**
Industrial Medical Council, Workers' Compensation
State designation for the medical-legal evaluation of impairment in the case of Workers' Compensation Injuries or Diseases.
- 1992 - 1993 **Director of Industrial Medicine**
Hanover Network Industrial Clinic
City of Industry, California
- 1991-2011 **Certified Medical Review Officer (MRO)**
Evaluation of laboratory positive drug-screening results. In charge of the preparation of seminars on drug abuse and worksite preventive measures.

1991 - 1992

Staff physician and Internal Medicine Consultant
Personal Medical Care Center
Santa Ana, CA

1990 - 1991

Staff Physician - Occupational Medicine
Howell Industrial Clinic
Atlanta, Georgia

Howell Industrial Clinic is a multi-center occupational medicine facility providing treatment to approximately 300 injured workers/day. Originally employed as part-time physician in the Re-check area. Promoted to Staff Physician in the Acute Trauma section.

Duties included initial evaluations of 20 to 30 acute trauma patients per day, Internal Medicine consultation services, pre-placement physicals, occupational injury follow-up and on-call hospital work. Minor surgery involving wounds on face, hands and skin also performed. Worked in close contact with two full-time orthopedic surgeons, a neurosurgeon and a general surgeon.

Full staff privileges at Crawford W. Long Memorial Hospital - a unit of Emory University School of Medicine - with special emphasis on the evaluation of acute occupational injuries such as burns, electrical shock, chemical poisoning, internal medicine conditions and multiple body trauma. Member of the Hospital Medical Ethics Committee.

1990 - 1991

Medical Peer Reviewer - Category I and II Reviews
Georgia Medical Care Foundation
(State Medicare Review Agency)

Reviewer of Internal Medicine cases for the Agency, including Category II reviews, which can involve sanctions against reviewed physicians. Emphasis on the quality of medical care offered by Internal Medicine practitioners in urban and rural areas. Duties included review of Medicare charts for quality of medical care and rating of services provided by hospital facilities, doctors and nursing staff. Nomination of Medical Peer Reviewers is by invitation only.

1990

Private Practice (Internal Medicine)
Atlanta, Georgia

Private Practice in association with Elpidio Feliciano, M.D. Full staff privileges at Crawford W. Long Memorial Hospital (Emory University). In charge of hospital admissions, disability evaluations, clinical Internal Medicine management of private patients admitted to CCU, ICU and General Ward facilities, with subsequent office follow-ups.

1988 - 1990

Private Practice (Internal Medicine)
Ashford Memorial Hospital
San Juan, Puerto Rico

Private Practice with additional hospital responsibilities, including: Consulting Physician to the Emergency Room for Internal Medicine services; Consulting Physician to the Operating Room for medical emergencies; Consulting Physician, Outpatient Surgery Department. Consultant for preoperative medical evaluation for orthopedics, general surgery and ophthalmology subspecialties.

Private office providing general patient care and follow-up. Participated in a special AIDS program serving the community by providing *pro bono* medical care.

Additional responsibilities as Head, Intensive Care Unit, Ashford Memorial Hospital with 300 beds and a 10 bed CCU/ICU unit.
Member, Emergency Room Quality Control Committee.

Management, litigation and consulting experience:

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| 2016-present | Physician Advisor , B Braun, Irvine, CA. |
| 2009-2013 | EK Health UR medical reviewer . Second tier utilization review. |
| 2009-present | Expert Witness , St. Croix, USVI. Provided examination, litigation support and testimony in bauxite and asbestos cases. This is an ongoing litigation. |
| 1998-2002 | Medical Consultant & Medical Case Management
MedRight, Santa Monica, CA
Toxicology medical-legal examination. Risk assessment in toxic chemical spills. Asbestos exposure, TCE, Sick Building Syndrome, and other occupationally related exposures. |
| 1991-1992 | Senior Project Manager, Consulting Assignment
Cooperative Technologies and Services International
Irvine, California

Management, design, implementation and preparation of project proposals for a company dedicated to the development of projects in the water conservation field. |
| 1981 - 1990 | President/CEO, Aroma Coffee Break, Inc.
San Juan, Puerto Rico

Principal and equity shareholder of the largest and oldest office coffee service supplier on the Island. Responsibilities included: supervision of administrative and financial management, determination of coffee quality, management of personnel, supervision of the marketing function, and sales strategy formulation. |
| 1977 - 1979 | President, Governor's Coffee Quality Control Committee for International Coffee Markets
Commonwealth of Puerto Rico

