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PATHOLOGY EMPLOYMENT / WORK EXPERIENCE:

Well Path Pathology Services, Victoria, TX 2025 - present
Regional Pathology Associates / Regional Medical Laboratory, Victoria, TX 2009 - 2025
Pathologist, Anatomic and Clinical Pathology / Dermatopathology

- Managing Pathologist / Administrator, 2010 – 2025
- Partner, 2014-2017; Sole Proprietor / President / CEO, 2017 - 2020
- Laboratory Medical Director: Regional Pathology Associates, Citizens Medical Center, Cuero Regional Hospital, Jackson County Health District and Otto Kaiser Memorial Hospital
- Medical Staff Privileges: Citizens Medical Center, Columbus Medical Center, Cuero Regional Hospital, Gonzales Memorial Hospital, Jackson County Health District, Otto Kaiser Memorial Hospital, MidCoast Health System, Refugio County Memorial Hospital, Rice Medical Center, Yoakum Community Hospital
- Chief of Medical Staff, Citizens Medical Center, 2017-2021
- Citizens Medical Center: Pathology and Laboratory Medicine Department Chair (2016-present); Medical Executive Committee, Cancer Committee (Chair: 2014-2016), Physician Advisory Committee for Informatics, Infection Control Committee, Tumor Board and Breast Cancer Treatment Conferences

POSTGRADUATE TRAINING:

Duke University Medical Center, Durham, NC 2008 - 2009
Dermatopathology Fellow
LAC+USC Healthcare Network, Los Angeles, CA 2004 - 2008
Anatomic and Clinical Pathology Resident Physician

GRADUATE EDUCATION:

Keck School of Medicine, University of Southern California 2000 - 2004
Doctor of Medicine, May 2004
Dean's Scholar: Third and Fourth Year Curriculum
USC Remarkable Woman Award, 2004
McCombs School of Business, University of Texas at Austin 2020 - 2022
Masters of Business Administration, May 2022
Leadership Fellow Scholar

CERTIFICATIONS:

American Board of Pathology

- Anatomic and Clinical Pathology Board Certification, 2008; Re-Certification, 2018

American Board of Pathology and American Board of Dermatology

- Dermatopathology Board Certification, 2010; Re-Certification, 2018

MEDICAL LICENSES:

Texas Medical License, 2006 – present, Certificate No. M8399

California Medical License, 2006 – present, Certificate No. A94224

Georgia Medical License, 2023 – present, Certificate No. 94289

Alabama Medical License, 2025 – present, Certificate No. 52769

Illinois Medical License, 2025 – present, Certificate No. 036.178070

Colorado Medical Licence, 2025 – present, Certificate No. CDR.0006192

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES:

College of American Pathologists: Fellow (2009 - present), Junior Member (2004 - 2008)

Awards:

- CAP Resident Advocate Meritorious Service Award, 2025
- CAP Outstanding Communicator Meritorious Service Award, 2019
- CAP Foundation Lansky Award, 2011
- President's Honors Award, 2010, 2023

Leadership:

- CAP PathPAC (Political Action Committee); Vice Chair, 2026
- Council on Government and Professional Affairs, Member, 2026
- Engaged Leadership Academy, Faculty, 2024 - present
- Ask A Pathologist, Dermatopathology Expert, 2023 - present
- Board of Governors, 2021 – 2024; Chair, Council on Membership and Professional Development; Executive Committee; Chair, Annual Meeting Strategy and Execution Steering Committee; Vice Chair of Investment Committee
- Cancer Data Summit, Host / Moderator, 2024 & 2025
- Professional & Community Engagement Committee, Member and Chair 2014 – 2021
- Quality / Registry Committee, 2021
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee Work Group, 2020-2021
- Pathologist Pipeline and D, E & I Ad Hoc Committees, 2021
- Economic Affairs Committee, 2017 – 2020
- Nominating Committee, 2018 – 2020
- CAP Annual Meeting Course Faculty, 2019, 2020, 2023; PLS Faculty 2024
- House of Delegates, Texas Delegate, 2011 - 2021; 2025 - present
- Laboratory Accreditation Program, Inspection Team Leader, 2014 – present
- International Laboratory Inspection Team Member, India, 2014
- Federal and State Affairs Committee Member, 2011 - 2016
- Strategy Management Committee Member, 2008 - 2013
- Transformation Program Office, Committee Member, 2010 - 2013
- Peer-to-Peer Practice Roundtable, Conversation Leader, 2011 & 2012
- NewsPath, Editor, 2008 – 2011
- Public Affairs/Member and Public Communications Committee Member, 2007 - 2011
- Advanced Practical Pathology Program Curriculum Contributor, 2011
- National Meeting Planning Committee Member, 2008 - 2009
- Residents Forum Executive Committee, Member at Large, 2006 - 2007
- Residents Forum Delegate & Credentials Committee, 2005 - 2006
- Lab InfoTech Summit Travel Award Recipient (CAP Foundation Grant), 2005
- Spokesperson Training Program, 2005 & Advocacy School: Attendee 2006, Mentor 2007

Texas Society of Pathologists, Member, 2009 - present

- Economic Affairs Committee Chair, 2024 - present
- President, 2023; President-Elect, 2022
- President's Award, 2021, 2024, 2025
- Treasurer, 2019; Secretary & Treasurer, 2020; Vice President 2021
- Communications Committee; Chair 2017 & 2019, Member 2012 - 2019
- Annual Meeting Faculty, 2020 & 2021
- Regional Delegate, 2011 - present

