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Overview

Internal medicine PA with over 7 years of experience in telemedicine, and extensive experience in virtual care systems design, development and workflow optimization. Additional experience in daily management of virtual care clinicians and team. Significant interest in continued growth and engagement in this area of medical care. Extensive work in PA professional advocacy, primarily in the area of telemedicine, to advance the PA profession in the practice of telemedicine, as well as the use of telemedicine within the PA profession.

Education

Midwestern University, Downers Grove

06/10 - 08/12

M.M.S. Physician Assistant Studies

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

08/03 - 05/07

B.S. Molecular and Cellular Biology, Minor in Chemistry

Work Experience

One Medical Group - Chicago, IL

01/14 - present

Physician Assistant, PCP, Virtual Medical Director, Clinical Technology Advisor

PCP

01/14 - 02/19

- Full-scope primary care and internal medicine practice for adult patients.
- Daily responsibilities including patient panel management of chronic medical conditions, acute illness, and in office procedures.

Virtual Medical Director

06/15 - present

- Direct management of multiple teams of PAs and NPs across various states and markets.
- Significant involvement in virtual care strategy, design, optimization and implementation.
- Daily interaction with multi-disciplinary provider teams, both office and virtual, to support and refine workflows and clinical processes.
- Collaboration with cross-functional stakeholders in executive leadership, strategy,

product and operations.

- Designed, collaborated and executed upon many virtual care initiatives to support sustainable and scalable growth for multi-channel and multi-modality telemedicine platform and clinical care delivery system.

Clinical Technology Advisor

08/18 - present

- Collaboration with other clinical technology advisors and cross-functional product teams across technology organization.
- Developed a knowledge base related to engineering and design process from concept to deployment.
- Active work in strategic prioritization, design and implementation of product team initiatives.

Men's Health Chicago – Schaumburg, IL

08/12 - 01/14

Physician Assistant, Clinical Director

- Internal medicine office with focus on men's health treating a variety of primary care disease including hypertension, diabetes, hyperlipidemia, acute and chronic illness, and hormone deficiency in males aged 18 to 75.
- High volume practice, personally seeing up to 30-40 patients per day under guidance of supervisory physician.
- Common office procedures including phlebotomy, joint injections, punch biopsies, incision and drainage, suturing, trigger point injections, basic osteopathic manipulation.
- Responsible for daily office operations including maintenance of medical supplies, billing/coding, management of medical and administrative staff.

Memberships and Professional Leadership

American Academy of Physician Assistants - Member

2010 - Present

- Board of Directors Telemedicine Ad Hoc Committee - Chair

07/19 -07/20

Illinois Academy of Physician Assistants – Member

2014 - Present

- Chief Delegate to HOD
- Membership Committee
- Legislative Committee

12/18 - 12/20

12/19 - 12/20

12/18 - 12/20

PAs in Virtual Medicine and Telemedicine

2018 - Present

- President Elect and Co-Founder
- President

2018 - 2019

2019 - 2020

- Immediate Past President

2020 - 2021

American Telemedicine Association - Member

2016 - Present

Licenses/Certifications

National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

American Heart Association Basic Life Support (BLS) Provider American Heart Association

Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) Provider