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American Board of Family Medicine 035372

American Board of Addiction Medicine 12481743

American Board of Pain Medicine Cert 13307

American Academy of Pain Management M71950

## CURRICULUM VITAE

### EXPERIENCE

**01/10/2008 – CURRENT**

#### **MEDICAL CONSULTANT, EXPERT WITNESS**

DEA – DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY

CONSULTANT TO THE DEA REGARDING PHYSICIAN OVER PRESCRIBING OF OPIOID AND OTHER CONTROLLED MEDICATIONS.

**01/10/2008 – 12/14/2017**

#### **MEDICAL CONSULTANT, EXPERT WITNESS**

CONSULTANT TO THE MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA TO REVIEW CONCERNS REGARDING PHYSICIAN PRACTICE CONCERNS IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. EMBC CONTRACT BEGAN 2003; 002971; LAST CONTRACT 12/14/2014-12/14/2017.

**10/10/2011 – CURRENT**

#### **MEDICAL DIRECTOR, UTILIZATION REVIEW, EXPERT WITNESS**

HEALTHCARE RESOURCE GROUP

VSA ASSOCIATES, INC.

6571 ALTURA BLVD., BUENA PARK, CA 90620

CONSULTANT IN MEDICAL COST CONTAINMENT SOLUTIONS, MANAGED CARE, WORKERS COMPENSATION, MEDICAL UTILIZATION REVIEWS – RETROSPECTIVE, CONCURRENT, AND PROSPECTIVE. CLAIMS AUDIT, LIEN RESOLUTION, EDUCATION AND TRAINING, BILL REVIEW, QUALITY ASSURANCE, CHART REVIEW, ASSESSMENT OF PAIN, ADDICTION, AND PRIMARY CARE TREATMENT AND INTERVENTIONS AND REQUEST FOR SERVICES. CONSULTATION WITH HEALTHPLAN LEGAL DEPARTMENTS, DEPOSITIONS, COURT EXPERT TESTIMONY. OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH CONSULTATION, QUALITY ASSURANCE IN MEDICAL MANAGEMENT. TESTIMONY IN COURT AND AT DEPOSITION, REVIEW OF THE SCIENTIFIC LITERATURE REGARDING JUSTIFICATION OF TREATMENT AND EVALUATION OF COMMUNITY CARE.

**10/10/2016 – 12/17/2018**

## **MEDICAL DIRECTOR,**

**PAIN & ADDICTION MEDICINE PROGRAM**

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER & HOSPITAL SYSTEM**

777 E. SANTA CLARA ST, SUITE #300

SAN JOSE, CA 95112

I was invited by Paul Russell, M.D. , Director of Ambulatory Care Medicine of Santa Clara County Valley Medical Center to design and establish a new approach to address pain management and addictive disorders like addiction to doctor prescribed opioid medications within the division of family medicine. In other words, treat these conditions as primary care issues. As a result, my recent position as Medical Director of Pain Medicine at Santa Clara County Valley Medical Center (2016-2018) successfully established within the department of family medicine a pain medicine program that provided a unique and new approach to treat pain and addictive disorders from a primary care model. The concept was to provide specialized pain management by a senior pain certified Family Physician (myself) “co-managing” primary care patients who suffered from pain and addictive disorders, as part of the ongoing treatment of primary care issues by the patient’s primary provider. The philosophy being that an effective model of primary care management cannot separate out a painful condition and ignore the “whole” patient if one is to realistically treat complex disorders like those due to pain and addictive disorders. Problems like “hip pain” for instance, cannot be properly addressed long-term if physicians are going to ignore obesity, diabetes, arthritis, renal insufficiency, or diabetic peripheral neuropathy, and lumbosacral disc disease. Only a primary care “pain” specialist who has been trained to take a global view or “holistic” view of the patient’s complaints can help patients over the long-term. Dr. Russell, the chief of Ambulatory Medicine, who unfortunately died suddenly last year, hired me with this undertaking and concept as the focus for developing our unique program.

