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Academic Experience

2009-Present Case Western Reserve University Cleveland, OH
**Executive Program Director– Master of Science in Anesthesia (MSA)
Programs Cleveland & Houston – Case Western Reserve University
(CWRU)**

- Report to the Department Chair on all program business.
- Responsible for all decisions that relate to organizational management of the program network.

1998-Present Case Western Reserve University Cleveland, OH
**Program Director– Master of Science in Anesthesia (MSA) Program – Case
Western Reserve University (CWRU)**

- Report to the Department Chair on all program business.
- Responsible for all decisions that relate to daily operational functions, including budget, student affairs and marketing.
- Responsible for all curriculum content.
- Faculty Advisor to all MSA students.

1995-1998 Case Western Reserve University Cleveland, OH
**Associate Director for Clinical Instruction - MSA Program - Case Western
Reserve University**

- Direct all aspects of the clinical teaching program.
- Responsible for all clinical curriculum content.
- Editor and question writer for *Clinical Comprehensive Exam* given every semester to MSA students.
- Faculty advisor for all Master of Science in Anesthesiology students.
- Responsible for entire MSA budget.

1998-Present Case Western Reserve University Cleveland, OH
**Clinical Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology - CWRU School of
Medicine**

- Administration of the MSA program.
- Didactic instruction in the classroom.
- Clinical instruction in the operating room.

1992–1998 Case Western Reserve University Cleveland, OH

Adjunct Clinical Instructor - CWRU School of Medicine

- Clinical didactic instruction in the classroom.
- Clinical instruction in the operating room.

1991–2004 University Hospitals of Cleveland Cleveland, OH

Clinical Coordinator – MSA Program - Case Western Reserve University

- Responsible for scheduling clinical training of students in the OR.

Professional Experience

1985-Present University Hospitals of Cleveland Cleveland, OH

Anesthesiologist Assistant - Certified

- Responsible for the management of clinical anesthesia under the medical supervision of an anesthesiologist.
- Areas of clinical concentration include: pediatric, ambulatory, and regional anesthesia.

1989-1990 Lutheran Medical Center Cleveland, OH

Anesthesiologist Assistant

- Responsible for the management of clinical anesthesia under the medical supervision of an anesthesiologist.
- Areas of concentration included: anesthesia for spine and arthritis surgery.

1982-1985 MetroHealth Medical Center Cleveland, OH

Anesthesiologist Assistant

- Responsible for the management of clinical anesthesia under the medical supervision of an anesthesiologist.
- Area of concentration included: cardiac, trauma, and orthopedic anesthesia.

Education

1999-present Cleveland State University Cleveland, OH

- Currently in dissertation phase for Ph.D. in Education with a focus in Leadership & Lifelong Learning.
- Expected date for conferring of degree – Spring, 2011.

1991-1995 Cleveland State University Cleveland, OH

- Master of Education, Adult Learning and Development, Curriculum Development.
- Graduated with 3.98/4.00 cumulative grade point average.

1977-1982 Case Western Reserve University Cleveland, OH

- Bachelor of Science, Health Science - Anesthesia.

Professional Affiliations

- Diplomat, *American Academy of Anesthesiologist Assistants* (AAAA).

- Director, Board of Directors of *American Academy of Anesthesiologist Assistants*, 2003 to 2006, 2007 to 2010.
- Vice Chair, *American Academy of Anesthesiologist Assistants* Committee on AA Education & Practice, 2008 to 2011.
- Director, Board of Directors, and a Founding Member, *Ohio Academy of Anesthesiologist Assistants* (OAAA), 1999 to present.
 - Instrumental in the development of legislation to license the practice of Anesthesiologist Assistants in the State of Ohio.
- Member of the *Ohio State Medical Board's* Advisory Committee for development of Administrative Rules regarding the practice of anesthesiologist assistants in Ohio, 2002.
- Commissioner and Vice Chairman, *National Commission for Certification of Anesthesiologist Assistants* (NCCAA), December, 1996 to present.
- Member, *Test Committee* of the *National Commission for Certification of Anesthesiologist Assistants*, February, 1997 to present.
 - Question Writer, Exam Editor.
- Member of the *American Society of Anesthesiologists* (ASA) Committee on AA Education and Practice, 2004 to present.
- Member of the *American Society of Anesthesiologists* (ASA) Committee on Quality Management and Departmental Administration, 2009 to 2010.
- Adjunct Member, *American Society of Anesthesiologists* Committee on AA Education & Practice, 2004.
- Educational Member, *American Society of Anesthesiologists*, 2002 to present.
- Member of the *American Society of Anesthesiologists* (ASA) Task Force on Anesthesiologist Assistant Education, 2003 to 2004.
- Diplomat, *Society of Education in Anesthesia* (SEA).

Presentations and Lectures

- Workshop Presenter: “*The Importance of Anesthesiologist Assistants in Academic Departments of Anesthesiology: Why Your Department Needs AAs*”, *Society of Education in Anesthesia* Fall Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, October 16, 2009.
- Panelist: “*Anesthesiologist Assistant (AAs): Where Do They Come From & How Can They Improve the Anesthesia Care Team?*” *American Society of Anesthesiologist* Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, October 16, 2006.

Areas of Interest

- Development of a national plan for increasing the number of anesthesiologist assistant educational programs.
- Dissertation work in simulation in anesthesia education.
- Development of comprehensive *Total Quality Management* (TQM) system for education in the MSA program.
 - Online student clinical performance evaluation system.
 - Online clinical teaching evaluation system.
 - Program evaluation system.
 - Online clinical data input.

- Development of a randomly generated *Test Question Database* for use in the *Clinical Comprehensive Examination* administered to MSA students at CWRU.
 - Prepares MSA students for successful completion of the *NCCAA Board Examination*.
- Activity Director for the ongoing *Clinical Correlation in Anesthesia* conference series sponsored by the Case Western Reserve University Medical School for Physicians' Category I continuing medical education credits.
- Activity Director for *The 1998 American Academy of Anesthesiologist's Assistants Annual Meeting* at Jeckyll Island, GA, sponsored by the Case Western Reserve University Medical School for Physicians' Category I continuing medical education credits.
- Activity Director for the NCCAA sponsored *Item Writing Workshop* held in Cleveland, OH, on September 18, 1998.

Professional and Teaching Awards

- **2010 Distinguished Service by an AAAA Member Award, American Academy of Anesthesiologist Assistants**, 34th Annual Conference, Savannah GA, April 10, 2010.
- **Outstanding Clinical Instructor Award** as voted by the MSA students for 1997-1998 academic year.
- **Exceptional Clinical Instructor Award** as voted by the MSA students for the 1994-95, 1995-96 & 1996-1997 academic years.