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Wound Care and Hyperbaric Medicine

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🎓 EDUCATION

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| 1998-2001 | University of California, Davis Medical Center; Sacramento, California
Resident in Emergency Medicine |
| 1997-1998 | University of California, Davis Medical Center; Sacramento, California
Intern in General Surgery |
| 1993-1997 | New York Medical College; Valhalla, New York
Doctor of Medicine |
| 1989-1993 | University of California, San Diego at Revelle College; La Jolla, California
Bachelor of Arts in Chemistry and Biochemistry |
| 1983-1989 | Flintridge Preparatory School; La Cañada-Flintridge, California
High School Diploma |

🌟 BOARD CERTIFICATION

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| 2018 | Certified Wound Specialist Physician, American Board of Wound Management |
| 2010 | Sub-specialty Certification, Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine
Re-certification 2020 |
| 2008 | Certified Wound Specialist, American Board of Wound Management |
| 2002 | Diplomate, American Board of Emergency Medicine
Re-certification 2012, 2022 |

🏥 HOSPITAL AFFILIATIONS

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| 2008-present | Cottage Health, Santa Barbara, California
Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital, Goleta Valley Cottage Hospital, Santa Ynez Valley Cottage Hospital,
Cottage Rehabilitation Hospital
Wound Care and Hyperbaric Medicine Physician |
| 2001-2010 | Pioneers Memorial Hospital, Brawley, California
Emergency Physician and Wound Care\Hyperbaric Medicine |
| 2002 | Marian Medical Center, Santa Maria, California
Emergency Physician |
| 2001-2002 | Alvarado Hospital Medical Center, San Diego, California
Emergency Physician |
| 2001-2002 | Cottage Health System, Santa Barbara, California
Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital and Goleta Valley Cottage Hospital
Emergency Physician |

ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

2008-2022	Medical Director, inpatient Skin, Wound, and Ostomy Therapy Department Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital and affiliated hospitals
2009-2022	Medical Director, Ridley-Tree Center for Wound Management Goleta Valley Cottage Hospital
2006-2008	Medical Director, California Emergency Physicians Medical Group Pioneers Memorial Hospital
2007-2008	Medical Director, Callexico Rural Health Clinic
2006-2009	Medical Director, Desert Air Ambulance, Inc., Blythe, CA
2004-2006	Assistant Medical Director, California Emergency Physicians Medical Group Pioneers Memorial Hospital
2003-2004	Director of Quality Assurance, California Emergency Physicians Medical Group Pioneers Memorial Hospital
2003-2004	Director of Reimbursement, California Emergency Physicians Medical Group Pioneers Memorial Hospital
2004-2008	EMS Fund Ambassador for Imperial County California Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians

PRACTICE AFFILIATION

2012-present	South Coast Wound Care Associates Managing Partner 2012-present
2001-2010	CEP America Full Partner

HOSPITAL LEADERSHIP

2012-2014	Member of the Medical Executive Committee Goleta Valley Cottage Hospital
2011-2019	Chairman of the Wound Care Collaborative Committee Cottage Health
2008	Chairman of the Medical Staff Quality Committee Pioneers Memorial Hospital
2006-2008	Member of the Medical Executive Committee Pioneers Memorial Hospital
2006-2008	Chairman of the Patient Safety and Quality Committee Pioneers Memorial Hospital

MANAGEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Successfully obtained Disease Specific Certification for Wound Care by The Joint Commission in July 2013 for the Center for Wound Management at Goleta Valley Cottage Hospital. At the time, only 21 hospitals in the nation had obtained this certification. Last recertified in 2022.

Established a multidisciplinary Wound Care Collaborative Committee for the Cottage Health System. This committee discusses complex wound cases as well as cases with a quality of care concern.

Oversaw the expansion of the Center for Wound Management at Goleta Valley with nationally recognized patient satisfaction and healing rates.

The Center for Wound Management at Goleta Valley received the Robert Warriner Center of Excellence Award from Healogics for excellent patient outcomes and wound healing for 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2013, 2010, and 2009.

The Center for Wound Management at Goleta Valley received the Center of Distinction Award from Healogics for excellent patient outcomes and wound healing in 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2013, 2012, 2010, and 2009.

Established a physician led inpatient wound consultation service at Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital in September 2008. At the time, only a few such programs existed.