The concept was to address complex painful and pain related addictive medical conditions within a primary care collaboration of care in which an experienced senior primary care physician with certification in pain and addiction would help younger, less experienced primary care providers “co-manage” their primary care patients. The approach was developed because prior to my arrival in 2016, all county patients were referred to the “Stanford Pain Program” or “UCSF PAIN MEDICINE program,” the cost was astronomical and, most of these patients did not successfully alter their chronic pain symptoms. Stanford and UCSF offered specialty services like epidurals, behavioral health, detox, specialty referral to rheumatology, ortho, psychiatry, and neurosurgery, etc. While some patients were helped, many Patients eventually returned to their primary care physicians without having their primary pain condition successfully addressed.

The program was a success, but when Dr. Russell died and the chief medical officer developed a serious illness, the specialty driven bureaucracy within the county hospital / Stanford system didn’t recognize the successful implementation of our primary care based program because with Dr. Russell’s death, the specialty staff decided to pursue traditional interventional pain management approaches and chose not to recognize the value of the primary care approach. A description of the program can be found at:

**[The internet site below provides an overview of the PAIN AND ADDICTION PROGRAM at Santa Clara County Valley Medical Center.](#)**

04/01/2004-09/30/2016

**MEDICAL DIRECTOR / OWNER,**

THE P.A.I.N. INSTITUTE

Pain & Addiction Integrated Network, Inc.

510 N. Prospect Ave., Suite 307; Redondo Beach, CA 90277

PRIVATE PRACTICE, practiced Family Medicine, Addiction Medicine, and Pain Medicine. The P.A.I.N. Institute Transitioned from a hospital program to a Private practice of medicine program. All Patients were referred to the P.A.I.N. Institute by local physicians in Primary Care, Orthopedics, Neurosurgery, ER, Urgent Care, Podiatry, Chiropractic, Rheumatology, Neurology, GI, Surgery, OB-GYN, Urology, PM&R, Pediatrics, and Occupational Medicine, for evaluation, assessment, diagnosis, and treatment of complex pain and addictive disorders. The program was designed as a program to treat pain and addictive disorders within a primary care-based model of care in a system that views chronic pain and addiction treatment as non-primary care issues. The goals were to provide care efficiently and to avoid unnecessary interventional approaches, hospitalizations, surgeries, and expensive diagnostic studies. As a result, it was highly successful but did not result in profit from the hospital's bottom line and that is why after two years from 2002-2004 the hospital assisted me in setting up a private practice niche within primary care. The program was highly successful, so much so that Dr. Paul Russell called me in the Spring of 2016 and asked me if I would be interested in setting up a similar program at Santa Clara County Valley Medical Center. I saw it as a unique and a once in a life time opportunity. So I interviewed in May 2016, and began shutting down my private practice and moved to San Jose and began developing the program in October 2016. I saw this as an opportunity to bring an entirely new approach in the primary care of complex patients despite the fact that I had to buy out the 18 months left on my office lease.

04/01/2002-04/01/2004

**MEDICAL DIRECTOR, and Creator**

THE PAIN INSTITUTE at Little Company of Mary Hospital

Medical Associates of Little Company of Mary Medical Group

510 N. Prospect Ave., Suite 209; Redondo Beach, CA 90277

Created, founded, designed and developed under the auspices of the Little Company of Mary Hospital Medical Group after I brought the proposal to the Hospital for development. It was successful, but not a profitable program for the hospital. Hospital administrations do not see programs developed for cutting patient care costs directly in the same light as they did when focused on "big-ticket" items like Spinal Surgery, Cardiovascular Surgery, Joint replacement Orthopedic Surgery, Plastic Surgery, Gastric Bypass Surgery, and other specialty areas that are developed as sources of income for hospitals in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. (As seen at Santa Clara County Hospital, a well-run pain program that thoroughly addresses Pain and Addiction issues actually reduces costs dramatically by reducing interventional therapies like Epidurals, Spinal Cord Stimulators, Vertebroplasty, Spinal fusion, Inpatient Rehabilitation, along specialty care, and MRI and other diagnostic studies). My colleagues and partners within our large hospital managed medical group referred all of their complex pain management and addiction cases to me instead of to anesthesia based pain specialists because epidurals were of no use and no other treatment was offered in the majority of cases.

