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Career Summary

I am a practicing Doctor of Physical Therapy with over eight years of diverse clinical experience in rehabilitation services. My career has spanned a range of settings, including inpatient rehabilitation, outpatient orthopedics, neurological care, home health, and pediatric early intervention. These roles have honed my expertise in patient evaluation, treatment planning, and interdisciplinary collaboration, particularly in complex cases involving spinal cord injuries, post-surgical recovery, and developmental delays.

In recent years, I have focused on transitioning from clinical settings to a specialized role in litigation support services within the physical therapy and rehabilitation field. My extensive background in clinical practice, combined with leadership roles in clinic operations and data analysis, positioned me well to be a strong asset in the physical therapy field.

I bring a strong understanding of industry standards, clinical documentation, and safe patient handling practices, which are critical to evaluating compliance and identifying discrepancies in legal contexts.

Throughout my career, I have demonstrated a commitment to advancing the physical therapy profession. As a clinic director, I successfully grew caseloads and improved operational efficiency through data-driven strategies. My ability to translate complex medical concepts into actionable insights has been a consistent strength, which I am now leveraging to support attorneys and legal teams in cases involving physical therapy and rehabilitation standards. My goal is to bring clarity and accuracy to these cases, fostering a deeper understanding of clinical processes and their implications.

This career shift allows me to serve a new client population while continuing to have a strong impact on the industry. I am passionate about applying my skills in education, research, and clinical practice to help shape the evolving intersection of physical therapy and litigation.

Professional Experience

Montefiore New Rochelle Hospital February 2024 – Present

Inpatient Acute Care and Post-Operative Rehabilitation, Bronx, NY

- Primary evaluating therapist for orthopedic elective joint replacement surgeries. Followed strict post-operative protocols and enforced clear patient education on reducing fall risk, proper exercise parameters, prescription of appropriate durable medical equipment, and establishing appropriate discharge disposition.
- Transitioned to primary therapist for outpatient orthopedics physical therapy department.
 Utilized medical interpreters and software for various ethnicities and cultures represented due to a highly diverse patient population.

Hunterdon Medical Center June 2023 – December 2023

Hospital Outpatient Orthopedics, Flemington, NJ

- Managed a diverse caseload in a hospital-based orthopedic outpatient setting.
- Delivered care for orthopedic and neurological diagnoses, including adult cerebral palsy, Parkinson's disease, and stroke.
- Patient populations also included post-operative care, chronic pain management, and musculoskeletal rehabilitation.
- Collaborated with interdisciplinary teams to optimize patient recovery and holistic care delivery.

Americare Therapy Services April 2023 – June 2023

Home Health, Bronx/Mount Vernon/New Rochelle, NY

- Provided in-home physical therapy services for patients under Medicare and private insurance. Patient populations included older adults, amputees, stroke, dementia, congestive heart failure.
- Completed OASIS assessments, which is a key component of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) partnership with the home care industry.
 - Collects information about a patient's clinical condition, comorbidities, physical and mental state, functional status, living situation, health care needs, socio-demographic variables, and health service utilization
 - OASIS data is used to Identify areas for improving patient care, determine payment, measure patient outcomes for outcome-based quality improvement (OBQI), collect social determinants of health data, and calculate standardized quality measures across post-acute care (PAC) settings

NY Physical Therapy and Wellness November 2021 – June 2023

Clinic Director/Physical Therapist, Bronx, NY

- Clinic director for a new private outpatient orthopedic clinic location, growing caseload from 5 visits/week to 100 visits/week during its first year, earning the Best of the Bronx Award (2022).
- Prepared quarterly Profit-and-Loss reports and implemented data-driven strategies for staffing, marketing, and productivity.

• Delivered high quality care under Medicare, Worker's Compensation, and No-Fault insurance, in addition to orthopedic, neurological, and pediatric populations.

IU Health Bloomington Hospital June 2016 – November 2021

Inpatient Rehabilitation, Bloomington, IN

- Specialized in spinal cord injuries, neurological rehabilitation, and orthopedic recovery.
- Head of committee to reduce patient falls and conducted staff training on safe patient handling techniques.
- Primary therapist to give employee and caregiver training for appropriate use of mechanical hoyer lifts, powerchairs, and durable medical equipment due to thoroughness of understanding appropriate standards of care.
- Served as an APTA Credentialed Clinical Instructor, mentoring multiple doctoral student physical therapists for clinical rotations.

Clinical Education

Outpatient Orthopedics | Sidney and Lois Eskenazi Hospital, Indianapolis, IN January – May 2016

- Gained experience in occupational health, Worker's Compensation, and wound care management.
- Collaborated with clinic directors to expand internship opportunities to Horizon House and Pedigo Clinic, enhancing care for unhoused populations by setting up a new physical therapy section of an interdisciplinary health care center. Provided pro-bono evaluations, treatment plans, and exercise programs as well as handed out supplies to unhoused communities in the surrounding Indianapolis neighborhoods.
- Designed student objectives, competency forms, billing templates, and patient education handouts for future physical therapy students to continue the physical therapy section in the health center.

Pediatrics | Witham Memorial Hospital, Lebanon, IN August – October 2015

- Provided therapy in developmental preschools, elementary schools, and outpatient clinics.
- Diagnosed and treated conditions like Down syndrome, autism, cerebral palsy, chromosomal abnormalities, and general developmental delay.
- Consulted on orthotics and classroom equipment for children with special needs.

Inpatient Rehabilitation | *VA Medical Center, Memphis, TN* June – August 2015

 Completed ASIA spinal cord injury assessments, also known as the "American Spinal Injury Association" exam, which meticulously assesses both motor and sensory function across different spinal cord segments to determine the level of injury and the degree of impairment.

- The ASIA assessment is crucial for guiding treatment planning, monitoring recovery progress, and comparing data across different studies related to spinal cord injuries.
- Provided physical therapy to veterans with acute and chronic spinal cord injuries, advanced scoliosis, and respiratory complications related to level of injury.
- Provided advanced ultralight wheelchair mobility training including negotiating up/down curbs, up/down flights of stairs, and recovery from the floor while in the wheelchair.

Outpatient Orthopedics | Winchester Medical Center, Winchester, VA October – December 2014

- Developed manual therapy skills for cervical and lumbar radiculopathy in a clinic specialized in Mechanical Diagnosis and Treatment, also called the McKenzie Method, for treatment of spinal and extremity orthopedic injuries.
- Provided aquatic physical therapy and exercise programs to adults with fibromyalgia, post-surgical management, and pediatric neurological conditions such as Rett syndome.

Physical Therapy Licenses

- Currently holds active physical therapy license to practice in the following states:
 - o California, New York, New Jersey, Indiana, Oregon
- Previously held active physical therapy license to practice in the following states:
 - o Virginia

Certifications

- APTA Credentialed Clinical Instructor
- American Heart Association Basic Life Support through September 2027

Documentation Systems Experience

- Proficient in the following electronic medical record (EMR) software:
 - o Epic
 - WebPT
 - Allscripts
 - Cerner
 - Home Care Home Base

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