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CLINICAL EXPERIENCE:

University of Colorado Anschutz – Dermatology Dept, Aurora, CO Nov 2024 – Present
Dermatology Physician Assistant

- Evaluate and diagnose adult/geriatric/pediatric patients with a wide variety of acute and chronic dermatologic disorders.
- Perform outpatient dermatologic procedures including but not limited to electrodesiccation and curettage of superficial BCC, punch/shave biopsies, intralesional injections, incision and drainage, photodynamic therapy, and cryotherapy.
- Wound care follow-up and post skin surgery management.
- Monitor and evaluation for recurrence or development of additional skin cancers by yearly skin cancer screenings.
- Provide in-depth patient education regarding condition, treatment and medications.
- Developed and launched a formal dermatology clinical rotation program for CU PA students; authored the proposal, established preceptorship structure, and serve as primary preceptor and liaison with the PA Program.
- Designed and implemented a new workflow integrating Medical Assistants as in-room scribes to increase provider efficiency and documentation accuracy.
- Created standardized. MONT SmartPhrase template library in Epic EMR to improve documentation consistency across providers.
- Redesigned legacy SmartPhrases into intuitive, clickable formats to streamline documentation for new Medical Assistants.
- Attended the CU Provider Networking Mixer; initiated internal marketing efforts by developing direct messaging within EPIC to PCPs in network to increase patient access and visibility for CU Derm Montview.

Alta Vista Dermatology, Highlands Ranch, CO

July 2021 – Oct 2024

Dermatology Physician Assistant

- Surgical excisions and repair of Basal Cell Carcinoma (BCC), Squamous Cell Carcinoma (SCC), and Dysplastic Nevi
- Perform dermatologic procedures including scar revision, wide local excisions, cantharidin application, Botox injections, allergy skin tests, MiraDry hyperhidrosis treatment, and AviClear acne treatment.
- Evaluate and diagnose patients with a wide variety of dermatologic disorders.
- Provide in-depth patient education regarding condition, treatment and medications.
- Rotating On-call patient management.

Vanguard Skin Specialists, Colorado Springs/Pueblo, CO

March 2020 - April 2021

Dermatology Physician Assistant

- Evaluate and diagnose patients with a wide variety of dermatologic disorders.
- Provide in-depth patient education regarding condition, treatment and medications.

Denver Dermatology Center, Denver, CO

July 2018 - March 2020

Dermatology Physician Assistant

- Evaluate and diagnose patients with a wide variety of dermatologic disorders.
- Provide in-depth patient education regarding condition, treatment and medications.
- Perform on-demand Botox, weekly CO2 fractionated laser cosmetic treatments.

Dermatology Associates of Colorado, Castle Rock/Parker, CO

June 2015 - July 2018

Dermatology Physician Assistant

- Evaluate and diagnose patients with a wide variety of dermatologic disorders.
- Developed and implemented training program for new Medical Assistants.
- Order and interpret appropriate labs and tests.
- Experience selling practice branded and dermatology skin specific care products.
- Headed extensive marketing and advertising campaign effort in Castle Rock location to increase market share which increased avg. patient visits from 30 to 62 per day.

EDUCATION:

Shenandoah University, Winchester, VA

Doctor of Medical Science (September 2024 – September 2025)

- DMSc Awarded

Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Science University (MCPHS), Worcester, MA

Master of Physician Assistant Studies (January 2013 – December 2014)

- Accomplishments: Class President

Winona State University, Winona, MN

Bachelor of Arts (September 2002 – May 2006)

CERTIFICATIONS:

- Certified Physician Assistant –NCCPA# 1124720
- DEA Prescriptive authority – MC3539066
- Colorado PA Certification – PA.0004288

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

- American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA)
- Society of Dermatology Physician Assistants (SDPA)
- Colorado Academy of Physician Assistants (CAPA)

LEADERSHIP:

Society of Dermatology Physician Assistants (SDPA)

July 2023 to the Present

Junior House of Delegates Committee Officer (July 2023 to July 2024)

Senior House of Delegates Committee Officer (July 2024 to July 2025)

Chair of Early Career DermPA™ Committee (July 2024 to July 2025)

Director at Large for SDPA Board of Directors (July 2025 to Present)

- All Physicians and APPs Are Leaders Program – Completed leadership development course focused on team dynamics and healthcare leadership (Feb 5, 2025).
- UCHealth Advanced Leadership Program for Physicians and APPs – Completed 8-week course on operational leadership, change management, and strategic thinking in clinical settings (May 22, 2025).

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS:

Society of Dermatology Physician Assistants (SDPA) Fall Conference: November 2025

- Title: “Understanding Contracts, CME Funds, and Non-Competes” – Red Threads Talk

Society of Dermatology Physician Assistants (SDPA) Summer Conference: June 2025

- Title: “Understanding Contracts, CME Funds, and Non-Competes” – Red Threads Talk

Society of Dermatology Physician Assistants (SDPA) Fall Conference: November 14, 2024

- Title: “Dealing with Negative Patient Reviews”

Society of Dermatology Physician Assistants (SDPA) Fall Conference: October 26, 2023

- Title: “From the parking lot to check out: Tips for a great patient experience”

Rocky Vista University Physician Assistant Program: October 3-11, 2021

- Clinical Medicine: Dermatology

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING:

- Diplomate Training Status, Society of Dermatology Physician Assistants: April 2020
- American Academy of Dermatology Conference, Washington DC: March 2019
- DERM Dermatology Essential Resource Meeting, Las Vegas NV: July 2017 & 2018
- Cosmetic Training - Botox & Dysport Injectable Training, Esthetic Skin Institute, Evergreen CO: February 2018
- SDPA Summer Dermatology Conferences, Austin TX: June 2016 & 2022
- SDPA Fall Dermatology Conference, Nashville TN: October 2023
- SDPA Fall Dermatology Conference, Las Vegas NV: November 2024
- SDPA Summer Dermatology Conference, Washington DC: June 2025
- SDPA Fall Dermatology Conference, San Antonio: November 2025

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Cogent Road, La Jolla, CA

December 2008 - December 2009

Director of Marketing

- Responsible for design and production of organizational publications.
- Orchestrated a new corporate culture and employee recognition program.
- Instrumental in developing awareness and market intrigue for product launches.

Esparza Advertising, Albuquerque, NM

July 2006 - July 2008

Associate Art Director

- Created award-winning creative visual advertising concepts and design that received regional and national exposure.
- Contributed pitching introductory advertising campaigns to national companies.

United States Marine Corps

June 1998 - June 2002

Squad Leader – Sergeant

- Provided personal security for the President of the United States and first family at Presidential Retreat Camp David.
- Assisted the Secret Service and Diplomatic Security Service in providing security for former Secretary of State, Madeline Albright, other U.S. officials and international dignitaries.

Community Health Involvement

Rocky Vista University, Physician Assistant Program, Parker CO May 2020 - Present

- Adjunct Professor and Guest lecturer.
- Dermatology Preceptor for medical rotations.

Sun Bus, Skin Cancer Screenings, Boulder CO May 2019

- Performed over 40 free basic skin cancer screenings and sun education for visitors.

9News Health Fair, Skin Cancer Screenings, Centennial CO April 2016 & April 2017

- Performed over 80 free basic skin cancer screenings for low-income visitors.