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## Professional Summary

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As a family physician attending since 2000, I've seen medicine from many perspectives: attending primary care, obstetrics, urgent care (even formal ER), occupational medicine, and medical administration. I have worked in all aspects of my advanced training, and after 20 years, have witnessed the impact of whatever the defined role my peers and I share on the patients we serve, as well as the impact on healthcare affordability.

After nearly 20 years in medicine, in this new millennium, it occurs to me that the words of Thomas Edison are true now more than ever: "The doctor of the future will give no medicine, but will interest her or his patients in the care of the human frame, in a proper diet, and in the cause and prevention of disease".

As a family physician, with over 20 years in medicine, I've combined my learned skills in medicine, my experience in administrative medicine at Provena St. Joseph Medical Center with a passion for Functional medicine- treating the whole person to reverse disease rather than maintain or escalate prescription writing as diseases progress. As a functional physician, and administrator, I have also become a very community responsive physician, helping patients to gain control over reversing the disease state not just with medication, but by all available means including: medications (always with the attempt to eventually wean patients down/off of prescriptions as their disease state improves), on-site acupuncture, massage, yoga/meditation, licensed clinical therapy, substance abuse treatment (with an advanced DEA X waiver for addiction medicine treatment) and the creation of several free Community Gardens. In this way, we help patients redefine their eating habits, their stress management skills, tackle addictions, use multiprong treatment modalities, to achieve their healthiest well-being.

As before, I continue to employ my skills as a Spanish speaker (conversational), and I continue to see all ages (birth and up). I continue to function as a medical administrator responsible for Quality and Budgeting, on staff with our local hospital. I have extensive experience with QuickBooks, Gusto, Athena, and Epic, though I quickly adapt to most EMRs. While I'm more than able to see 70 patients in a 12-hour day, my best medical care is being able to help patients beat disease.

## Licenses

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Drug Enforcement Administration/Buprenorphine X license: Upon Considered Request  
Board certified: July 21, 2005 - Dec 31, 2015, now Board Eligible with recert pending 2017  
Illinois Medical License: 036.103914  
Indiana Medical License: 01060159A

## Skill Highlights

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- Family practice professional
- Qualified patient educator
- Symptom palliation comprehension
- Good bedside manner
- Excellent listener
- Empathetic and courteous
- Functional Medicine
- Urgent Aid
- Business-minded practice
- Decision-making under pressure
- Strategic planning expertise
- Quality assurance awareness
- Forthcoming with information
- Professional demeanor
- High ethical standards
- Collaborative/Teammaker

## Professional Experience

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07/2013 – Present

### **Wellness Integrative Medicine, Inc, Hazel Crest, Illinois**

Functional medicine including Community Medicine, gaining control of disease states such as hypertension, diabetes, syndrome X, addiction, stress/anxiety to go beyond brief visits to assess current status and offer refill, to managing lifestyle changes to actually reverse disease progression, and subsequently wean patients from costly prescriptions. On-site offerings include licensed clinical therapy, acupuncture, massage, chiropractic care. We also offer a local Community Garden to assist in dietary affordability and stress/depression management as many patients enjoy the extended social benefits of community engagement and exercise.

Upfront pricing and general medicare rate discounts are offered for members. Ancillary services include cosmetic dermatology such as Botox, injectables, and chemical peels per clients' request.

05/2013 – 09/2015

### **Advantage Locums/Franciscan ExpressCare**

- Immediate Care/Walk-In/Locums Physician seeing approx. 70 patients/12 hours.
- Provide immediate care for acute problems, simple fractures, and non-emergent health issues.
- Coverage assistance includes standard walk in care for pediatrics, women's health issues/concerns, and after hours basic traumas such as burns, lacerations, and foreign body removals.

05/2012 – 05/2013

### **Team Health/Ingalls Urgent Aid**

- Urgent Aid (ER Satellite) Locums Physician seeing approx. 70 patients/12 hours.
- Provide urgent aid care for acute problems such as CVA, Chest pain, compound fractures, and other emergency room level health issues.
- Coverage assistance includes standard walk in care for pediatrics, women's health issues/concerns, geriatrics and after hours basic traumas such as burns, lacerations, and foreign body removals.