01/04/2000-04/01/2002

**MEDICAL DIRECTOR,**

MEDICAL DIRECTOR OF AMBULATORY CARE MEDICINE (half-time)

HEALTH CARE PARTNERS MEDICAL GROUP

AMBULATORY CARE SERVICES, REGION III

2175 Park Place, El Segundo, CA 90245. (310) 345-4200.

The Alliance of Private Practice Physicians IPA (I cofounded the IPA) was acquired by Health Care Partners Medical Group, and as part of the transaction I was asked to become assistant director of Ambulatory Care Medicine. I was responsible for utilization review of all Pain Medicine Procedures within the following specialties Neurosurgery, Orthopedics, Gastric Bypass, Plastic Surgery, Podiatry, Anesthesia, and Neurology. I was also asked to create,

develop and manage a nurse practitioner home visitation program to monitor complex patients who had been hospitalized recurrently due to inadequate follow-up and maintenance care post-hospitalization.

**05/01/1998-04/01/2002**

**MEDICAL DIRECTOR,**

**CARSON CARE STATION Urgent and Family Medicine Center.**

**Part of the MEDICAL ASSOCIATES OF LITTLE COMPANY OF MARY HOSPITAL**

21501 S. Avalon Blvd, Suite 100, Carson, CA 90745

I was medical director of the busy community outreach program of the hospital. I managed the medical group of 4 physicians in Family and Internal Medicine. We provided Family Medicine, Urgent Care, and Occupational Medicine.

**05/01/1994-04/01/1998**

**CO-MEDICAL DIRECTOR and CO-FOUNDER,**

**COASTAL PHYSICIANS MEDICAL GROUP, Inc.**

A 15 physicians medical group merged by two large medical groups. HARBOR FAMILY MEDICAL GROUP, Inc., an 8-physician group, with 3 offices and an urgent care center in Harbor City, San Pedro, and Carson, merged with ID MED, an Internal Medicine / Infectious Disease Specialty group of 6 physicians in two offices in Torrance, CA. The merger came about with the creation of an IPA and association with Torrance Memorial Medical Center.

**01/06/1992-01/04/2000**

**VICE-PRESIDENT & CO-FOUNDER,**

**ALLIANCE OF PRIVATE PRACTICES PHYSICIANS IPA, Inc.**

IPA developed to contract with HMOs, insurers, managed care organizations, and healthcare entities between private practice physicians, medical groups, and hospitals. I served on the board of 7 physician owners as Vice-President. I participated in utilization review, contract negotiations, primary care physician and specialty physician contracting interactions and practice development. We had contracts with 4 local hospitals, 3 ECFs, urgent care centers, and over 150 physicians. In 1999 the IPA was acquired by Health Care Partners Medical Group and later it was acquired by Davita, and Davita HCP along with Alliance IPA was acquired last year by Optum.

**05/06/1990-06/04/1991**

**MEDICAL DIRECTOR,**

**BAY HARBOR HOSPITAL, CHRONIC PAIN PROGRAM (1/2 time)**

San Pedro & Peninsula Hospital acquired Bay Harbor Community Hospital in Harbor City and moved the San Pedro & Peninsula Hospital Pain Program to Bay Harbor Hospital.

**03/06/1986-05/06/1990**

**MEDICAL DIRECTOR,**

**SAN PEDRO & PENINSULA HOSPITAL, CHRONIC PAIN PROGRAM (1/2 time)**

1300 W. Seventh Street, San Pedro CA 90732

I led a chronic pain management team which consisted of a Psychologist, Nurse, Acupuncturist, Physical Therapist, Occupational Therapist, and Social Worker to evaluate and manage referrals to pain management.

