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Licenses/Board Affiliations:

State of California License #G-71771 - In good standing.
Lapsed In Good Standing: Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (#009246) - State of Georgia (#32697)
DEA License Number BB2211338 - In good standing.
Diplomate of the National Board of Medical Examiners, Certificate No. 318728
Diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine, Certificate No. 121664, 1994, 2004, 2015
Diplomate of the American Board of Independent Medical Evaluators, ABIME 2000
Diplomate of the American Board of Toxicology, 2012
CA State Certified Qualified Medical Evaluator, Certificate No. 915187
Expert Evaluator, Medical Board of California
Certified Medical Review Officer, Medical Review Officer Certifying Council- 96-01924, 2002
BLS Certified: 5/7/16
ACLS Certified: 6/20/16
UPIN: EO9378
NPI: 1780779371

Education:

1993 - 1998	Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Wisconsin Master of Preventive Health (M.P.H.) Occupational and Environmental Medicine
1985 - 1988	Veterans Administration Hospital Río Piedras, Puerto Rico Internal Medicine Internship/Residency
1981 - 1985	University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine Río Piedras, Puerto Rico M. D., Medicine Honors: <i>Alpha Omega Alpha</i> Class 1st Vice President, 1981-1982
1975 - 1977	University of Puerto Rico Río Piedras, Puerto Rico M. S. Candidate, Biochemistry (all but Thesis completed)
1972 - 1975	University of Puerto Rico Río Piedras, Puerto Rico B. S., Chemistry Honors: <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
1968 - 1972	University of Puerto Rico Río Piedras, Puerto Rico B.A., Art, English Literature Honors: <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>

Medical/Biomedical Experience:

2016- present	Medical Provider , Internal Medicine, Department of Corrections Norco, CA
1995-present	President, OccMed, Inc. Corporate entity that provides occupational medical consulting services, disability evaluations and clinical services in Internal Medicine, Occupational Medicine and Toxicology.
1995-present	President, Nellie Betancourt, MD, Inc.

Provides consulting services in occupational medicine/internal medicine to contract facilities.

1999- 2004 **Medical Director, Risk Assessment and Management - SCRMA**
Upland, CA. Third Party Administrator.

1999- 2001 **Medical Director, US Healthworks- El Monte**
South El Monte, CA. Clinical occupational medical services.

1999-2002 **Medical Director and Principal, OccMed La Puente, Inc.**
La Puente, CA. Clinical occupational medical services. Hospital privileges at Citrus Valley Medical Center, Queen of the Valley, West Covina, CA.

1995- 1997 **Medical Director**
BusinessHealth Network
Bakersfield, CA

1993 - 1995 **Associate Director of Industrial Medicine**
Friendly Hills HealthCare Network
La Habra, California

1994- present **State Certified Qualified Medical Examiner (QME)**
Industrial Medical Council, Workers' Compensation
State designation for the medical-legal evaluation of impairment in the case of Workers' Compensation Injuries or Diseases.

1992 - 1993 **Director of Industrial Medicine**
Hanover Network Industrial Clinic
City of Industry, California

1991-2011 Certified Medical Review Officer (MRO)
Evaluation of laboratory positive drug-screening results. In charge of the preparation of seminars on drug abuse and worksite preventive measures.

1991 - 1992 **Staff physician and Internal Medicine Consultant**
Personal Medical Care Center
Santa Ana, CA

1990 - 1991 **Staff Physician - Occupational Medicine**
Howell Industrial Clinic
Atlanta, Georgia

Howell Industrial Clinic is a multi-center occupational medicine facility providing treatment to approximately 300 injured workers/day. Originally employed as part-time physician in the Re-check area. Promoted to Staff Physician in the Acute Trauma section.

Duties included initial evaluations of 20 to 30 acute trauma patients per day, Internal Medicine consultation services, pre-placement physicals, occupational injury follow-up and on-call hospital work. Minor surgery involving wounds on face, hands and skin also performed. Worked in close contact with two full-time orthopedic surgeons, a neurosurgeon and a general surgeon.

