

Curriculum Vitae

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Summary of Expertise:

Experienced Physician Assistant with over 12 years of clinical practice across multiple specialties, including Emergency Medicine, Otolaryngology–Head and Neck Surgery, Head and Neck Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, Hand Surgery, Urgent Care, and Plastic Surgery. Completed a postgraduate fellowship in Otolaryngology–Head and Neck Surgery at Mayo Clinic in Phoenix, Arizona. Currently practices in a high-acuity emergency department and serves as a surgical first assist with a plastic surgeon in Gilbert, Arizona, providing operative assistance in plastic and reconstructive surgical procedures. Has also served for the past seven years in supervisory Physician Assistant roles, providing clinical leadership, advanced patient care, and oversight of advanced practice providers.

Currently holds the rank of Major in the Air National Guard and is assigned to the 161st Medical Group in Phoenix, Arizona, with extensive experience as a medical officer in austere and expeditionary environments, including multiple overseas deployments.

In addition to clinical and military service, has served as adjunct faculty at Pacific University’s Physician Assistant Program for the past ten years, providing instruction in Otolaryngology and related clinical subjects, and has also served as adjunct faculty with Northern Arizona University and the University of Arizona School of Physician Assistant Studies.

Current Work Experience

1. **Advanced Plastic Surgery Institute,** Gilbert, AZ Aug 2026 – Current *Physician Assistant- Surgical First Assist*
   • Serve as a surgical first assist in plastic and reconstructive surgery, providing intraoperative assistance with tissue handling, exposure, hemostasis, wound closure, and other operative techniques across a variety of plastic surgery procedures.
   • Collaborate closely with the plastic surgeon throughout the perioperative and operative course, applying advanced surgical knowledge to support procedural efficiency, patient safety, and optimal surgical outcomes.

2. **Canyon State Emergency Partners,** Mesa, AZ Sept 2020 – Current
   *Physician Assistant- Emergency Medicine - **Supervising Physician Assistant***

- Lead and supervise a team of over 80 Advanced Practice Providers (APPs) within the hospital setting; responsible for hiring, training, and conducting chart reviews to ensure high standards of care.
- Provide comprehensive evaluation and treatment of patients presenting with acute medical conditions in a high-volume Emergency Department.
- Stabilize and manage critically ill patients, including those with myocardial infarction, pulmonary embolism, sepsis, and other life-threatening emergencies.
- Perform a wide range of emergency procedures, including laceration repair, incision and drainage (I&D), intubation, chest tube placement, and lumbar puncture.

3. **Arizona Air National Guard,** Phoenix, AZ Jan 2020 – Current
   Physician Assistant - Military Medicine
- Provide acute, preventive, and readiness-focused medical care as directed by U.S. Air Force leadership
- Manage all medical provider credentialing for the medical group, ensuring compliance with military and regulatory standards.

- Support unit medical readiness, deployment health requirements, and advise leadership on medical risk mitigation.

4. **TeamHEALTH,** Chandler, AZ July 2016 – Current
   Physician Assistant- Emergency Medicine Supervising Physician Assistant Jan 2019-Sept 2020
- Assess, diagnose, and manage a wide range of acute medical conditions in a fast-paced Emergency Department.
- Provide critical care and stabilization for patients with life-threatening conditions such as myocardial infarction, pulmonary embolism, and sepsis.
- Perform advanced emergency procedures, including laceration repair, incision and drainage (I&D), endotracheal intubation, chest tube placement, and lumbar puncture.

Previous Work Experience:

1. **FastMed Urgent Care,** Mesa, AZ Feb 2016 – Dec 2019
   Physician Assistant - Urgent care
- Manage and care for acute medical needs of patients in an urgent care setting
- Perform needed procedures including laceration repair, I&D, and pelvic exams
- Perform general physical exams

2. **Arizona Center for Hand Surgery,** Phoenix, AZ March 2017- Oct 2017
   Physician Assistant- Hand surgery
- Manage, evaluate, and treat patients with acute hand and upper extremity injuries
- First asset in OR - including microvascular repairs
- Round and follow up on post op patients
- Evaluate and manage patients in clinic

3. **HonorHealth Osborn,** Scottsdale, AZ Sept 2015 – March 2017
   Physician Assistant- Trauma surgery
- Assist in trauma resuscitations and first asset in acute and general surgery
- Perform needed procedures including chest tubes, central lines, bronchoscopies, & laceration repair

- Round on trauma patients on the floor and ICU
- Manage patients in trauma clinic

4. **Mayo Clinic Hospital,** Phoenix, AZ Sept 2014 – Sept 2015
   Physician Assistant Fellow- Otolaryngology and head/neck surgery

- Completed comprehensive clinical training across multiple subspecialties including head & neck surgery, basilar skull and sinus surgery, allergy, neurotology, rhinology, laryngology, plastic surgery, oral maxillofacial surgery, pediatric and adult ENT, radiation oncology, intensive care, audiology, and speech therapy.
- Served as first assist in the operating room during a wide range of ENT surgical procedures.
- Independently managed patients in outpatient clinics, including diagnosis and treatment of diverse ENT-related conditions.
- Conducted daily inpatient rounds and managed hospitalized ENT patients.
- Participated in rotating ENT call coverage, responding to consultations from the hospital, ICU, and Emergency Department.

