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Career Objective and Profile

I am a focused, detail-oriented, and knowledgeable medical professional with a strong background in clinical therapeutics and critical analysis. In seeking a medical writing position, my relevant experience includes document management of many complex writing projects, including medical publications and journal submissions. In addition, I am skilled at leading, collaborating and communicating effectively with co-workers, vendors, patients, and members of management. In order to maintain my professional competence, I strive to stay informed of current medical developments and scientific literature.

Education

- **Doctor of Physical Therapy**, Morsani School of Medicine, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

Doctoral thesis written on Rhabdomyolysis (currently being considered for journal publication).

Abstract: This thesis utilized case report study design to present the physical therapy interventions used to regain strength and function in a patient with diagnosis of Rhabdomyolysis. Little in the available literature was found during the course of research, primarily through PubMed and the USF Shimberg Library, to directly link physical therapy interventions to treatment and medical outcomes. As such, this case report provided a novel approach to the therapeutic treatment of Rhabdomyolysis.

- **Bachelor of Science, Physical Therapy**, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC

Publications

Remote Screening for Diabetes Gets Closer; published in Endocrineweb.com, March 2017

Clinical Dilemmas in Diabetes, Role of the Striatum in Obesity, and Can We Suppress Sugar Cravings; all published in Endocrinologynetwork.com, April 2017

Membership Affiliations and Training

- **American Medical Writers Association (AMWA) and Florida Chapter; member of the AMWA National Conference speaker selection committee, 2017**
 - **Certification in Essential Skills, 2015**
 - **The Role of the Regulatory Writer: an understanding of regulatory documents and their contents, 2016**
- **American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) and Florida Chapter**
 - **Certification in Vestibular Rehabilitation**

Professional Experience and Skills

- Certified white paper writer with certification from AWAI, November 2023. Completed sample upon request.
- Freelance medical writer for regulatory affairs specialist: topics on nephrectomy, fibromyalgia, diabetes, and neuropathic pain. Responsible for writing journal submissions from clinical studies on diabetes management, panic disorder, and therapeutic gait analysis.
- Internship with Patti Peeples, PhD, HealthEconomics.com, Jan-May 2018 to assist with medical writing for Yoga4Change research study and subsequent article publication.
- Covered Endo 2017 in Orlando, FL for Northcutt Consulting by providing research briefs of key presentations: “Diabetes and Weight Gain”, “FGF21 Regulates Sugar Preference” and “Clinical Dilemmas and Outcomes in Diabetes”.
- 5-10+ years medical writing experience.
- Document management.
- Microsoft Word 2016, with specific Microsoft Office training, Jan. 2017
- Adobe and Acrobat
- Dropbox
- Familiarity with MEDDEV guidelines and recent updates for medical device regulation and clinical evaluation.
- Freelance medical editor for Linc Science in Japan with focus on journal abstract/article editing and formatting clinical research for journal publication.
- Audio recordings for Linc Science for Japanese researchers perfecting their spoken English for scientific presentations.
- 2017 AMWA Annual Conference Committee member.
- Presentations attended at the 2017 AMWA conference included beginning and intermediate HEOR writing, including ISPOR publication guidelines.
- Completed the HEOR Webinar series, including topics on the Fundamentals of HEOR writing, HEOR Study Design, Comparative Effectiveness and Real-World Evidence Research, and Writing Effective AMCP Dossiers. Provided by HealthEconomics.com.
- 30+ years of experience in directly managing complex physical therapy cases with a concentration on patient management, staff supervision and federal/state standards compliance.

- Played a lead role in the design and implementation of the VNA vestibular treatment program: wrote database inclusion, identified decision makers, marketed physicians, and developed treatment strategies and goals.
- Supervised cross-functional teams within healthcare environments, and maintained positive rapport with patients, physicians and other health care professionals.
- Taught physical therapy related coursework at the college level, requiring the planning and creation of unique lesson plans, in addition to providing individualized student instruction.
- Possess superior writing skills with a background in technical writing (medical focus), proof-reading/editing and complex material comprehension:
 - Researched and sole-authored doctoral paper as noted above.
 - Contributed to the development, writing, and execution of hospital rehabilitation department policies and procedures manual to ensure compliance with JCAHO and Medicare guidelines.
 - Performed strategic planning and writing of hospital rehabilitation department programs and annual goals.
- Exceptional knowledge and understanding of medical information on the musculoskeletal, neuromuscular, cardiovascular, and vestibular systems, as well as stroke risk reduction and hypertension.
- Extensive knowledge of American Medical Association and The Council of Biology Editors style guides.
- Skilled in using Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, Adobe Reader, PubMed, online medical textbooks, and the Cochrane database.
- Understanding and regular use of AI tools, including Perplexity, Claude 3.5 Sonnet, and ChatGPT-4 for ideation, headlines, outlines, and research/sources. Understanding of AI limitations and best practices.

Employment

- **Self-employed freelance medical writer**, January 2016-Present
- **Adjunct Professor-PTA Program**, Indian River State College, Ft. Pierce, FL, June 2015-Present
- **Physical Therapist/Case Manager**, VNA of the Treasure Coast, Vero Beach, FL, July 2009-Present
- **Physical Therapist Director**, Sebastian Medical Associates/Vero Orthopedics, January 2005-July 2009
- **Physical Therapist**, Longevity Rehab, Vero Beach, FL, January 2001-January 2004
- **Physical Therapist**, Sebastian River Medical Center, January 1999-January 2001

References

Available upon request.