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PROFILE

Board-certified anesthesiologist with over a decade of experience specializing in obstetric, vascular, and general anesthesia. Proven leader in perioperative care, patient safety, and healthcare quality improvement. Extensive experience in anesthesia risk assessment and case review. Offering expert consulting services for litigation support, case evaluation, and expert witness testimony.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Advocate Aurora Healthcare | Southeast Wisconsin

Staff Anesthesiologist (2013–Present)

- Provide anesthesia care across multiple hospitals and surgical centers, specializing in high-risk cases including vascular, obstetric, and regional anesthesia.
- Collaborate with multidisciplinary teams to enhance patient safety and surgical outcomes.
- Serve on key committees focused on quality, safety, operations, and medical management.

Co-Medical Director, Advocate Aurora Perioperative Surgical Home (2016–Present)

- Developed and led a physician-directed, patient-centered clinic to optimize complex surgical patients through risk stratification and preoperative medical optimization.
- Established evidence-based protocols to improve patient outcomes, reduce surgical cancellations, and enhance OR efficiency.

Co-Medical Director of Anesthesia, Aurora Medical Center - Burlington & Aurora Lakeland Medical Center (2017–2021)

- Led a team of 9 anesthesiologists and 4 CRNAs across two hospitals and an ambulatory surgery center.
- Provided strategic leadership in staffing, clinical operations, and quality initiatives.

Chair, Aurora Division of Anesthesiology Quality Committee (2017–2019)

- Led a team of anesthesiologists in reviewing safety concerns and implementing policies to enhance patient care quality and compliance.

Member, Anesthesia Division Leadership Council (2020–Present)

- Elected to represent 200 anesthesiologists in strategic planning and policy development for anesthesia services.

Medical Director, Aurora Mount Pleasant Medical Center (2022–Present)

- Designed and implemented the anesthesia care team model for a newly opened hospital, overseeing hiring and operational management.
- Developed staffing and compensation structures to support a sustainable, high-quality anesthesia service.

Board Member, Wisconsin Society of Anesthesiologists (Region 1 Director) (2022–Present)

- Advocate for state and national policies affecting anesthesiologists and patient care.

Clinical Assistant Adjunct Professor, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health (2023–Present)

- Oversee anesthesia education and clinical training for medical students at Aurora Mount Pleasant Medical Center and affiliated ambulatory surgery centers.

Member, Aurora Healthcare Mortality Review Committee (2024–Present)

- Participate in systematic case reviews to improve patient safety and identify opportunities for healthcare quality enhancements.

MEDICOLEGAL CONSULTING EXPERTISE

- Case evaluation and expert analysis for anesthesia-related legal matters.
- Risk assessment and standard-of-care reviews for malpractice defense and plaintiff litigation.
- Deposition and expert witness testimony.
- Consultation on perioperative complications, patient safety, and anesthesia-related adverse events.
- Policy and procedural audits to identify potential liabilities in anesthesia practices.

CERTIFICATIONS & LICENSURE

- **Wisconsin Medical License (#55000-20)** – Active through 10/31/2025
 - **American Board of Anesthesiology Certification** (2025–2029, Participating in MOCA)
 - Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS)
 - Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS)
 - Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS)
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EDUCATION & TRAINING

- **Residency:** Anesthesiology, Medical College of Wisconsin (2013)
 - **Internship:** Internal Medicine, Medical College of Wisconsin (2010)
 - **Doctor of Medicine:** Medical College of Wisconsin (2009)
 - **Bachelor of Arts, Magna Cum Laude:** Augustana College, Rock Island, IL (2005)
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PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Fellow, American Society of Anesthesiologists (FASA)
 - Wisconsin Society of Anesthesiologists
 - Wisconsin Medical Society
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PUBLICATIONS & ACADEMIC CONTRIBUTIONS

- Larkin, BG, Zimmanck, RJ. *Interpreting Arterial Blood Gases Successfully*. AORN J. 2015 Oct 102(4): 343-54.
 - Zimmanck, RJ. *Venous Air Embolism During a Routine Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy*. Midwest Anesthesia Residents Conference. (Abstract & Presentation)
 - Yen K, Shane EL, Pawar SS, Schwendel ND, Zimmanck RJ, Gorelick MH. *Time Motion Study in a Pediatric Emergency Department Before and After Computer Physician Order Entry*. Annals of Emergency Medicine 53(4):462-468.e1, 2009 Apr.
 - Zimmanck, RJ, Woehlck, HJ. *IV Pressure Bag to Treat Extravasation of Mannitol with Forearm Compartment Syndrome*. (Unpublished Manuscript)
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PERSONAL INTERESTS

- Aviation
 - Ironman Triathlon
 - Scuba Diving
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CONTACT FOR CONSULTATION

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