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Summary

Doctorate-trained and Distinguished Fellow of the American Academy of Physician Associates with 22 years of extensive clinical experience, seeking to leverage expertise as a Medical Professional Legal Consultant and Expert Witness. Proven track record in medical legal risk analysis, clinical operations, quality/safety, healthcare technology integration, education, and leadership. Expertise in providing objective case analysis, meticulous review of medical records, and expert opinions in medical negligence claims.

Areas of Expertise

- Medical Malpractice
- Standard of Care
- Review of Damages
- Medical Record Review
- Causation Analysis
- Risk Management & Mitigation
- Healthcare Delivery Systems
- Clinical Operations & Workflow
- Healthcare Technology & Innovation
- Quality & Safety
- Healthcare professional liability coaching
- Clinical - emergency Medicine, urgent care, orthopedics, and acute care medicine
- MPLC – interviewer, liaison, clinical risk manager with malpractice firms and insurance carriers

Professional Experience

MEDPRO GROUP

July 2023- Present

Collaborator with MedPro as a PA entrepreneurship thought leader, Medical Professional Legal Consultant, and Risk Management Consultant—leveraging my expertise to help healthcare professionals navigate the complex landscape of safety, quality, wellness, burnout, medical-legal liability, and risk mitigation. Healthcare professionals are facing increasing legal, financial, and operational pressures, from medical malpractice risks to burnout and workforce sustainability. My role with MedPro is to drive impactful change through:

- Medical-Legal Collaboration – Guiding clinicians and organizations in risk mitigation strategies to enhance patient safety and legal preparedness.
- Entrepreneurship & Thought Leadership – Empowering PAs and clinicians to explore non-traditional career paths and innovative opportunities in healthcare.
- Content Development & Blogging – Providing insightful, data-driven content that supports healthcare professionals in making informed decisions and protecting their careers.

THE APC CONSULTANT, LLC

2017 – Present

Medical Professional Legal Consultant & Expert Witness

- Offer objective case analysis and meticulous review of medical records for plaintiff and defense cases.

- Provide expert opinions and testimony in medical negligence claims.
- Prepare affidavits of merit, provide guidance during the discovery process, and deliver depositions and trial testimony as an expert witness.
- Specialize in cases involving physician associates in emergency medicine, urgent care, and orthopedics.
- SME, lecturer, educator and national expert on Medical Malpractice and Risk Mitigation contributing
 - Lecturer at multiple state and national conferences and healthcare systems
 - Program Manager and Lecturer for Risk Management Series for AAPA 2025

Healthcare Consulting 2017 – Present

- Provide valuable insights on medical devices and pharmaceuticals, leveraging extensive clinical experience.
- Evaluate products using evidence-based approaches and offer actionable recommendations.
- Collaborate with industry leaders to develop evidence-based strategies for communicating complex medical information to non-medical audiences.
- Offer expert medical input and advice for clinical trial protocols, product marketing materials, and other medical communication materials.

Medical Legal Leadership and Administration

Academy of Physician Associates in Legal Medicine 2023 – Present

- President and Board member tasked with spearheading educational initiatives for PAs and PA students, focusing on healthcare law, risk management, documentation, and coding.
- Editorial board for medical-legal newsletters targeting healthcare professionals.
- Leveraging extensive consultant experience to offer expert insights and guidance on matters related to medical malpractice.
- Part of collaborating with a cross-functional team aiming to develop comprehensive curriculum content, workshops, and seminars that will enhance PA students and PAs in professional practice's understanding of legal aspects in medicine.
- Contributing to strategic decision-making processes within the association to align initiatives with the evolving landscape of healthcare regulations and legal practices.

Advanced Healthcare Technology Experience

Project Quench 10/2025 – Present

- SME, collaborator, consultant on the AI integration into medical legal review, case preparation, chronology, trial and deposition preparation

Elsevier 12/2023 - 7/2024

SME | Clinical Analyst Specialist

- Collaborate with a multidisciplinary team to create and curate content on emerging medical technologies, manage queries, assess technology impacts on medical practices, stay updated on the latest advancements, and provide expert insights for the integration of emerging technologies in clinical settings.

Clinical Experience

South Shore Health System, South Weymouth, MA 2005 – Present

Senior PA | TL | Career Ladder Chair | Prior ED Lead APC Ambulatory Care APC Director

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Emergency, Urgent Care, and Internal Medicine Physician Associate

- **Enhanced Patient Care Outcomes:** Improved patient outcomes through effective communication of complex medical information, collaboration, mentoring, research, and program implementation.
- **Leadership:** Dedicated physician associate in emergency medicine, internal medicine and urgent care. Directed a team of Advanced Practice Clinicians, fostering a collaborative environment and achieving exceptional patient outcomes.
- **Optimized Emergency Department Operations:** Spearheaded role optimization and streamlined processes for Advanced Practice Practitioners (APPs), resulting in enhanced scheduling, patient care delivery, and increased efficiency.
- **Strengthened Clinical Adherence:** Ensured consistent adherence to clinical protocols and guidelines, maintaining high standards of care.
- **Contributed to Strategic Leadership:** As part of Senior Emergency Department Leadership, actively contributed to the healthcare system's vision, mission, and objectives.
- **Developed and Mentored Staff:** Played a key role in the recruitment, selection, mentorship, training, and development of staff.
- **Drove Data-Driven Improvements:** Utilized a strong analytical and problem-solving approach, leveraging data and analytics to drive operational change.
- **Championed Quality and Safety Initiatives:** Educated and trained staff on Collaborative Just Culture & High Reliability CHRO methodologies and served as a Key Opinion Leader (KOL) on the ED Capacity Risk Assessment and Mitigation Plan Task Force.
- **Facilitated Multidisciplinary Collaboration:** Collaborated with diverse healthcare providers to develop comprehensive care plans for complex patient cases and actively participated in hospital committees and multidisciplinary meetings.
- **Improved Emergency Department Efficiency:** Developed and presented an impactful program on ED avoidance strategies and conducted significant research leading to actionable recommendations for executive leadership.
- **Advanced APC Practice:** Spearheaded APC Center of Excellence, APC Leadership Committee, and Career Ladder Projects.
- **Implemented Point of Care Ultrasound (POCUS) Program:** Led the evaluation, recommendation, and implementation of the POCUS program.

