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| Accomplished, board-certified Interventional Pain Management Physician with substantial experience in providing advanced interventional pain relief techniques and enhancing patient care through innovative procedures. Excel at pain and musculoskeletal evaluation, spinal, peripheral joint and nerve injections under both fluoroscopic, as well as ultrasound and blind including facets, epidurals, and rhizotomies. Adept at translating complex medical information into digestible terms for patients aimed at improving communication and treatment understanding. Detail-oriented and highly analytical in interpreting diagnostic tests and monitoring patient progress. Committed to upholding the highest standards of ethical and professional practice in all interactions. |
| Areas of Expertise  |
| * Patient Evaluations & History Reviews
* Cervical & Lumbar Medial Branch Blocks
* Spinal Cord Stimulator Implantation
* Cervical & Lumbar Rhizotomies
* Interlaminar & Transforaminal Epidurals
 | * Interventional Pain Management
* Electronic Health Records Management
* Fluoroscopic & Ultrasound-Guided Procedures
* Sympathetic Nerve Blocks
* Musculoskeletal & Peripheral Nerve Evaluations
 | * Patient Communication
* Tailored Treatment Plans
* Peripheral Nerve Blocks
* Peripheral Joint Blocks
* Relationship Building
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| Professional ExperiencePain Management of North Dallas, PA, Frisco, TX June 2024 - PresentPain Management PhysicianArthritis Knee Pain Centers, Dallas, TX June 2024 - PresentPain Management PhysicianCreated a Pain management manual, trained mid levels and MAs to properly evaluate patients and assist with basic fluoroscopic guided pain interventions.  |
| Texas Pain Physicians, San Antonio, TXPain Management Physician | December 2023 – March 2024  |
| Manage patient pain through advanced interventional procedures, including spinal, peripheral nerve, and joint treatments. Utilize eClinical Works EHR to document and monitor up to 21 patient cases daily, ensuring accuracy and compliance. Employ medical treatments, tailoring to individual patient needs.* Gained expertise in Intercostal nerve RFA, Sphenopalatine Blocks under Fluoroscopic imaging, and Cluneal nerve RFA.
* Improved communication of complex medical conditions and treatments in understandable terms for patients.
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| Pain Treatment Institute, Frisco & Sherman, TXPain Management Physician | November 2022 — November 2023 |
| Managed an average 18 patients daily, offering personalized pain management care through spinal and peripheral interventions. Learned new techniques, including femoral and obturator nerve blocks, femoral and obturator radiofrequency ablations, and spinal cord stimulator implantations to enhance patient treatment options. Developed proficiency in advanced procedures such as Cluneal nerve blocks, cervical transforaminal epidurals, and one hand surgical knots.* Transitioned medical records manually from eClinical Works to PrognosCis, confirming data integrity and seamless migration of patient information.
* Integrated pain management techniques, including peripheral nerve stimulation trials into patient care plans.
* Performed femoral and obturator blocks and RFAs, improving the quality of life for patients with chronic pain.
* Led the implementation of peripheral nerve stimulation, significantly reducing patient reliance on medication.
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| North Texas Precision Pain Care, Frisco & Sherman, TXPhysician & Administrator | November 2009 — November 2022 |
| Managed sole physician responsibilities at high-volume pain management clinic. Administered peripheral and spinal interventions, including Spinal Cord Stimulation Trials and Kyphoplasty in in-house C-arm suite with anesthesia support. Oversaw average of 38 patient visits daily. Understood variety of pain management techniques, such as Sphenopalatine Nerve Blocks and Intercostal Nerve Blocks, utilizing ultrasound guidance for precision. Maintained meticulous records using eCW and I Patient EHR systems.* Successfully learned and implemented Platelet Rich Plasma Injections, enhancing patient treatment options.
* Performed Discograms to accurately diagnose spinal issues, contributing to more targeted pain management strategies.
* Expanded expertise in musculoskeletal techniques, improving patient outcomes and clinic service offerings.
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| American Pain and Wellness, Plano, TXPain Management Physician | August 2006 — November 2010 |
| Provided spinal and peripheral interventions to manage patient pain, maintaining caseload of 25 patients daily. Mastered EHR systems, specifically Next Gen, for accurate documentation and patient data management. Coordinate comprehensive patient care and optimize treatment outcomes.* Acquired new competencies in cervical radiofrequency ablation (RFA) and began training in spinal cord stimulator (SCS) generator implantation, demonstrating commitment to continuous professional development.

 Genesis Impairment Rating Group, Dallas, Texas April 2010-February 2012 Designated Physician Independent Medical Examinations and Chart ReviewsEvaluated and rated workman’s compensation patients based on Guideline to the Evaluation of the Permanent Impairment Fourth Edition. |
| EducationPain Management Fellowship ACGME, Virginia Commonwealth UniversitySports Medicine Fellowship, Sinai Hospital Medical CenterPhysical Medicine and Rehabilitation Residency, University of WisconsinInternal Medicine, Categorical, Oakwood Medical Center Internal Medicine, Transitional, Long Island Jewish Medical Center Doctor of Medicine, Tel Aviv University Medical School, American ProgramBachelor of Science in Biology, Stonybrook University Bachelor of Science in Psychology, Stonybrook University |
| License & Certifications |
| Pain Management Board Certified, Board of Medical Specialties, Certificate number 796, Expires: Dec 2024 |
| Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Board Certified, Certificate number 7674, Expires: Dec 2024 |
| Medical Licensure, State of Texas, Issued 2006 |
| MembershipsTexas Pain Society, 2012-Present | ASIPP, 2023 | IPSIS Intermittently, Since 2003 |
| Workshops |
| IPSIS, Spinal Cord Stimulator Course, Sep 2023 | Alevio Spine SI-Cure, Pain TEQ, Apr 2023| SIJ Fusion Courses, 2023 | Musculoskeletal Ultrasound, 2019Nevro SCS course, 2019 | Tenex Course, Feb 2019Regenerative Medicine Workshop with US American Association of Orthopedic Medicine, Aug 2018Hydrocision Course, Sep 2014 | Curonix peripheral Nerve Course, Apr 2013Kyphoplasty Course (Kyphon), Nov 2009 | Stryker Decompressor, May 2007International Spinal Injection Society Workshop Imaging workshop, Oct 2006 |

ANS Spinal Cord Stimulator Course, Jun 2006

Principles of Manual Medicine Michigan College of Osteopathic Medicine, Nov 2005

International Spinal Injection Society Workshop Radiofrequency Ablation workshop, Oct 2005

Helms institute for Physicians Acupuncture Training UCLA, Apr 2005 | Impairment Rating Courses, Mar 2005

International Spinal Injection Society Workshop Thoracic Injection Workshop, Jan 2005

Medronic Spinal Cord Stimulator Course, 2004

International Spinal Injection Society Workshop Discogram workshop, Nov 2004

International Spinal Injection Society Workshop Cervical injection workshop, Oct 2004

Disctrode and “Dekompressor” course Stryker, Mar 2004

Medronic course for Fellows Pumps and Stimulators, Nov 2003

Prolotherapy in Honduras Hackett Hemwell Foundation, Feb 2003

International Spinal Injection Society Workshop Lumbar fluoroscopic spinal injections, Jan 2003

Impairment courses:

Designated Doctor and Physician Training Course April 2010

American Academy of Disability Evaluating Physicians