Military Deployments:

Prince Sultan Air Base Saudi Arabia 2023 - Medical expeditionary clinic
Military Entrance Processing Station (MEPS) 2024 Phoenix - Joint service medical applicant evaluation and processing
Naval Air Station Sigonella Italy 2025 - Naval hospital outpatient flight line clinic

Education:

1. **Northern Arizona University**, Flagstaff, AZ (doctoral candidate) Expected completion date: May 2027 Doctor of Medical Science

2. **Mayo Clinic School of Health Sciences,** Postgraduate fellowship ENT and Head & neck surgery, Phoenix, AZ Sep 2014- Sep 2015

3. **Pacific University College of Health Professions**, Oregon May 2012- Aug 2014 Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies

4. **University of Phoenix**, Phoenix, AZ Jan 2009- June 2010 Bachelor of Science, Health Care Administration

Military Education:

1. Air Command and Staff College, Air University Jan 2025 - Dec 2025
2. Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examiner, Fort Sam Houston, Texas Jan 2023 - Feb 2023 U.S. Army Medical Center of Excellence
3. Squadron Officer School, Air University Jun 2021 - Oct 2021 Squadron Officer College
4. Officer Training School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama April 2021 - May 2021 Air University

Certifications:

1. Physician Assistant - Certified
2. Advanced Trauma Life Support
3. Pediatric Advanced Life Support

4. Advanced Cardiac Life Support
5. Basic Life Support
6. Tactical Combat and Casualty Care Tier III
7. Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examiner (SAMFE)

Publications:

1. Fenn, D (2026). The value of Physician Associates as Medical Expert Witnesses in Legal Proceedings. *Arizona Attorney Magazine.* The State Bar of Arizona (Submitted for publication Jan 2026)

2. Fenn, D (2026). What is causing this otherwise healthy man's confusion and lower extremity weakness? *Journal of the American Academy of Physician Associates.* (Accepted for publication 3/27/2026)

3. Fenn, D., Howard, B., Hoxworth, J., & Sommers, A. (2018). A 67-year-old man with odynophagia and neck pain. *Journal of the American Academy of Physician Assistants*, *31*(4), 24-26. https://doi.org/10.1097/01.JAA.0000530291.06247.eb

4. Pacific University College of Health Professions School of Physician Assistant Studies: Systematic Review. Yoga: An old discipline with a new indication for reducing cardiac arrhythmias. 2013

Professional Memberships:

1. American Academy of Physician Associates
2. Arizona State Association of Physician Assistants
3. The academy of Physician Associates in legal medicine

Invited Presentations:

1. "*Inner and outer ear Disorders, Nose and Sinus disorders, Throat disorders."* Pacific University School of Physician Assistant Studies. August 2026.

2. "The dizzy patient" case report. Medical Provider Sustainment -161st Air National Guard Medical Group Medical officers. Goldwater Air National Guard Base. December 2025.

3. *"Inner and outer ear Disorders, Nose and Sinus disorders, Throat disorders."* Pacific University School of Physician Assistant Studies. August 2025.

4. Case report - "The dizzy Patient - differentiating from central vs peripheral vertigo". The Emergency Center executive leadership meeting. May 2025

5. "*Inner and outer ear Disorders, Nose and Sinus disorders, Throat disorders."* Pacific University School of Physician Assistant Studies. August 2024.

6. "*Nose and Sinus disorders"*. Arizona State Association of Physician Assistants 48th Annual Spring CME Conference March 7-8, 2024

7. *"Inner and outer ear Disorders, Nose and Sinus disorders, Throat disorders."* Pacific University School of Physician Assistant Studies. August 2023.

8. Case report - "*Nasopharyngeal Intubation For Angioedema."* The Emergency Center executive leadership meeting. June 2023

9. *"Inner and outer ear Disorders, Nose and Sinus disorders, Throat disorders."* Pacific University School of Physician Assistant Studies. August 2022.

10. *"Inner and outer ear Disorders, Nose and Sinus disorders, Throat disorders."* Pacific University School of Physician Assistant Studies. August 2021.

11. *"Inner and outer ear Disorders, Nose and Sinus disorders."* Pacific University School of Physician Assistant Studies. August 2019.

12. *"Inner and outer ear Disorders, Nose and Sinus disorders."* Pacific University School of Physician Assistant Studies. August 2018.

13. *"Inner and outer ear Disorders, Nose and Sinus disorders."* Pacific University School of Physician Assistant Studies. August 2017.

14. *"Inner and outer ear Disorders, Nose and Sinus disorders."* Pacific University School of Physician Assistant Studies. August 2016.

15. *"Inner and outer ear Disorders, Nose and Sinus disorders."* Pacific University School of Physician Assistant Studies. August 2015.