**10/01/1982-03/06/1986**

**MEDICAL DIRECTOR,**

**OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE CLINIC, TODD PACIFIC SHIPYARD (1/3 time)**

I joined an established family physician in San Pedro on July 1, 1982 after I completed my Family Medicine Residency. Dr. Robert Frie, an established Family Physician and community leader of 35 years had an existing contract to provide occupational medicine clinical services to the major Los Angeles Harbor Navy military ship builder responsible for the employment force of 5500-8000 union employees. After 3 months as his partner, I took on the 1/3 time shipyard occupational medicine clinic directorship. We addressed all work-related injuries in the shipyard clinic, in our offices, and all injuries that required hospitalizations and/or referrals to contracted specialists. We first assisted in all elective and emergency surgeries. We provided call coverage 24 hrs / 7 days a week. We did all pre-employment

physical examinations, and all RTW re-evaluations after industrial injuries, and after personal medical issues. I provided clinical expertise to the shipyard administration, for occupational medicine claims due to work-related injuries, attended attorney led depositions, and I testified under oath in court proceedings. I reviewed work related injury outcomes and I advocated for injured workers who were determined to be partially and permanently disabled and, I provided expertise to the ship yard administration regarding any evidence of employee non-injury and assessed work related injuries as to the resolution of accident related trauma and, I evaluated and commented on analysis of subrosa filming.

**07/01/1982-05/01/1994**

**MEDICAL DIRECTOR, and Founder of  
HARBOR FAMILY MEDICAL GROUP, Inc.**

I joined an established family physician in San Pedro on July 1, 1982 after I completed my Family Medicine Residency. Dr. Robert Frie, was an established Family Physician and community leader of 35 years who had once been a partner in a 4 physician medical group, but in 1982 was a solo practitioner. I was one of the first graduating class of 4 residents from the Joint San Pedro and Peninsula Hospital / Harbor-UCLA Family Medicine Residency Program. Upon completion of residency, I opted to join an existing and established solo community family physician in order to stay involved as a clinical instructor and supporter of the newly formed family medicine residency program. I became a very active community physician on call 24/7 and, I admitted all of my patients and those assigned to me through the ER onto the family medicine residency service which helped to train 4 residents per year until the program's closure in 1988. I saw patients with residents in the residency program clinic 1/2 day per week for 6 years. During the first 4 years in practice I had an average daily census of 3-10 patients on the service every single day, and I first assisted on ALL elective and emergency surgeries involving my patients. The first year of practice I even did obstetrics and delivered babies. Overall, including residency, I have delivered >250 babies, I was 1<sup>st</sup> surgeon on 37 C-sections as OB chief resident at Harbor-UCLA and I performed Vacuum and Forceps deliveries. I have examined 100s of newborn infants. I first-assisted in literally thousands of surgeries. I was voted chief of family medicine and a member of the medical executive committee for 3 years. I had privileges to admit to all departments of the hospital MICU, SICU, Med-Surgery, Pediatrics, OB, Stroke Rehab, Ortho, Chemical Dependency, Step-Down Unit, Sub-Acute, and SNF. During the development and growth of Harbor Family Medical Group between 1982-1994, in 1986 San Pedro & Peninsula Hospital asked me to take over directorship temporarily of the Chronic Pain Program, but I ended up staying on for over 5 years thru its last year when it was moved to Bay Harbor Hospital in 1990 and finally closed in 1991. In addition, I was Medical Director of the Todd Pacific Shipyard Occupational Medicine Clinic until it's closure in 1986.

As the founder and CEO of Harbor Family Medical Group, I took in graduating residents as partners and grew my medical group to 3 offices in San Pedro, Harbor City, and Carson, and an urgent care center in Rancho Palos Verdes, with 8 physicians by 1992, and in 1994, we merged with ID Med to become a 15 physician medical group, Coastal Physicians Medical Group, Inc.