An appointed position by and for the Governor of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. Responsibilities included: qualitative and quantitative determination of coffee quality available from international markets for consumption within the Island of Puerto Rico. This position required international travel, knowledge of international world trade markets, and government trade policies. |
| 1976 - 1978 | President, Puerto Rico Coffee Roasters Association

Responsibilities included administrative management, Public Relations, government regulatory agency liaison for negotiation of rules and regulations affecting the industry. |
| 1975 - 1981 | Executive Vice President & General Manager
R. & O. Betancourt, Inc.
San Juan, Puerto Rico |

Third largest coffee roasting plant on the Island; specializing in the institutional, as well as retail coffee market. Responsibilities included: personnel management and collective bargaining negotiations; general administrative and financial planning; coffee quality control; supervision of marketing functions, and government regulatory agency liaison.

Representative Recent Continuing Medical Education:

ACOEM Medical Review Officer Recertification course	Toxicology, Physician Advisor	18.5	10/6/21
Utilization Management Peer Review Training 3	Physician Advisor	5	12/30/21
Medical Treatment Utilization Schedule (MTUS) update	Physician Advisor	1.5	8/2021
Harvard Medical School – Internal Medicine Comprehensive Review & Update 2021	Internal Medicine; Pharmacology	44.5	06/7-12/21
Harvard Medical School – Sports Medicine 2021	Sports Medicine, Orthopedics	17.75	5/5-7/21
Harvard Medical School – Challenging Cases in Toxicology	Clinical Toxicology	5	03/05/21
COVID-19 Strategies for Keeping Safe at Work	COVID-19 ACOEM	3.75	01/24/21
HCQM Certification Core Body of Knowledge Course (Physician Advisor, Workers' Compensation)	Health Quality Assurance	20	9/2020
QME: CME Course – Internal Medicine	Workers Compensation	12	04/13/20
QME: CME Course QME Report Writing	Workers Compensation	12	05/07/18
ACP: MKSAP 17, Gastroenterology and Hepatology	Medical Knowledge	16	09/18/17
ACP: MKSAP 16, Cardiovascular Medicine	Medical Knowledge	40	09/18/17
ACP: MKSAP 16, Rheumatology	Medical Knowledge	32	09/18/17
2016	State of CA QME CME Courses, 12 credits		
2016	Society of Toxicology Convention CE 11 credits. Full Member.		
ACP: MKSAP 17, Gastroenterology and Hepatology	Medical Knowledge	16	09/15/2015

Seminars Presented:

Evaluating Obesity in the Workers' Compensation Field, 54th Annual Obesity and Associated Conditions Symposium, October 1, 2004, American society of Bariatric Physicians, Orlando, FLA
Toxicology Basics, W/C Forum, Riverside, June 2000
Asbestos: Medical-Legal Aspects: W/C Insurance Hearing Professionals, Buena Park, March 2000
Workers' Compensation Basics for Health Care Professionals, Porterville Developmental Center, CA, April 1999
Repetitive Strain Injuries: the Ergonomics Standard: PIHRA, April, 1998
Preventing Injuries: a proactive approach. Optima HealthCare Network, Los Angeles, Feb 11, 1998.
Managed Care Trends in Occupational Medicine, California State University, Bakersfield, March, 1996
Managed Care Trends in Occupational Medicine (May 95, Newport Beach)
The Medical Review Officer : Protecting Your Business (Nov. 96, Bakersfield)
Post-Offer Preplacement Physicals, California State University, March 1997
Preventive Seminars Series (Cholesterol, Alcohol, Drugs, How to talk to your Doctor in the Managed Care Setting, Breast Cancer, Paramount Farming, Inc. Wellness Program), 1995, 1996 & 1997
The Primary Treating Physician, general treatment protocols, November, 1995, State Compensation Insurance Fund

Memberships:

American Board of Quality Assurance and Utilization Review Physicians
 American College of Physician Advisors
 Society of Toxicology
 American College of Medical Toxicology
 Alpha Omega Alpha
 American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine

American College of Physicians

Other Personal Data:

Other Languages: Fluency in spoken, written, technical Spanish
IBM, MacOS Computer Literate

References:

Personal and professional references available upon request.