Texas Medical Association, Member, 2009 - present

- Health Hero Award, 2017
- Council on Health Promotion, Member, 2016 – 2022
- Delegate to TMA House, Victoria Goliad Jackson Counties Medical Society, 2017 - present
- Be Wise Immunize: Physician Advisory Panel, HPV Vaccine Working Group, Community Program Volunteer, 2016-present
- Hard Hats for Little Heads: Community Program Volunteer, 2016 - present
- President, Victoria Goliad Jackson County Medical Society, 2016
- TMA Leadership College, Graduate, 2015 – 2016

Intercounty Clinical Society, South Texas, Member, 2018 – present; President 2024 – 2026

- Invitation-only regional medical society, first pathologist member

American Society for Clinical Pathology, Member, 2005 - present

American Medical Association, Member, 2016 - present

American Society of Dermatopathology, Member, 2011 - present

International Society of Dermatopathology, Member, 2009 - present

Houston Dermatological Society, Member, 2011 - present

American Academy of Dermatology, Member, 2011 – present

UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION:

Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, CA

1998 - 1999

Post-Baccalaureate Studies in Science; Dean's List 1998 - 1999

General Physiology Laboratory Teaching Assistant 1999

Biochemistry Research Assistant 1999; Chemistry / Mathematics Tutor 1998 - 1999

Emory University, Atlanta, GA

1991 - 1995

Bachelor of Arts, May 1995; Major: Theater Studies; Minor: English

Dean's List, 1991-1995; Member, Sigma Tau Delta, National English Honor Society

Emory Honor Council, 1993-1995; Rathskellar Improv Comedy Troupe, 1991-1994

Kappa Alpha Theta Fraternity, 1992-1995; Emory Diving Team, 1992-1993

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

Victoria Symphony Orchestra Endowment, Chair of Board of Trustees, 2024- present

Saint Stephen's Episcopal School Spartan Alumni Association Board, Secretary, 2026 - present

COVID-19 Medical Advisory Committees, Physician Advisor, 2020-present

- Victoria County Office of Emergency Management, Victoria TX; St. Stephen's Episcopal School, Austin, TX; Trinity Episcopal School, Victoria, TX; Victoria Ballet Theatre, Victoria, TX; Kieve Wavus Education, Nobleboro, ME

Walk With A Doc, founding physician, Victoria program, 2016

Victoria Ballet Theatre, Board Member, 2012 – 2021

- Star Trustee Award 2012
- Board Vice President, 2016 -2018; The Nutcracker, Volunteer Performer, 2011-2019

Trinity Episcopal School Board of Trustees, Board Member, 2015-2019

- President, 2018-2019; Vice President, 2017-2018
- Head of School Search Committee, Chair, 2017

Children's Discovery Museum of the Golden Crescent, Guest Speaker, 2015, 2016

Junior League of Victoria, Sustaining Member, 2009 - present

- Sustaining Board, Vice-President, 2012 - 2014
- Sustaining Advisor to the Vice President, 2011 - 2012

Theatre Victoria, Audition Volunteer, 2011, Volunteer Performer, 2012, 2013, 2016, 2017

SKILLS & ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Pathology / Medicine:

- Pathology and medical teaching/education to medical societies, advocacy groups, medical students and residents, and community groups
- Presentation topics: Laboratory Management, Advocacy, Leadership, Dermatopathology, Communications
- Multiple presentations: tumor boards, morbidity and mortality conferences, journal club, student groups
- Guest columnist in online and print media related to medical issues, wellness; vaccination advocate

Non-Pathology:

- Business consulting with healthcare focus: new ventures, branding, workflow analysis
- Five years of consumer and high-tech public relations and marketing experience including media and client relations, strategic planning, media buying, trade show management, event production, collateral writing and account budgeting
- Written and verbal communications, business writing, public speaking and business management experience
- Extensive stage acting, directing and set/costume design experience and classical vocal training

OTHER WORK HISTORY / COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

EARLY EMPLOYMENT:

Los Angeles County Emergency Medical Technician-1, 1999 - 2001

Douglas Consulting Group, Los Angeles, CA: Public Relations Manager, Jan 1998 - May 1998

The Weber Group, Palo Alto, CA: Public Relations Account Executive, Oct 1996 - Dec 1997

The Headline Group, Atlanta, GA

- Public Relations Account Coordinator, May 1995 - Sept 1996
- Public Relations Account Assistant, Jan 1994 - Aug 1994

Hill and Knowlton, Sydney, AUS: Public Relations Account Executive, Sept 1994 - Dec 1994

The Atlanta Ballet, Atlanta, GA: Public Relations Assistant, Sept 1993 - Dec 1993

Regional Medical Laboratory, Victoria, TX: Phlebotomist, May 1992 - Sept 1992

EARLY COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

Junior League of Los Angeles, 1997 - 2008

- LAC+USC Violence Intervention Program Chairman, 1999 - 2000
- Nominating Committee Chairman, 2004 - 2005

LAC+USC Violence Intervention Program

- Medical Mentors Program, Creator and Co-chair, 2001-2002

SOS Medical Student Peer Support Group, Member, 2001 - 2004

Association of Non-Traditional Medical Students, Founding Member, 2001 - 2004

Saint Cross Episcopal Church Chancel Choir, Soloist, 1997 - 2008

Chorda Tympani, A Cappella Medical Student Performance Group, 2001 - 2002

Emergency Department Volunteer, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, 1998 - 2000

American Marketing Association, 1995 -1998; Vice President of PR 1996