## EDUCATION

- 09/01/1971 – 06/12/1975  
**BA- PSYCHOLOGY; STANFORD UNIVERSITY**
- 09/10/1975 – 06/01/1979  
**M.D.; UCLA GEFFEN SCHOOL OF MEDICINE**
- 07/01/1979 – 06/30/1982  
**SPPH-Harbor/UCLA Hospitals Joint Family Medicine Residency Program  
3 Year Combined Family Medicine Residency**

## **BOARD CERTIFICATION**

- DIPLOMATE & FELLOW OF AMERICAN ACADEMY OF INTEGRATIVE PAIN MANAGEMENT
- DIPLOMATE, AMERICAN BOARD OF ADDICTION MEDICINE, FASAM
- DIPLOMATE, AMERICAN BOARD OF FAMILY MEDICINE
- DIPLOMATE, AMERICAN BOARD OF PAIN MEDICINE (Pending recertification test 4/2019)
- MEMBER, AMERICAN SOCIETY OF ADDICTION MEDICINE
- MEMBER, CALIFORNIA SOCIETY OF ADDICTION MEDICINE

## **FACULTY APPOINTMENTS**

- ASSIST. CLINICAL PROFESSOR OF FAMILY MED UCLA GEFEN SCHOOL OF MEDICINE 2002-2012
- CLIN. FACULTY, UCLA GEFEN SCHOOL OF MEDICINE DEPT. OF FAMILY MEDICINE 1992-2002
- CLINICAL FACULTY, USC SCHOOL OF MEDICINE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY MEDICINE 1987-1992
- CLINICAL INSTRUCTOR, USC SCHOOL OF MEDICINE PHYSICIAN ASSIST. TRAINING 1993-1996
- CLINICAL INSTRUCTOR, AHEC/HISMET UC DAVIS SCHOOL OF MEDICINE 1989-1991
- CLINICAL INSTRUCTOR, HARBOR-UCLA/SPPH FAMILY MEDICINE RESIDENCY PROG. 1982-1987

## **PRIOR HOSPITAL APPOINTMENTS**

- PROVIDENCE / LITTLE COMPANY OF MARY HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER 1997-10/10/2016
- TORRANCE MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER 1992-10/10/2016
- SANTA CLARA COUNTY VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER 02/01/2017 – 12/10/2018
- SAN PEDRO AND PENINSULA HOSPITAL 1982 – 2012
- BAY HARBOR HOSPITAL 1999 - 1995

## **PREVIOUS CONSULTING (NOT CURRENT)**

- FOREST LABORATORIES, 2009. NOT CURRENTLY
- ENDO PHARMACUETICALS, 2012, NOT CURRENTLY
- RECKITT BENCKISER, 2007, NOT CURRENTLY.
- CEPHALON PHARMACUETICALS, 2008, NOT CURRENT
- CONSULTANT, QC LABORATORIES/April 2002, NOT CURRENT
- MEDICAL CONSULTANT/EXPERT WITNESS
- TUVSON & HILLYARD LAW FIRM/DOCTORS COMPANY/1996-2000, NOT CURRENT
- INTRACORP UTILIZATION REVIEW:PHYSICIAN CONSULTANT/1984-1992, NOT CURRENT

## **PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP**

- AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION
- CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION
- LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION
- AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PAIN MANAGEMENT
- THE SOCIETY FOR PAIN MANAGEMENT
- AMERICAN SOCIETY OF INTERVENTIONAL PAIN PHYSICIANS
- AMERICAN PAIN SOCIETY
- AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ADDICTION PSYCHIATRY
- The AMERICAN SOCIETY OF ADDICTION MEDICINE

