

Education:

Master of Physician Assistant August 2010 Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Bachelor of Health Sciences May 2009

Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Bachelor of Science, Biological Sciences April 2007

University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Work Experience:

• Abington Jefferson Health - Institute for Metabolic & Bariatric Surgery; January 2011-Present

Relevant Clinical Experience:

- Complete history and physical examinations on acutely ill patients, as well as patients in long term, mental health, and pre/post-op care settings
- Order and interpret diagnostic tests including but not limited to chest/abdominal/pelvis/extremity radiographs, Upper Endoscopies, HIDA scans, ultrasounds, and blood work
- Perform procedures including but not limited to injections, foreign body removal, incision & drainage, biopsies, chest tube/line removal, splinting, wound care, drain care, suturing and assisting in complex surgical procedures
- Perform/assist in advanced laparoscopic, da Vinci Robotic, & open surgical procedures
- Perform/assist in upper esophagogastroduodenoscopies and colonoscopies coupled with acute intervention
- Participate in detailed patient education, family counseling, preoperative/postoperative instructions, metal health visits, follow-up and medication directions
- Participate in *Quality Improvement Projects*, serve as committee/board member, & Physician/APP onboarding

Master's Thesis/Research:

The Risks, Diagnosis and Treatment of Idiopathic Intracranial Hypertension [completed 2010]

Awards/Recognitions:

2014 "Partners in Excellence" Award winner from Abington Memorial Hospital's Department of Nursing

2016 "Nursing Excellence" Nominee from Abington Jefferson Health's Department of Nursing

2017 "Gold Standard" Award winner from Abington Jefferson Health

Chief Physician Assistant for Abington Jefferson Health's Department of Bariatric Surgery (2016 - Present)

Chief Advanced Practice Provider (Physician Assistant) for Abington Jefferson Health's Department of Surgery (2016 – November 2019)

2023 ASMBS IH Committee of the Year – Advanced Practice Provider Committee (Chair)

Memberships/Professional Associations:

American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA) November 2010-Present

Pennsylvania Society of Physician Assistants (PSPA) November 2010-Present

American Society for Metabolic & Bariatric Surgery (ASMBS) January 2011-Present

American Society for Metabolic & Bariatric Surgery (ASMBS) IH Clinical Issues Guidelines Committee 2014-2019 Jefferson Health Advanced Practice Provider (APP) Council August 2017-Present

American Society for Metabolic & Bariatric Surgery (ASMBS) Advanced Practice Provider Committee June 2019-Present [Committee Chair: 2022 – Present]

American Society for Metabolic & Bariatric Surgery (ASMBS) IH Professional Education Committee 2019-Present American Society for Metabolic & Bariatric Surgery (ASMBS) IH Executive Council Member 2022 - Present



Presentations/Publications:

Director/Lecturer - ASMBS Advanced Practice Providers (Physician Assistant/Nurse Practitioner) Networking Lecture

Director/Lecturer – ASMBS Advanced Practice Provider Symposium

Director/Lecturer – ASMBS Preconference Courses

Co-creator/Director/Lecturer – ASMBS Advanced Practice Provider Assessment Based Certificate (ABC)

Current Certifications/Licenses:

ACLS and CPR for Healthcare Professionals
Physician Assistant Certification from NCCPA
Da Vinci Robotic Certification (Si & Xi models)
Opioid Education Certification
Child Abuse Education Certification
Licensed Physician Assistant with Pennsylvania State Board of Medicine
DEA License