05/2001 – 05/2016

### **Advocate Health Systems, Orland Park, IL**

- Internal Locums Physician and Urgent Care seeing approx. 45 patients/8 hours.
- Provide immediate care for acute problems, simple fractures, and non-emergent health issues in Chicagoland's most utilized after hour's clinics.
- Coverage assistance includes standard walk in care as well as traditional internal locums for traditional ambulatory care/primary care practices.

12/2011 - 12/2012

### **Provena St Joseph Medical Center Joliet, Illinois Family Medicine Chairman**

Responsible for recruitment, development, annual review, retention, satisfaction, management of conflict of interest and commitment, policy and procedural compliance of the departmental faculty and staff. Satisfaction of the department's many constituents and stakeholders is an important objective. Oversee adherence to Hospital and Medical Staff Bylaws.

08/2010 - 12/2012

### **Provena St. Joseph Medical Center Joliet, IL Medical Staff Quality Committee**

With co- members, participated in monthly audits of hospital and physician charts and quality reports. In conjunction with committee members discussed and ultimately initiated policy/procedure changes as well as corrective action plans.

09/2008 - 09/2012

### **Provena S. Joseph Medical Center Joliet, IL Alliance Physician Hospital Organization**

Participate with co- board members in strategic development and planning of physician-hospital organization dedicated to joining area physicians and Provena St. Joseph Medical Center in shared risk via clinical integration implementation of physician selected benchmarks that would allow enhanced quality care as a product for achieving enhanced capability for joint contractual negotiations based on enhanced and proven quality of chosen benchmarks and indicators.

10/2007 - 05/2012

**PROVENA ST. JOSEPH MEDICAL CENTER JOLIET, IL**

**Family Physician/Provena Manhattan Medical Center**

- Solo physician in hospital supported practice offering 40 patient contact hours per week with after- hours self coverage.
- Services included 90% outpatient primary care, with monthly inpatient coverage including coordinated shared call and coverage with area hospitalist group.
- Extended services to local hospitalist group and area house calls to homebound Medicare patients as well).

10/1998 - 03/2008

**United States Army**

**Major**

Captain, then Major in the United States Army Reserves offering two weekends/month as well as two weeks per year. Responsibilities included performing annual fitness exams and evaluations on fellow soldiers and well as offer acute care for state side soldiers

03/2005 - 03/2007

**Hammond Clinic Munster, IN**

**Staff Physician**

Staff physician providing 36 hours ambulatory care per week as well as urgent care/immediate care offerings twice weekly. Further services also included participation in on call hospital coverage for inpatients.

**National Health Services Federal Loan Repayment Placements 06/2000 to 08/2005**

05/2003 - 08/2005

**LINCOLN MEDICAL CENTER HARVEY, IL**

- Staff physician covering both outpatient and inpatient coverage at Ingalls hospital Offering 36 hours weekly as well as pediatrics and family medicine. NHSC placement. Site foreclosed 08/2005.

05/2001 - 05/2003

**ERIE FAMILY HEALTH CENTER CENTRO DE SALUD CHICAGO, IL**

- School Based Health Site Director and Staff Family Physician offering 32 patient contact hours per week for both community patients and school students between the ages of 3-16, Other tasks include practice management, practice marketing, grant development, tracking, management and reporting, as well as student and resident teaching and supervision.
- Attended national training series/programming for internal development area School Based Health in the Chicagoland Area.
- Awarded Erie Appreciation Award 10-6-02.
- NHSC Placement.

06/2000 - 01/2001

**AJ ROBINSON FAMILY HEALTH LUMBERTON, NC**

- Solo practice/staff physician of Southeastern Memorial Hospital. Offering both inpatient and outpatient. ICU and immediate care. NHSC Placement.

## Education and Training

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- 3/2016**                    **American Society of Addiction Medicine**  
Treatment of Opioid Disorder Use Disorder
- 3/2014**                    **Aesthetic Advancements Institute/Allergan**  
Combined Use of Neurotoxins (BoNTA) and Dermal Fillers for Facial  
Enhancements
- 2000**                    **University of Illinois- Rockford Family Medicine**, Rockford, IL, US  
**Family Medicine**
- 1997**                    **Chicago Medical School/Finch University**, North Chicago, IL, US  
Medicine  
**M.D.**
- 1991**                    **University of Illinois**, Urbana, Illinois, US  
Premedicine Psychology/Chemistry Minor  
**Bachelor of Science**