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Work Experience

Medical Advisor / Consultant - Film and Print media

Apple Studios LLC - Catamount, Chester, PA 1/2024 - 3/2024

- Provided actor teaching and coaching including on-set advise pertaining to medical evaluations and treatment.
- Script review for medical accuracy and relevance
- Training actors to perform medical procedures and techniques to ensure accurate and credible onscreen performances.

Merck Inc. - 8/2022 - Present

- Onsite medical advisor during TV commercial shoots to ensure accuracy and authentic representation of patient presentations and medical care.

Direct to consumer TV Commercial shoots

8/2023 Toronto, Canada
9/2022 Toronto, Canada
9/2020 Louisville, KY USA
8/2019 Louisville, KY USA

Surgeon Brand Photo Shoot

9/2023 New York city, NY USA

Senior Director, Medical Consult and Review Physician

Merck & Co., North Wales, Pennsylvania

2018-Present

- Provided clinical expertise and advise to internal stakeholders in the US Pan-tumor and thoracic-oncology promotional review team (PRT) and Global Promotional review teams
- Personally responsible for ensuring the clinical relevance and medical accuracy of information in promotional materials, external communications and field-based employee training.
- Helped guide the Medical Affairs organizational strategy within the Pan-tumor and thoracic cancer therapeutic area by leveraging clinical practice and therapeutic area expertise to provide medical insights during the review and approval of medical content on product safety and efficacy.
- Interacted directly with HCPs to answer unsolicited Medical Information requests
- Provided medical and scientific training to internal stakeholders and collaborated to develop and implement training content and scientific updates.
- Reviewed and approved health outcomes-related standard response documents and AMCP dossiers to ensure clinical relevance and medical accuracy of the content.
- Promoted from Director to Senior Director 3/2023 with 5 direct reports

Accountabilities:

- Member of interview and hiring committee for new Medical Consult and Review Physicians (MCRP)
- Major contributor for the onboarding, orienting and mentoring new MCRP group members.
- Direct supervisor of multiple MCRP members and responsible for their teaching, mentoring, evaluation and career development
- Organized, and co-hosted Expert Input Forums (EIF)
- Authored and obtained senior level approval of NCCN submission letters for KN0189, KN407 and KN042.
- Presented multiple lectures, training sessions and webcasts to Scientific leaders, Merck speakers, and Merck field representative including: KN409/KN042 label updates, CLU updates, Q6W label updates
- Prepared and presented competitive label updates (CM227, 9LA, IP110, Libtayo)

- Major contributor on behalf of MCaRP group on leadership committees including Executive action team, PML 2.0, One Review pilot team, PML 2.0
- Recommended for and completed Business Leadership Program
- Functioned as medical consult for review of Merck-related Medical Legal case, helped obtain medical speakers for other non-medical affairs departments
- Attended and Represented MCaRP / Merck Medical affairs at multiple events including: ASCO(Chicago), ESMO (Munich, Barcelona, Paris, Madrid), WCLC (Vienna) S1 sales meeting (Florida,), Live onsite speaker training (Dallas), DTC filming (Louisville, Toronto, NYC)

Board Certified Practice of Emergency Medicine

Abington Emergency Trauma Center

1994-2018

Daily clinical management of complex and diverse emergency department including oversight, management and implementation of all clinical medical decisions and therapeutic treatments including supervision and oversight of nurses and physician extenders. Experience providing clinical and didactic teaching of residents in surgery, internal medicine, family practice, OB/GYN and emergency medicine in a fast-paced dynamic high stress cross-functional environment.

Senior Partner: Abington Emergency Medical

Physicians Corporation, Abington, PA

1995-2018

Senior partner in private emergency medicine group practice in one of the largest East Coast United States emergency medicine departments. Significant participant in practice management decisions, employee performance review, business management practices, and contract negotiations. Prior leadership positions on executive board, and in medical education and clinical trials.

Medical Director, Horsham Fire Company #1, Horsham, PA

1997-present

Responsible for guidance, leadership, oversight, and pharmacovigilance for EMTs and paramedics in prehospital medical care. Created, developed and implemented quality improvement protocols in addition to teaching advanced competencies in critical life-threatening procedures and medical treatment.

Chairman, Patient Rescue Committee,
Abington Memorial Hospital, Abington, PA
2015-2018

Lead and manage a cross functional medical, development and implementation of cardiac arrest procedures and protocols

Clinical Study Site Coordinator ATLANTIS Trial part B.
Acute Stroke Treatment at 3-5 hours, JAMA.
1999;282(21):2019-2026. doi:10.1001/jama.282.21.2019
Abington Memorial Hospital, Abington, PA
1998

Coordinator, Abington Hospital Emergency Trauma Center
American Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) instructor
1998-2018

Computer Consultant, Thomas Jefferson University, Phila., PA
1987-1988

Computer Operator / Analyst, Bryn Mawr Hospital
1984-1987

Pharmacovigilance – Merck, Rahway, NJ
Independent contractor on site at Merck, Rahway, NJ
reviewing pre-FDA submission data on timilol maleate
efficacy and safety in treating hypertension.
1983

Virology Research – University of Delaware
1983

Instructed in and independently performed bench research procedures and protocols using viral vectors to infect cells transmitting radioactively tagged protein fragments between cell lines using S 35 and P 32 isotopes

Education

Board Certification : Emergency Medicine, Residency
Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, Philadelphia, PA

1991-1994

M.D. Doctor of Medicine, Jefferson Medical College,
Philadelphia, PA
1987-1991

M S. Master of Science in Biology, Neuroscience concentration,
Villanova University, Villanova, Pa
1984-1987

B. A. Bachelor of Arts: Biology, University of Delaware,
Newark, DE
1980-1984

Publications/Presentations

Peer reviewed first author publication

- Comber J, Lopez B: Evaluation of pulse oximetry in sickle cell anemia patients presenting to the emergency department in acute vaso-occlusive crisis. Am J EM Med 1996;14:16-18
[http://www.ajemjournal.com/article/S0735-6757\(96\)90005-4/abstract](http://www.ajemjournal.com/article/S0735-6757(96)90005-4/abstract)

National conference presentation

- Research Abstract presentation, Comber J, Pisula A, Lopez B: Inaccuracy of pulse oximetry in sickle cell crisis. Society of Academic Emergency Medicine (SAEM) Scientific Conference 3/19-20/1994, San Diego, CA

Fellowship, Computer programing

- Computer programing: Summer computer fellows produce clinical simulations, animated tutorials. Medibytes; 4:3 1988

Teaching Experience

- Teaching Attending Abington Emergency Trauma Center
- Educational coordinator of ACLS certification for AMH residents

- Teaching assistant, Villanova University (1985-1987)

Professional Licenses / Certifications

- Board Certification, American Board of Emergency Medicine
- National Board of Medical Examiners Diplomat
- Medical License, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- Medical License, State of New Jersey
- Drug Enforcement Administration License
- Pennsylvania Medical Command Physician #209676

Professional Memberships

- Fellow, American Academy of Emergency Medicine
- Fellow American College of Emergency Physicians
- Partner, Abington Emergency Physicians Associates, P.C.
- Abington Memorial Hospital Medical Staff
- Medical Director, Horsham Fire Company No. 1
- National Association of EMS Physicians

Interests

- Competitive Tennis
- Running
- Snow skiing
- Wind surfing
- Reading

References

- Available upon request