



Curriculum Vitae

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Experienced Hall of Fame award-winning emergency medicine physician assistant with over 25 years of clinical experience, including more than 20 years of work in high-volume emergency departments, cancer center, and urgent care settings. Recognized educator and professional speaker with fluent English and Spanish communication skills.

Current Position

Canyon State Emergency Partners, Mesa, AZ 2020

- Present

- Physician Assistant Emergency Medicine - conducting comprehensive histories, physical examinations, diagnostic evaluations, and medical management for patients presenting with a broad spectrum of emergent, urgent, and critical illnesses in a high-volume emergency department.
- Rapidly assess, stabilize, and treat patients with life-threatening conditions, including myocardial infarction, sepsis, respiratory failure, pulmonary embolism, stroke, trauma, motor vehicle accidents, and other medical emergencies, including patients arriving via EMS.
- Perform a wide range of emergency procedures, such as wound repair/suturing, chest tube placement, fracture and dislocation reduction and stabilization, intubation, lumbar puncture, incision and drainage of abscesses, and critical care management.

Professional Experience

Team Health West, Gilbert & Mesa, AZ

2006 - 2024

- Physician Assistant Emergency Medicine - assessing, diagnosing, and treating a wide range of critical care and emergency conditions in a large multi hospital-based health system, including MD Anderson Cancer Center at Banner Gateway Campus.
- Provided comprehensive procedural management of emergency conditions including wound repair, abscess incision and drainage, endotracheal intubation, lumbar puncture, and reduction and stabilization of orthopedic injuries, including fractures and dislocations.

Emergency Physicians Professional Association, Phoenix, AZ

2005 - 2007

- Physician Assistant Emergency Medicine - provided comprehensive procedural management of emergency conditions including wound repair, abscess, incision and drainage, endotracheal intubation, lumbar puncture, and reduction and stabilization of orthopedic injuries, including fractures and dislocations.

Best Medical Group/ Urgent Care Specialists, Phoenix, AZ 2004

- 2005

- Physician Assistant Urgent Care, Internal Medicine, Pediatrics - provided comprehensive primary and urgent care for adult and pediatric patients in an underserved, predominantly Spanish-speaking community, including preventative care, acute illness, and injury evaluation, chronic disease management, newborn and well child examinations, minor office procedures, patient education, and health promotion.

The Orthopedic Clinic Association, Scottsdale, AZ 2003

- 2004

- Physician Assistant / Surgical First Assistant - provided orthopedic and sports medicine care in a high volume practice including clinic based patient management, surgical first assist duties for shoulder, knee, and other orthopedic procedures, and medical coverage for high school and professional athletic teams.

Southwestern Eye Center, Mesa, AZ 2001

- 2003

- Physician Assistant/ Surgical First Assistant - provided ophthalmic care within a specialty ophthalmology practice including comprehensive patient histories, preoperative medical evaluations, and surgical first assist responsibilities for retinal, glaucoma, and oculoplastic procedures.

Clinical Preceptorship & Mentorship

2009 - present

Provided comprehensive clinical education, direct supervision, and professional mentorship to physician assistant students, medical students, and pre-medical students during emergency medicine clinical rotations. I fostered the development of diagnostic reasoning, differential diagnosis formulation, evidence-based patient management, procedural proficiency, medical documentation, interdisciplinary collaboration, patient communication, and adherence to accepted standards of care.

Responsibilities included:

- Teaching diagnostic reasoning and emergency medicine evaluation and management.
- Instruction in emergency procedures, including laceration repair, splinting/casting, abscess incision and drainage, orthopedic evaluation, wound management, and emergency stabilization.
- Teaching interpretation of ECG's, laboratory studies, imaging, and point of care clinical decision-making.
- Evaluation of student clinical performance using competency-based assessment tools.
- Instruction regarding risk management, informed consent, documentation, patient communication, and standards of care.

Approximate learners mentored

- Physician Assistant students: 70+
- Medical Students: 30+
- Pre-med students: 40+

Clinical Preceptor

- Midwestern University - Physician Assistant Program & Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine Program
- A.T. Still University - Physician Assistant Program & Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine Program
- Other affiliated PA and medical training programs

Education

Midwestern University Physician Assistant Program, Glendale, AZ - Bachelors of Medical Science 1999 - 2001

Mesa Community College, Mesa, AZ - Associate of Arts Degree 1996 - 1999

Teaching experience and professional presentations

Invited Presentations

1. High Reliability Organization (HRO), Mercy Gilbert Medical Center, December 2022
2. Orthopedic splinting/training class, Banner Gateway Medical Center, October 2020, September 2020, April 2017, March 2017, December 2014, October 2014, October 2013, Feb 2011. Banner Payson Medical Center, August 2015
3. "Basics of Ophthalmology", A.T. Still University, October 2003
4. "Clinical/Physical Exam Skills", Preceptor, Midwestern University, Glendale, AZ, August 2001-February 2002

Volunteer Education and Outreach

1. Orthopedic Splinting/ training class, Arizona General Hospital, September 2025
2. "Heat Exposure/Exhaustion/Stroke", Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Mesa Fire Department, July 25, 2023
3. Suturing class instructor, Banner Hawks (pre-med high school club), Highland High School, February 2020
4. "Emergency Medicine", Lecture for Banner Hawks, Banner Gateway Medical Center, September 2018, December 2015

Languages

- English (native/fluent)
- Spanish (fluent)

Professional Memberships

- Academy of Physician Associates in Legal Medicine (APALM)
- American Academy of Physician Associates (AAPA)
- The Arizona State Association of Physician Assistants (ASAPA)

Certifications

- Physician Assistant Certified - National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)
- Advanced cardiac life support
- Pediatric advanced life support
- Basic life support
- Blood-borne pathogens

Awards & Honors

- “Hall of Fame Award” 2024 The Emergency Center/Arizona General Hospital
- Physician Assistant Special Recognition in Surgery
- President, Midwestern University Physician Assistant class of 2001
- President of Arizona Association of Student Councils
- Eagle Scout