Comprehensive Physician Pain Management

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CURRENT BOARD CERTIFICATIONS:

American Board of Anesthesiology (ABA) – Anesthesiology ABA subspecialty in Pain Management ABA Subspecialty in Hospice and Palliative Medicine Hospice Medical Director Certification Board – Hospice Medical Director State of California Qualified Medical Examiner (QME)

EDUCATION:

U.S. NAVY

- Combat Casualty Care Course Academy of Health Sciences (April 2002) Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, TX
- Hyperbaric Medical Officer U.S. Navy Diving and Salvage Training Center (August 2001) Panama City, FL

FELLOW IN PAIN MANAGEMENT

University of Pennsylvania (July 2000 – June 2001) Philadelphia, PA

RESIDENCY IN ANESTHESIOLOGY AND CRITICAL CARE MEDICINE

Johns Hopkins Hospital (July 1997 – June 2000) Baltimore, MD

INTERNSHIP – PRELIMINARY MEDICINE

Christiana Hospital (July 1996 – June 1997) Newark, DE

DOCTOR OF MEDICINE

Drexel University College of Medicine (August 1992 – May 1996) Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

CONTINUING EDUCATIONAL UNITS FOR ENGINEERING – 33 units total

Instrumentation Society of America (1991) Raleigh, N. Carolina Professional Courses taken: Process Analyzers and Sampling systems, Control Systems Safety, Programmable Controllers, Field Instrumentation Principles and Devices, Electrical and Electronics Basics.

B. S. CHEMICAL ENGINEERING

University of Southern California (Sept. 1988 – May 1990) Los Angeles, California University of the Philippines (June 1984 – March 1988) Quezon City, Philippines

EMPLOYMENT:

COMPREHENSIVE PHYSICIAN PAIN MANAGEMENT (MEDICAL DIRECTOR) – Apple Valley, CA (January 2010 – present)

Owner and founder, responsible for personally providing both medical and interventional pain management to chronic pain patients with complex issues including but not limited to spinal (neck and back) pain, cancer pain, work-related injuries, reflex sympathetic dystrophies and chronic migraine headaches.

COMMUNITY HOSPICE OF VICTOR VALLEY (MEDICAL DIRECTOR) – Apple Valley, CA (January 2010 – July 2014)

Responsible for providing medical direction and oversight for the hospice with an average census of over 110 patients.

VICTOR VALLEY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL ANESTHESIA DEPARTMENT – Victorville, CA (June 2011 – December 2014)

Responsible for personally providing anesthetic care in the general, obstetric, gynecologic, pediatric, orthopedic, ENT setting on a part-time basis.

UPLAND ANESTHESIA MEDICAL GROUP – San Antonio Community Hospital, Upland, CA (August 2009 – July 2015)

Responsible for providing anesthetic care in the general, obstetric, gynecologic, pediatric, neurosurgical, orthopedic, vascular, ENT setting on a part-time basis.

ANESTHESIA CONSULTANTS OF THE DESERT, INC – St. Mary Medical Center, Apple Valley, CA (May 2007 – April 2010)

Responsible for both providing anesthesia care as well as supervising CRNAS involving general, neurosurgical, gynelocologic, pediatric, vascular, orthopedic, ENT and obstetric surgeries. Upgraded the acute pain management service by integrating regional anesthesia modalities (e.g. continuous nerve catheters) for improved post-operative pain control as well as providing teaching seminars for nursing staff throughout the hospital regarding pain management principles.

SILVERCREEK MEDICAL ASSOCIATES- Bullhead City, Arizona (February 2007 – May 2007)

Chronic pain management specialist (as a locums tenens) in a very busy outpatient clinic setting. Performed interventional pain management, including but not limited to epidural injections, nerve blocks and radiofrequency ablations.

LAS VEGAS PAIN INSTITUTE –Las Vegas, Nevada (February 2006 – January 2007) Chronic pain management specialist in a very busy outpatient clinic setting. Performs interventional pain management, including, but not limited to, epidural injections, nerve blocks, radiofrequency ablations and discograms.

