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EDUCATION

University of Southern California Los Angeles, CA
Doctor of Pharmacy **1993-1997**

University of Hawaii at Manoa Honolulu, HI
Microbiology Major **1989-1992**

LICENSURE/COMMISSIONS

Registered Pharmacist-California *1997-present*

JOB EXPERIENCE

California State Board of Pharmacy
Inspector **2000-present**

Experienced in performing drug diversion investigations, complaint investigations, probation and PRP monitoring. Experienced in performing audits and interviews, and collecting evidence. Experienced in performing retail and hospital pharmacy inspections, wholesaler and veterinary food animal retailer inspections, and sterile compounding inspections. Collaboration in past with FDA, CDPH, DEA, FBI, HALT, ICE, local law enforcement on investigations and search warrants. Experience in testifying on behalf of Board of Pharmacy.

Hospital-Los Angeles
Clinical Pharmacist-Per Diem **2005-present**

Experience in supervising and overseeing technician work, reviewing physician orders for appropriate use and contraindications, prepare, check and dispense medications. Prepare and check sterile intravenous preparations (compounding). Adjust medications per protocol, participate on code blue teams. Overseeing controlled substance dispersal throughout hospital, policy writing, performing controlled substance reconciliations.

Clinical Pharmacist**1997-2000**

Brotman Medical Center, Midway Hospital, Queen of Angels-Hollywood
Presbyterian Hospital, Norris Cancer Hospital

RELATED TRAINING

National Certified Investigator/Inspector Training (NCIT)/Inspector Basic and Advanced Training (2001 and 2018)

Training on administrative law, investigative process, evidence, interviewing, report writing, testifying, memory retrieval, behavioral analysis, statement and scene analysis, report development.

Critical Point Training (annual)

Overview and training on best practices in sterile compounding, USP 797, USP 800, items such as cleaning, testing, monitoring, calculations, dating, gowning, techniques, competencies, certifications, recordkeeping, etc.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Member, San Gabriel Valley Chapter of California Society of Health System Pharmacists (2012-present)

Talk on diversion from hospital pharmacies-DEA/Board of Pharmacy joint meeting

Licensee education on law updates and changes in pharmacy practice.