Full staff privileges at Crawford W. Long Memorial Hospital - a unit of Emory University School of Medicine - with special emphasis on the

evaluation of acute occupational injuries such as burns, electrical shock, chemical poisoning, internal medicine conditions and multiple body trauma. Member of the Hospital Medical Ethics Committee.

1990 - 1991

Medical Peer Reviewer - Category I and II Reviews
Georgia Medical Care Foundation
(State Medicare Review Agency)

Reviewer of Internal Medicine cases for the Agency, including Category II reviews, which can involve sanctions against reviewed physicians. Emphasis on the quality of medical care offered by Internal Medicine practitioners in urban and rural areas. Duties included review of Medicare charts for quality of medical care and rating of services provided by hospital facilities, doctors and nursing staff. Nomination of Medical Peer Reviewers is by invitation only.

1980

Private Practice (Internal Medicine)
Atlanta, Georgia

Private Practice in association with Elpidio Feliciano, M.D. Full staff privileges at Crawford W. Long Memorial Hospital (Emory University). In charge of hospital admissions, disability evaluations, clinical Internal Medicine management of private patients admitted to CCU, ICU and General Ward facilities, with subsequent office follow-ups.

1988 - 1990

Private Practice (Internal Medicine)
Ashford Memorial Hospital
San Juan, Puerto Rico

Private Practice with additional hospital responsibilities, including: Consulting Physician to the Emergency Room for Internal Medicine services; Consulting Physician to the Operating Room for medical emergencies; Consulting Physician, Outpatient Surgery Department. Consultant for preoperative medical evaluation for orthopedics, general surgery and ophthalmology subspecialties.

Private office providing general patient care and follow-up. Participated in a special AIDS program serving the community by providing *pro bono* medical care.

Additional responsibilities as Head, Intensive Care Unit, Ashford Memorial Hospital with 300 beds and a 10 bed CCU/ICU unit.
Member, Emergency Room Quality Control Committee.

Management, litigation and consulting experience:

2009-2013

EK Health UR medical reviewer. Second tier utilization review.

2009-present

Expert Witness, St. Croix, USVI. Provided examination, litigation support and testimony in bauxite and asbestos cases.

1998-2002

Medical Consultant & Medical Case Management
MedRight, Santa Monica, CA

Toxicology medical-legal examination. Risk assessment in toxic chemical spills. Asbestos exposure, TCE, Sick Building Syndrome, and other occupationally related exposures.

1991-1992

Senior Project Manager, Consulting Assignment
Cooperative Technologies and Services International

Irvine, California

Management, design, implementation and preparation of project proposals for a company dedicated to the development of projects in the water conservation field.

1981 - 1990

President/CEO, Aroma Coffee Break, Inc.
 San Juan, Puerto Rico

Principal and equity shareholder of the largest and oldest office coffee service supplier on the Island. Responsibilities included: supervision of administrative and financial management, determination of coffee quality, management of personnel, supervision of the marketing function, and sales strategy formulation.

1977 - 1979

President, Governor's Coffee Quality Control Committee for International Coffee Markets
 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico

An appointed position by and for the Governor of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. Responsibilities included: qualitative and quantitative determination of coffee quality available from international markets for consumption within the Island of Puerto Rico. This position required international travel, knowledge of international world trade markets, and government trade policies.

1976 - 1978

President, Puerto Rico Coffee Roasters Association

Responsibilities included administrative management, Public Relations, government regulatory agency liaison for negotiation of rules and regulations affecting the industry.

1975 - 1981

Executive Vice President & General Manager
R. & O. Betancourt, Inc.
 San Juan, Puerto Rico

Third largest coffee roasting plant on the Island; specializing in the institutional, as well as retail coffee market. Responsibilities included: personnel management and collective bargaining negotiations; general administrative and financial planning; coffee quality control; supervision of marketing functions, and government regulatory agency liaison.

