

Curriculum Vitae Addendum
John O'Brien MD FACS

- Born in 1952 in Brooklyn NY, grew up in Staten Island NY.
- Graduated from Manhattan College B.Ch.E. 1974 - Magna Cum Laude
- Graduated Georgetown University Medical School, Wash D.C. 1978
- Enlisted in the Navy Medical Scholarship Program
- Internship in Family Practice at Naval Hospital, Jacksonville, Fla. 1979
- Served as Chief Medical Officer aboard the USS Kalamazoo 1979-1980
- General Surgery Residency Portsmouth Naval Hospital 1980 – 1984
- Resident Teacher of the Year 1984
- Chief of Surgery Naval Hospital Guam, Marianas Islands 1984 – 1986
- Honorable Discharge from US Navy rank of LCDR - 1986
- General Surgeon Elizabethtown Ky. 1986 - 1988 (employed in private practice)
- Started a Solo General Surgery private practice in Newton NJ 1988
- Grew that practice to a multi-surgeon group 1992 - 2009 - served as President
- Trustee on the Board of Directors of Newton Memorial Hospital 2001 – 2008
- Member of Board Finance Committee & Joint Conference Committee.
- Physician Champion in implementing hospital wide EMR (Cerner Systems)
- Negotiated sale of our surgical practice to Newton Memorial Hospital in 2009
- Since then Newton merged with the Atlantic Health System, and I am became Physician Leader of their Surgical Group.
- Appointed Director of Trauma Heber Valley Medical Center 06/2015
- Elected President of the Medical Staff Heber Valley Medical Center – 2017
- Appointed Trustee of Board of Directors Heber Valley Medical Center – 2017
- Appointed to Physician Leadership Council Intermountain Healthcare Inc.
- Board Certified in General Surgery 1985...recertified x 3, and currently certified.
- Managing General Partner of PITFOA, organized construction and sale of a 16,000 sq. ft. Medical Office Bldg.
- AMA Physician Recognition Award - Sussex County Physician of the Year
- Press-Gainey national surveyor 99%tile patient satisfaction scores.
- Operating Room instructor and teacher of OR technicians and RNFA's
- Married with wife Joanne and 4 grown, now independent, children.

Thus, I have been a surgeon in the US Military, here and overseas; been employed in private practice; organized and run my own solo practice; incorporated and employed other surgeons, whom I eventually took on as full partners in a single specialty group; been part owner of a Surgical Center, and a member of a local Community Hospital (for whom I was a Trustee of the Board of Directors for a time), and sold my practice to that hospital, which has now merged with a larger regional entity, for whom I became an employed surgeon (Physician Leader of Surgical Associates of Sussex County), and a member of their Accountable Care Organization. Most recently have been appointed Chief of Surgery, and Director of Trauma Heber Valley Medical Center Intermountain Health System, and President of their Medical Staff, and a Trustee of their Board of Directors.

Through the course of my professional career thus far my practice has been that of a traditional General Surgeon, with up to date skills and credentials that includes:

- hernia repair...simple and complex; open and laparoscopic
- biliary (gallbladder) surgery
- breast surgery
- colorectal and bowel surgery (including appendicitis, and bowel obstructions)
- endoscopy - lower (colonoscopy) ,and upper (esophagogastroduodenoscopy)
- laparoscopic surgery...including advanced biliary (gallbladder) and GI
- trauma - (ATLS & ACLS certified)
- surgical oncology
- wound care and decubitus care
- general thoracic surgery
- vascular and pediatric surgery in the past...but not currently

Additionally, have participated throughout in Peer Review Process; Utilization Review; and Chart reviews for Hospitals and Ambulatory Surgery Center.
Have provided Charity Care in local community for 25+ years

Attended SEAK course on "Disability and File Review" - 2014
Attended SEAK courses on "Medical Expert Witness Practice" - 2014
Attended American Society of General Surgeons "Expert Witness Certification Program" April 11-12, 2003

Have performed numerous medical legal expert chart reviews, and disability file reviews.

Skilled at preparing medical-legal and disability review reports.

Have experience being deposed and testifying at trial in legal cases.

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