## **OTHER**

- TRIBAL MEMBER: RANCHERIA TRIBE, SUSANVILLE, NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

## **AWARDS, COMMITTEES, AND LECTURES**

- LECTURE TO CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF TOXICOLOGISTS ANNUAL MEETING, FRIDAY, NOV 2 AND 3, 2018 IN BAKERSFIELD ON : "THE CONSEQUENCES OF MARIJUANA ADDICTION"
- "ABUSE, ADDICTION, AND PAIN RELIEF: TIME FOR A CHANGE": EXPERT FACULTY MEMBER INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN A ROUND TABLE SUMMIT IN BETHSEDA, MARYLAND; CO-SPONSORED BY NIDA, NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DRUG ABUSE; AMERICAN PAIN FOUNDATION; AMERICAN PAIN SOCIETY. 2008
- 2005 BUPRENORPHINE SUMMIT CONFERENCE, MARYLAND SAMHSA, CSAT & DEPT. OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
- BOARD MEMBER, MEDICAL ASSOC. OF LITTLE COMPANY OF MARY MEDICAL CENTER 1999 - 2002
- CHAIRMAN, DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY MEDICINE SAN PEDRO PENINSULA HOSPITAL 1984 - 1987
- BOARD MEMBER, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SAN PEDRO PENINSULA HOSPITAL 1984 - 1987
- TRUSTEE, SAN PEDRO AND PENINSULA HOSPITAL 1982 - 1983
- CHAIRMAN, HOSPITAL GEOGRAPHIC OUTREACH COMMITTEE SAN PEDRO PENIN HOSP 1995
- MEMBER OF CONGRESSWOMAN JANE HARMON'S HEALTH CARE TASK FORCE 1994
- PARKE-DAVIS TEACHER DEVELOPMENT AWARD, SPPH-HARBOR UCLA RESIDENCY 1982 - 1983
- MEMBER OF UTILIZATION REVIEW, CHEMICAL DEPENDANCY COMMITTEE, MICU, SURGERY, NUTRITION, FAMILY PRACTICE RESIDENCY COMMITTEE, REHABILITATION COMMITTEE, IPA UTILIZATION, & MARKETING ADVISORY COMMITTEES SAN PEDRO PENINSULA HOSPITAL 1982 - 1994

## PUBLICATIONS

- "ABUSE, ADDICTION, AND PAIN RELIEF: TIME FOR A CHANGE."
- CLINICIAN CME PROGRAM, September, 2008; content presented in this CME
- Newsletter was derived from the roundtable discussion held in Bethesda, Maryland, February 2008.
- SOUTHBAY HEALTH PUBLICATION Jan/Feb 2005 Article by David Hunt, Publisher and Editor. "Revolutionizing the Treatment of Pain"
- TELEVISION & RADIO & VIDEO
  - ✓ Appeared on "A Las Cuatro" Channel 22 (Televisal NBC) as Medical Director of The Pain Institute at Little Company of Mary -Discussed Opiate Addiction and Chronic Pain. 10/10/2003.
  - ✓ Appeared on KCAL 9 News at 2 P.M. and 8 P.M. on 1/10/2003 And 1/11/2003 Health Segments to discuss Buprenorphine Treatment in Chronic Pain Patients addicted to Opiate Analgesics.
  - ✓ SENIOR LIVING, Program #37, Nov. 30, 2004 "Nutrition Solutions For Seniors" Community Television Channel, Host: Lynn Brennan