Representative Recent Continuing Medical Education:

2016 State of CA QME CME Courses, 12 credits
 2016 Society of Toxicology Convention CE 11 credits. Full Member.
 2015

ACP: MKSAP 17, Gastroenterology and Hepatology	Medical Knowledge	16	09/15/2015
ACP: MKSAP 16, Pulmonary-Critical Care	Medical Knowledge	36	10/15/2014
ACP: MKSAP 16, Gastroenterology & Hepatology	Medical Knowledge	32	10/15/2014
ACP: MKSAP 16, Cardiovascular Medicine	Medical Knowledge	40	10/15/2014
ACP: MKSAP 16, Rheumatology	Medical Knowledge	32	10/15/2014
Healthcare Improvement Skills Center (HISC)	Medical Knowledge	20	09/30/2014
ACP: MKSAP 16, General Internal Medicine	Medical Knowledge	56	08/25/2014
ACP: MKSAP 16, General Internal Medicine	Patient Safety	n/a	08/25/2014

2012 Mid-America Toxicology Course, Curtis D. Klaassen, Ph.D, Director.
 2009 ACOEM Conference in San Diego, CA
 2008 Advanced training in AMA Guides, 5th ed. Rating Guidelines.
 2007 Seminars in Chronic Pain Control
 2006 Bariatric Medicine Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada
 2004 American Board of Bariatric Medicine: New Practitioner Seminar
 2004 American Board of Bariatric Medicine: Western Regional Obesity Course

2004 American Board of Internal Medicine CPD Program: Inpatient Internal Medicine
2004 American Board of Internal Medicine CPD Program: General Internal Medicine
2004 American Board of Internal Medicine CPD Program: Outpatient Internal Medicine
2004 American Board of Internal Medicine CPD Program: Clinical Skills
2004 American Board of Internal Medicine CPD Program: Cardiovascular Disease
2003 Center for Occupational and Environmental Health: Workers Compensation Overview Update
2003 Center for Occupational and Environmental Health: Molds: Health Effects/ Exposure Assessment
2002 Harvard Medical School "Intensive Internal Medicine Review", August 4-11, 2002, Boston, MA
2002 ACMT, (American College of Medical Toxicology), 1st Annual Medical Toxicology Course, April 11-13, Phoenix, AZ.

Seminars Presented:

Evaluating Obesity in the Workers' Compensation Field, 54th Annual Obesity and Associated Conditions Symposium, October 1, 2004, American society of Bariatric Physicians, Orlando, FLA
Toxicology Basics, W/C Forum, Riverside, June 2000
Asbestos: Medical-Legal Aspects: W/C Insurance Hearing Professionals, Buena Park, March 2000
Workers' Compensation Basics for Health Care Professionals, Porterville Developmental Center, CA, April 1999
Repetitive Strain Injuries: the Ergonomics Standard: PIHRA, April, 1998
Preventing Injuries: a proactive approach. Optima HealthCare Network, Los Angeles, Feb 11, 1998.
Managed Care Trends in Occupational Medicine, California State University, Bakersfield, March, 1996
Managed Care Trends in Occupational Medicine (May 95, Newport Beach)
The Medical Review Officer : Protecting Your Business (Nov. 96, Bakersfield)
Post-Offer Preplacement Physicals, California State University, March 1997
Preventive Seminars Series (Cholesterol, Alcohol, Drugs, How to talk to your Doctor in the Managed Care Setting, Breast Cancer, Paramount Farming, Inc. Wellness Program), 1995, 1996 & 1997
The Primary Treating Physician, general treatment protocols, November, 1995, State Compensation Insurance Fund

Memberships:

Society of Toxicology
American College of Medical Toxicology
Alpha Omega Alpha
American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine
American Society of Bariatric Physicians
American College of Physicians

Other Personal Data:

Other Languages: Fluency in spoken, written, technical Spanish
IBM, MacOS Computer Literate

References:

Personal and professional references available upon request.