



Curriculum Vitae

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Summary of Expertise:

Experienced Physician Associate with over 10 years of clinical practice across multiple specialties, including Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, Hand Surgery, Urgent Care, and Emergency Medicine. Completed a prestigious postgraduate fellowship in Otolaryngology at the Mayo Clinic in Phoenix, Arizona. For the past five years, have served as a supervisory Physician Associate in a high-acuity emergency department, providing leadership and expert clinical care.

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

In addition to clinical practice, have served as adjunct faculty at Pacific University's Physician Assistant Program for the past nine years, providing lectures and instruction in Otolaryngology and related subjects. I have also served as adjunct faculty with Northern Arizona University's school of Physician Assistant Studies

Healthcare consulting and business experience:

Medical Legal Consulting

Board-Certified Physician Associate with Advanced Fellowship Training in Otolaryngology and Head & Neck Surgery from Mayo Clinic, bringing over a decade of diverse clinical experience across multiple medical specialties. Currently serving as an Independent Medical Legal Consultant and Expert Witness, providing objective, evidence-based analyses for both plaintiff and defense cases in Otolaryngology, Emergency Medicine, Trauma Surgery, Surgical First Assisting, Urgent Care, and Orthopedics. Proficient in conducting comprehensive medical record reviews, preparing affidavits of merit, offering strategic guidance during the discovery process, and delivering expert opinions through written reports and video depositions. Committed to upholding the highest standards of care and delivering impartial, meticulous evaluations in all legal consultations.

Key Competencies:

- Independent Consultant & Expert Witness
- Objective Case Analysis
- Personal Injury Analysis
- Standard of Care Adherence
- Medical Record Review
- Chronology Preparation

- Affidavit of Merit Preparation
- Discovery Process Guidance
- Expert Opinion Development

- Depositions and Trials as an Expert Witness
- Plaintiff & Defense Cases

Healthcare Work Experience:

1. **The Emergency Center**, Mesa, AZ Sept 2020 – Current *Physician Associate- Emergency Medicine - **Supervising Physician Associate***
 - 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.
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2. **TeamHEALTH**, Chandler, AZ July 2016 – Current *Physician Assistant- Emergency Medicine Supervising Physician Associate 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.
3. **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
4. **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
5. **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

6. **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 Experience:

Air National Guard 161st Medical Group Phoenix Arizona 2020 - Present

- Ensure medical readiness of all members on base
- Perform annual periodic health assessments, deployment physicals, and waivers
- Credentialing supervisor, ensuring credentialing of all medical professionals on base

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

Education:

1. Post graduate fellowship ENT and Head & neck surgery, Phoenix, AZ Sep 2014- Sep 2015
Mayo clinic school of health sciences
2. **Pacific University College of Health Professions**, Oregon May 2012- Aug 2014 Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies
3. **University of Phoenix**, Phoenix, AZ Jan 2009- June 2010 Bachelor of Science, Health Care Administration

Military Education:

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

Certifications:

1. Physician Assistant - Certified expires Aug 2024
2. Advanced Trauma Life Support expires July 2024
3. PALS Jan expires 2025
4. ACLS and BLS certified expires 2025
5. Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examiner (SAMFE) expires 2027

Publications:

1. Journal of the American Academy of Physician Assistants: case report: "67 Year-old Male with odynophagia and neck pain" 2018
2. 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

Presentations:

1. Inner and outer ear Disorders, Nose and Sinus disorders, Throat disorders. Pacific University school of Physician Assistant Studies. August 2024.
2. Nose and Sinus disorders. Arizona State Association of Physician Assistants 48th Annual Spring CME Conference March 7-8, 2024
3. Inner and outer ear Disorders, Nose and Sinus disorders, Throat disorders. Pacific University school of Physician Assistant Studies. August 2023.
4. Case report - Nasopharyngeal intubation for Angioedema. The Emergency Center executive leadership meeting. June 2023
5. Inner and outer ear Disorders, Nose and Sinus disorders, Throat disorders. Pacific University school of Physician Assistant Studies. August 2022.
6. Inner and outer ear Disorders, Nose and Sinus disorders, Throat disorders. Pacific University school of Physician Assistant Studies. August 2021.
7. Inner and outer ear Disorders, Nose and Sinus disorders. Pacific University school of Physician Assistant Studies. August 2019.

8. Inner and outer ear Disorders, Nose and Sinus disorders. Pacific University school of Physician Assistant Studies. August 2018.
9. Inner and outer ear Disorders, Nose and Sinus disorders. Pacific University school of Physician Assistant Studies. August 2017.
10. Inner and outer ear Disorders, Nose and Sinus disorders. Pacific University school of Physician Assistant Studies. August 2016.
11. Inner and outer ear Disorders, Nose and Sinus disorders. Pacific University school of Physician Assistant Studies. August 2015.