## **35 YEARS OF CLINICAL EXPERIENCE**

I practiced primary care medicine for the first 20 years of my practice, and in addition I added my expertise in Pain and Addiction medicine to my practice over the last 10 years. Few primary care physicians have had the breadth of experience in medicine that I have experienced over 35 years of clinical practice. I am quite proud of my level of medical expertise and when I speak to a patient about a hip replacement or a hysterectomy, I have actually first assisted in over 150 hip and knee replacements, actually did 37 C-sections as the primary surgeon, and 100 hysterectomies over my 35 years of medical practice, so my knowledge and reassurance about these procedures, the potential complications, and the pre and post op care required is accurate because I was the First Assistant. The same is true in treating painful disorders. I have treated every kind of acute and chronic pain disorder during my career and I know when someone is in need of immediate resolution of their pain or other clinical problems, so I make it my priority to be there to comfort and care for the patient as soon as possible, often saving the patient a trip to urgent care or the emergency room. Elderly patients, especially those who suffer with dementia need medical expertise and relief of pain and suffering immediately. Their quality of life is of utmost importance, so preventing an unneeded emergency room trip or handling their urgent situation rapidly and accurately can mean so much to the geriatric patient, mentally & emotionally challenged patient, and their families as well as to clinic staff.

Primary care medicine: newborn care, well child care, geriatric care, internal medicine, gynecology, occupational medicine, orthopedics, neurology, cardiology, urgent care, chemical dependency and addiction management, and chronic pain management and interventions. Experience with Practice Partner Electronic Medical Record System, HealthFusion EMR, Amazing Charts EMR, EPIC, extensive experience with Dragon Speak Medical Auto-Dictation System, Meditech, Versyss, and PAX radiology system.

After 30 years of clinical experience in medical practice and teaching young doctors in training there is very little that Dr. CHAVEZ has not experienced or seen. Procedures include: minor trauma and laceration care, excisional biopsies of skin neoplasms, Norplant implantation, sigmoidoscopies, applying casts and splints for uncomplicated fractures and ligamentous injuries, trigger point and joint injections of the hip, knee, wrist, fingers, metacarpel, ankle, elbow, shoulder, cervical spine, scapula, deltoid, Acromio-Clavicular joint, TMJ, toes, groin, facet blocks, culdocentesis, lumbar puncture, plantar wart therapy, Bursa, ganglion and sebaceous cyst removal and aspiration, abscess Incision and Drainage, Ingrown toenail removal, ear lavage, bladder cath, corneal abrasion recognition and treatment, nasopharyngeal cautery of bleeding, cryotherapy, Nerve blocks include greater and lesser occipital nerves, Femoral Nerve, Abdominal Wall1Rectus Abdominis Nerves, Costochondral, and many more Nerves. Experience with botox injections, Tendon and bursa injections, Schiotz tonometry, venous cutdowns, neonatal circumcision, Synvisc injection to the knee, Blind thoracic, lumbar, and sacral Facet Blocks, Dermabrasion, and indirect laryngoscopy, bursa and bakers cyst drainage, trigger-finger injections.

On 6/25/2016 completed course on BUPRENORPHINE IMPLANT (PROBUPHINE), Extensive Experience reading routine X-rays and Electrocardiograms. Experience with Auricular Acupuncture.

Hospital care includes: Unrestricted Admission privileges to all medical and surgical floors, telemetry, nursery, intensive care units- Intensive care management, Surgical Intensive Care management, Inpatient Psychiatric care, inpatient addiction treatment, Pediatrics,



Psychiatry, Chemical Dependency Units, Step Down Units, SNF, and Rehabilitation at Torrance Memorial Medical Center and Little Company of Mary Medical Center.

## **SURGICAL ASSISTING EXPERIENCE**

Extensive surgical assisting experience over 35 years: as First Assistant in the following procedures:

