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**Relevant
Experience**

- Thirty-three years' experience in health care as a family practitioner and in administrative medicine.
- I serve as the Local Health Authority for Bastrop County and provide medical leadership for the county's response to the COVID-19 pandemic including planning and maintaining a free test site for Bastrop County residents, oversight of a Vaccine Planning Taskforce and guidance to local policy makers, schools, long term care facilities and business. I provide advice on strategic planning for mitigation of the spread of COVID-19, monitoring of mitigation tactics, issuing Quarantine and Isolation Orders and updating local providers on guidance and therapeutics developments. I make public addresses and statements to the media. I actively foster relationships within collaborations to ensure consistent messaging and purpose in the response.
- Advocate for improved access to and improved quality of health care for the uninsured, underinsured and indigent members of the community.
- Serve as Medical Director of A+ Lifestyle Medical Group, Lincoln Clinic, Bastrop Sleep Lab.
- Medical Director, Smithville Community Clinic 2018
- Medical Missionary Licensed Minister for Sheppard of the Hills Christian Church participating in worldwide medical mission trips to Central & South America, Asia and Africa 2008
- Serve as Director of Quality Assurance at Smithville Regional Hospital.
- Served as Chief of Staff of Smithville Regional Hospital 1998-2001
- Served as Presidential Appointee to the FDA Generic Drug Advisory Committee 1994-1997
- Preceptor for Physician Assistant and Nurse Practitioners Students from the University of Texas at San Antonio and University of Pennsylvania
- I served as a gubernatorial appointee to the Texas Department of Corrections Managed Health Committee responsible for oversight of an annual budget of million dollars.
- As a director of a very busy JACHO accredited outpatient multi-specialty Clinic, I manage, and oversee a staff of 25 health care providers in accordance with JACHO standards.
- While serving as Clinic Medical Director at the House of Ruth Homeless Shelter for Women, Washington, D.C., I provided direct medical care to women suffering from HIV and AIDS. I also was involved in program developments for patient education and patient compliance.

Employment	Private Multispecialty Practice in rural Texas seeing families in clinic, hospital and nursing homes.	<i>1994-present</i>
	Director Bastrop Sleep Lab overseeing the lab, management, marketing and patient care. Actively through speeches in the community, educating patients and physicians about sleep disorders and their impact on health.	<i>2005-present</i>
	Director Primary Care Capitol Hill Medical Center, Washington, D.C.	<i>1993-1994</i>
	Consultant Alliance to End Childhood Lead Poisoning, Washington, D.C.	<i>1992-1994</i>
	Clinical Medical Director for the Homeless Project providing patient care and education to homeless women in the House of Ruth Madison Shelter, Washington, D.C.	<i>1992-1993</i>

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Education	Acadia University, Nova Scotia, Canada – Bachelor of Science, Honors Major-Biology, Honors Thesis-Carbonic Anhydrase in the Toad Bufo Marinus, L.
	University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta Canada – Experimental Medicine – Cardiovascular Science
	University of Houston, Houston, Texas – Post Baccalaureate Studies Physics
	University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, Texas – Medical Degree and Basic Research Activity
	Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas – Surgical Internship
Community Involvement	The county where I practice has a large population of indigent, uninsured, underinsured, and undocumented creating a substantial demand upon the health care resources available. In response to this need I created a non-profit entity in 1999 named the Lincoln Clinic whose mandate is to serve this segment of the population. In the past decade, the Lincoln Clinic has provided and continues to provide medical care to thousands of citizens of Bastrop County who otherwise would not have received medical care through the traditional health care delivery systems.
Honors & Awards	Point of Light Award for Lincoln Clinic – Bastrop Chamber of Commerce
	Women of the Year 2000 – Bastrop Chamber of Commerce
	President's Award – Barbados association of greater Houston
	Unsung Heroes Award – Congressional Black Caucus
	Kemper Scholarship – 1982 National Institute of Health Student Fellowship, 1994

Professional Memberships	<p>Texas Medical Association 1982 – Present</p> <p>American Board of Physician Specialists 1997 to Present</p> <p>Student National Medical Association 1982-1986</p> <p>American Medical Women’s Association 1982-1990</p> <p>American Surgical Association 1986-1990</p> <p>CHI Medicosurgical Society 1993-1994</p> <p>National Organization for Women 1990-1997</p> <p>National Medical Association 1986-1987; 2014-Present</p>
Board Memberships	<p>National Sleep Foundation Board Member – Washington, DC 2017</p> <p>Sleep Inc. Board Member – Washington, DC 2017</p> <p>Early Childhood Advisory Committee Chair – Bastrop, Texas 2017</p> <p>Austin Black Physicians Association Chair Fundraising Committee – Austin, Texas 2017</p> <p>Advisory Board Member Alliance to End Childhood Lead Poisoning - Washington , DC</p> <p>Advisory Board Member to Earl Institute for Social and Economic Policy – Houston, Texas</p> <p>Advisory Board Member to Emergency and Resource Center for the Homeless – Houston, Texas</p> <p>Advisory Board for the Lombardi Gala - Washington , DC</p> <p>Community Advisory Board for the Metropolitan DC Response for the Women’s Interagency HIV Study</p> <p>The Secretary of Health and Human Services Task Force for the National Action Plan on Breast Cancer</p> <p>Co-Director of ICU Smithville Regional Hospital 2001-2004</p> <p>President of the Board of Directors of the Bastrop County Emergency Food Pantry 1996-2001</p> <p>Board Chair of the Texas Medical Partners for Violence Free Communities 199-2002</p> <p>Central Texas Coalition for Indigent Healthcare Committee Member</p> <p>Member Congressional Black Caucus Spouses 1990-1994</p>