Additional Clinical Experience at South Shore Health:

- **Critical Care Physician Associate Per Diem** 2017 – 2022
- **Hospitalist Medicine Physician Associate Per Diem** 2014 – 2018, 2024-present
- **Orthopedic Surgical Physician Associate Per Diem** 2010 – 2012, 2023-present
- **Urgent Care Physician Associate** 2008-2014, 2019-2020

Additional Clinical Experience:

- Senior Autonomous ER Physician Associate at Lawrence General Hospital 2023-2024
- Hospitalist Physician Associate at New England Sinai Hospital – 2007-2010
- Orthopedic Physician Associate South Shore Orthopedics – 2003-2005, 2023-present

Academic and Educational Leadership Experience

Senior Subject Matter Expert | Educational Consultant ThriveAP

8/2024-Present

- Developed and delivered online clinical skills training for Nurse Practitioners & Physician Associates to improve provider turnover and satisfaction

- Partnered with ThriveAP as an independent contractor to elevate the standard of care through critical education
- SME tasked with creating engaging and impactful professional development educational training for early career/transitional career PAs/NPs

Senior Subject Matter Expert | Educational Consultant
Cope Health Solutions

2023 – Present

- **Instructional Delivery:** Design and deliver engaging lectures, tutorials, workshops, seminars, and live Q&A sessions.
- **Content Development:** Lead the creation of clinical specialty content, demonstrating a knack for simplifying complex information.
- **Collaboration and Assessment:** Collaborate effectively with peers to refine teaching methods, expand knowledge, and assess comprehension, contributing to improved learning outcomes.

Adjunct Faculty, Clinical Instructor

Tufts School of Medicine, Physician Assistant Program, Boston, MA 2015 – Present

Northeastern University – Department of Medical Science | PA Program, Boston, MA 2024-present

- Experienced Clinical Instructor with expertise in medical education, presentation building, and team management.
- Successfully trained and supervised PA students in emergency medicine, ensuring the highest standards of professionalism and ethical conduct.
- Developed and implemented a community-based Emergency Medicine program curriculum, significantly improving students' understanding and proficiency in emergency medicine.
- Professional contributions with Capstone Research presentations.

Professional Society Volunteer Experience

- **Physician Associate (PA) Foundation Volunteer-IMPACT Grant Reviewer** October 2023 – Present
 - Evaluate and determine eligibility of community health project applications.
 - Contribute to the selection of impactful projects, emphasizing critical evaluation and decision-making for community-focused health initiatives led by Physician Assistants.
- **Academy of Doctoral Physician Associates** 2023 - Present
 - Director at Large
 - Foster connections with academic institutions to promote the growth and development of future physician associates.
 - Lead committee efforts to create a medical conference.
- **Massachusetts Association of Physician Associates** 2023 - Present
 - Director at Large, Leadership Task Force, Industry Relations Chair
 - Dynamic leader with legislative acumen, regulatory expertise, and proactive government advocacy.
 - Collaborative committee member spearheading positive transformations in the PA profession across Massachusetts.
 - Develop and implement strategic initiatives enhancing recognition, scope, advancement, partnerships, leadership roles, and impact of PAs within the Massachusetts healthcare landscape.
 - Contribute to the creation of a medical podcast.
 - Pivotal role in fostering collaboration and partnerships between MAPA and industry stakeholders.
- **South Shore Health, Community Liaison** November 2023 - Present

- Contributed to the career and health care system education.
- Mentored HS students on career development within the US Healthcare System

Education

Auburn University, Auburn, AL

- Certificate Medical Professional Legal Consultant, 2025

University of Lynchburg, Lynchburg, VA

- Doctorate of Medical Science, 2022
 - Summa cum laude, 4.0 GPA
 - Doctorate Thesis and Professional Publication: Acute Epistaxis Management

Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, Boston, MA

- Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies, 2003

Muhlenberg College, Allentown, PA

- Bachelor of Arts in Psychology/Pre-Medical, 2000

Licensure & Certifications

- Massachusetts PA License
- Medical Professional Legal Consultant from Barbri
- Distinguished Fellow American Academy of Physician Associates
- NCCPA-CAQ certified as a PA in Emergency Medicine
- Certificate from the Center of Healthcare Leadership and Management
- Concussion Management-IMPACT
- FEMA – Emergency Management
- Ambulatory Dermatologic Procedures
- Emergency/Critical Care and Procedural Ultrasound
- ACLS, PALS & ATLS

Honors

- Distinguished Emergency Medicine Preceptor
- Appreciative Patient Award – Charitable Donation South Shore Health

Professional Publications

- Stop the Bleed: Acute Epistaxis Management – Lynchburg Journal of Medical Science 2025
- Standing Firm: A Physician Associate's Roadmap Through Medical Malpractice Proceedings – JAAPA Professional Publication Pending