Appendectomy, Open Cholecystectomy, Herniorrhaphy, Total Abdominal and Partial Vaginal Hysterectomy and Oophorectomy, Pelvic Laparoscopy, Radical Prostatectomy, Total and partial Mastectomy, Partial Colon and Small Intestine Resections, Breast Suspension, Plastic Surgery Breast Implants, Lumbar Laminectomy and disk decompression, Abdominoplasty, Radical Neck Resection, Partial Gastrectomies, Vagotomy and Pyloroplasty, Hiatal Hernia Repair, Roux-en Y Bypass, Aortic Aneurysm Resection, Plastic surgery rhinoplasty, Aorto-Bifem Bypass, Splenectomy, Nephrectomy, Bladder Suspension and Repair, Adrenal Gland Resection, Thyroidectomy, Intestinal Resection, Colectomy, Parathyroidectomy, Radical Neck Dissection, Elbow/Shoulder/Wrist Fracture Repair and Nerve Decompression, Arterio-Venous Shunt creation for dialysis, Total Knee replacement and arthroplasty, Shoulder and Hip Replacement and Arthroplasty, AC Joint Repair, Knee Arthroscopy, Lumbar Laminectomy and Discectomy, Bunions and Hammertoe Repair, AV Shunt Creation, Vein stripping, Hemorrhoidectomy, Extremity Amputation, Carotid Artery Endarterectomy, Cesarean Section, Laparoscopic and open Cholecystectomy, Tubal Ligation, Penile Implants, Orchiectomy, Skin Grafting, Acute Trauma Surgery -Repair of stabbings, Bullet and buckshot removal, and Vasectomy, Newborn circumcision. Wound and Burn care, Decubitus Ulcer Debridement, Melanoma Resection, short arm and walking cast placement.

Previous Obstetrical experience, during his residency, includes over 250+ normal vaginal deliveries and experience with use of vacuum and forceps, and 4th degree rectal episiotomy tears. Also, 37 cesarean sections as the primary surgeon while serving as the supervising resident on OB for 3 months at Harbor General UCLA Medical Center. In addition, he has served as Clinical Faculty at various times with the USC School of Medicine and UC Davis School of Medicine.

## **ABSTRACTS WRITTEN**

### **Buprenorphine Treatment as an Alternative to Orthopedic Surgery in Patients on Prescription Opiates with Lumbosacral or Cervical Spine Disc Disease**

R Chavez, W. Dillin and L. Amass

The P.A.I.N. Institute, Inc., Redondo Beach, CA and Kerlan-Jobe and Friends Research Institute, Inc. Los Angeles, CA, 2006

Presented at the 67th Annual Conference of College on Problems of Drug Dependency, Scottsdale, Arizona, 2006

### **OPIOID DEPENDENT CHRONIC PAIN PATIENTS WITH BUPRENORPHINE.**

Rick Chavez, M.D.<sup>1,2</sup>, Leslie Amass, Ph.D.<sup>3</sup>, Jonathan B. Kamien, Ph.D.<sup>3</sup> and Lynette Prucha<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>UCLA School of Medicine, Los Angeles, CA, <sup>2</sup>The Pain Institute at Little Company of Mary, Redondo Beach, CA, and <sup>3</sup>Friends Research Institute, Inc., Los Angeles, CA

Presented at 3rd World Congress, World Institute of Pain, September 21-25, 2004 "Pain Advances in Research and Clinical Practice," Barcelona, Spain.

**Buprenorphine Tablet Treatment for Opioid Dependence in Patients With Co-morbid Chronic Severe Pain**

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1UCLA School of Medicine, Los Angeles, CA, 2The Pain Institute at Little Company of Mary, Redondo Beach, CA, 3Friends Research Institute, Inc., Los Angeles, CA

Oral Presentation at The 66th Annual Meeting of The Conference on Problems in Drug Dependence (CPDD), San Juan, PR 6/04

**Buprenorphine Treatment for Opioid Dependence in Patients with Co-morbid Chronic Severe Pain: An Open-Label Case Study Analysis**

R Chavez and L Amass. UCLA School of Medicine, Los Angeles, CA and The Pain Institute at Little Company of Mary, Redondo Beach, CA; and Friends Research Institute, Inc., Los Angeles, CA

Poster presentation at "6th Annual Conference on Pain and Chemical Dependency in New York City, February 13-15, 2004"

**ABSTRACTS** can be read at RESEARCHGATE:

**<https://www.researchgate.net/project/DEVELOPMENT-OF-SANTA-CLARA-COUNTY-SYSTEM-FOR-MANAGEMENT-OF-OPIOID-DEPENDENT-PATIENTS>**