Established a new outpatient wound care and hyperbaric center at Pioneers Memorial Hospital in 2007.

Supervised and managed a 40,000 visit per year emergency department staffed by 14 Physicians and Physician Assistants from 2004 to 2008. Patient satisfaction scores were consistently above 90 percentile throughout my tenure as medical director of the emergency department.

MEDICAL-LEGAL EXPERT REVIEW

Since 2009, I have reviewed over 100 cases.

I am an expert reviewer for the Medical Board of California.

I have testified as an expert witness at trial for both plaintiffs and defendants, including in civil and criminal court.

I have provided expert consultation on cases involving hospitals, nursing facilities, board and care facilities, home health agencies, physicians, nurses, CNAs, nurse practitioners, podiatrists, and physical therapists.

I have reviewed cases involving pressure ulcers and injury, arterial ulcers, diabetic ulcers, osteomyelitis (bone infection), retained foreign bodies and dressings, post-surgical wounds, wound related sepsis, burns, and others.

I have had clients in multiple states and federal court.

PUBLICATIONS

Verbanic S, **Deacon JM**, Chen IA. The Chronic Wound Phageome: Phage Diversity and Associations with Wounds and Healing Outcomes. [Microbiology Spectrum \(2022\), e02777-21](#)

Verbanic S, Shen Y, Lee J, **Deacon JM**, Chen IA. Microbial predictors of healing and short-term effect of debridement on the microbiome of chronic wounds. [Npj Biofilms and Microbiomes \(2020\)6:21](#)

Verbanic S, Kim CY, **Deacon JM**, Chen IA. Improved single-swab sample preparation for recovering bacterial and phage DNA from human skin and wound microbiomes. [BMC Microbiology \(2019\) 19:214](#)

Sakles JC, **Deacon JM**, Bair AE, Keim SM, Panacek EA. Delayed Complications of Emergency Airway Management: A Study of 533 Emergency Department Intubations. [Western Journal of Emergency Medicine, 9:190-194, November 2008](#)

Deacon JM, Pagliaro AJ, Zelicof SB, Horowitz HW. Prophylactic Use of Antibiotics for Procedures After Total Joint Replacement. [The Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery, 78-A:1755-1770, November 1996](#)

► QUALITY ASSURANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

- 2006-2009 Quality Assurance as Medical Director of Desert Air Ambulance, Inc. My primary role was to review and evaluate the standing medical protocols for the flight nurses and evaluated all cases of concern.
- 2004-2008 Consultant to the Risk Management Department at Pioneers Memorial Hospital. I provided expert opinion on all cases referred to the Risk Management Department from either claims made or confidential report.
- 2006-2008 Chairman of the Patient Safety and Quality Committee at Pioneers Memorial Hospital.
- 2008 Chairman of the Medical Staff Quality Committee at Pioneers Memorial Hospital.
- 2003-2008 Director of Quality Assurance at Pioneers Memorial Hospital.

🏆 AWARDS AND HONORS

Post Residency

- 2015 Physician of the Year, Cottage Rehabilitation Hospital
- Fellow of the American College of Certified Wound Specialists
- Fellow of the American Academy of Emergency Medicine
- Fellow of the American College of Emergency Physicians

Residency

- Resident Research Award

Medical School

- Alpha Omega Alpha
- The Samuel Spiegel, M.D., Memorial Award - Most outstanding graduating medical student
- The Dr. and Mrs. David Harrison Scholarship Award - Second highest academic standing
- The Irving Weinstein Foundation Scholarship Award - Academic excellence
- The New York Medical College Trustees' Scholarship Award - Academic excellence
- Cor et Manus - Award of distinction for service to the medical college and community
- The Maurice M. Black, M.D., Memorial Award - Most outstanding student in pathology
- The Eileen H. Pike, Ph.D., Memorial Award - Most outstanding student in microbiology
- The Department of Orthopedic Surgery Award - Most outstanding student in orthopedic surgery
- The American Society of Clinical Pathologist's Award - Highest achievement in pathology

Other

- Eagle Scout Award

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Microbiome studies of wounds, 2016-2022: I was a co-investigator with Dr. Irene Chen at UCSB to determine the bacterial and viral flora of wounds.

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Introduction to Hyperbaric Medicine and Problem Wound Management.
The Woodlands, Texas, February 2007

LICENSURE

State of California, License Number – A66064

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