SOUTHWEST MEDICAL ASSOCIATES – University Medical Center, Las Vegas, Nevada (August 2005 – February 2006)

Responsible for providing anesthesia care in the only level 1 trauma facility in the state, as well as neurosurgery, orthopedic, general surgery, and acute pain management.

HANOVER ANESTHESIOLOGY AND PAIN MEDICINE, PC. – Hanover Hospital, Hanover, Pennsylvania (October 2004 – July 2005)

Responsible for providing anesthesia care in obstetrics, orthopedics, pediatrics, general surgery, outpatient surgery, acute pain management and critical care. Supervised CRNA's 25 percent of the time. Compliance officer and obstetrics liaison for our private practice group.

NAPA (North American Partners in Anesthesia)- Sinai Hospital of Baltimore and Northwest Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland (May 2003 – September 2004)

Responsible for providing anesthesia care in obstetrics, neurosurgery, orthopedics, pediatrics, general surgery, trauma, outpatient surgery, and acute pain management. Supervised CRNA's 30-40 percent of the time and provided instruction to SRNA's.

SINAI HOSPITAL OF BALTIMORE, Baltimore, Maryland (September 2001 – May 2003) Staff anesthesiologist and pain management specialist.

Responsibilities similar the NAPA position described above, but with additional responsibilities of basic chronic pain management, including performance of epidural steroid injections and blocks (facet injections, SI joint injections).

CONTROL SYSTEMS ENGINEER - Shell Oil Co., Refining and Marketing Division, Martinez Manufacturing Complex in Martinez, CA (August 1990 – July 1992)

Responsible for installation and maintenance of control systems of the Energy Management and Sulfur Recovery Unit of MMC that included computer control design and instrumentation troubleshooting. Performed modeling and simulation tests of unit process dynamics to determine more efficient control loop parameters. Instrumentation Engineer during construction phase of a new SCOT 2 unit which converts toxic H₂S refinery waste to elemental sulfur.

ASSISTANT ENGINEER – Union Oil of California (UNOCAL 76), Los Angeles Refinery (May 1989 – August 1989)

Responsible for producing preliminary feasibility studies on the separation of ammonia from refinery sour waters for possible commercial production. Coordinated sample taking from streams of different units for sulfur content analysis. Performed hydraulics on the refinery water pipelines.

HOSPITAL AFFILIATIONS:

MEDICAL STAFF – BARSTOW COMMUNITY HOSPITAL (October 2014 – Present)

REVIEWS:

BOOK REVIEW – Published April 2001, Journal of Regional Anesthesia and Pain Medicine. A review of Lois L. Bready, Rhonda M. Mullins, Susan Helene Noorily, and R. Brian Smith. 2000. *Decision Making in Anesthesiology: An Algorithmic Approach* 3RD ed. St. Louis, MI: Jarcourt Health Sciences Company.

HONORS / AWARDS:

UNITED STATES NAVY DIRECT COMMISSION OFFICERS SCHOOL

Outstanding student award (#1 rank in class) (September 2000)

MEDICAL SCHOOL

Hahnemann University **Distinguished Academic Performance Award** in Anesthesiology (May 1996)

UNDERGRADUATE

Cum Laude – B. S. Chemical Engineering, University of S. California (May 1990)

Recipient – Department of Science and Technology Academic Excellence Scholarship from Republic of the Philippines Government (1984 – 1988)

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES / ACTIVITIES:

American Medical Association (AMA)

American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA)

American Society of Interventional Pain Physicians (ASIPP)

International Spine Intervention Society (ISIS)

LT CDR in U.S. Naval Reserve

Philippine Science High School National Alumni Association

Society for Pain Practice Management (SPPM)

Tau Beta Pi (Engineering Honor Society)

USC Vice President Omega Chi Epsilon (Chem. Eng. Honor Soc.) (1989 – 1990)