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### **Present position:**

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### **Education:**

1977 Bachelor of Science (Pharmacy), University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin

1979 Doctor of Pharmacy, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota

#### Residency:

ASHP Accredited- Hospital Pharmacy Practice
1979-1980The Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital (Currently Bassett Healthcare)
Columbia University, Cooperstown, New York
Residency Director: ————, Pharm.D.

## Fellowship:

Pharmacokinetics/Psychiatry 1980-1981St. Paul-Ramsey Medical Center (Currently Regions Medical Center) and University of Minnesota, St. Paul, Minnesota Fellowship Advisor-

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# **Professional Experience**

# Clinical Practice Activities:

1981-1983	Clinical/Research Pharmacist, St. Paul-Ramsey Medical Center (Psychotherapeutics/Pharmacokinetics)					
1982-1983	Clinical Consultant and Chief Pharmacist, Mental Health Unit, Minnesota Correctional Facility, Oak Park Heights, Minnesota					
1983-1985	Clinical Pharmacist, Department of Ophthalmology, Jniversity of Illinois at Chicago - Health Sciences Center					
1985-1995	Clinical Pharmacist, Albany Medical Center Hospital. Areas of care included psychiatry drug information, clinical pharmacokinetics, infectious diseases, general pharmacoherapeutics.					
Teaching Ex	perience:					
1977-1978	Instructor, Clinical Pharmacy and Therapeutics, College of Pharmacy, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota.					
1979	Instructor, Ocular Pharmacology Course, Ophthalmology Technologist School, St. Paul-Ramsey Medical Center St. Paul, Minnesota					
1980-1981	Instructor, Clinical Pharmacy and Therapeutics, College of Pharmacy, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota.					
1981-1983	Instructor, Pharmacology for Respiratory Therapists. St. Paul-Ramsey Medical Center and Technical Vocational Institute, St. Paul, Minnesota.					
1981-1983	Assistant Professor, College of Pharmacy, University of Minnesota.					
1981-1983	Faculty, Institute for Clinical Application of Pharmacokinetics, St. Paul-Ramsey Medical Center, St. Paul, Minnesota.					
1983-1985	Assistant Professor, College of Pharmacy, University of Illinois, Chicago, Illinois.					
1984	Instructor, Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Review Course, Chicago, Illinois.					
1985-1998	Instructor, Psychopharmacology course, Psychiatry Residency Program, Albany Medical Center.					
1985-Presen	t Clinical Associate Professor, Albany College of Pharmacy.					
1985-Presen	Instructor Albany Medical College- Ophthalmic Pharmacology Pain management, Real world Medicine course.					

### Administrative and other Professional Experience:

Staff Pharmacist, St. Paul - Ramsey Medical Center St Paul, Minnesota
 Clinical pharmacist, St Paul Ramsey Medical Center, St. Paul, Minnesota
 Chief Pharmacist, Oak Park Heights Correctional Facility, Minnesota Department of Corrections, Oak Park Heights, Minnesota.
 Assistant Director of Pharmacy for Clinical Services, Albany Medical Center Hospital, Albany, New York
 Director of Pharmacy, Albany Medical Center
 Director of Clinical Pharmacy Services, Pharmacy Residency Director, Patient Care Service Director, Albany Medical Center

## Major Current Committee Positions

Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee- Vice Chair Medication Use Operations Committee- Co Chair Antibiotic Committee- Vice Chair Joint Commission Readiness Center Operations Anticoagulation practices Group

### **ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Member. FDA Drug Safety and Risk Management (DSARM) Committee 2006- present

Member Joint Commission Medication Safety Advisory Group 2006- present

American Society of Health Systems Pharmacy Excellence in Medication Safety Award selection committee.

Editorial Board. ISMP Nurse Advis-ERR monthly newsletter. Institute for Safe Medication Practices

Co-Chair Medication Safety Committee New York State NYPORTS (New York Patient Occurrence Reporting and Tracking System)

Editor and contributing author, Albany Medical Center Formulary. Published yearly copy available upon request

Consultant/author with the New York State Department of Professions regarding the development of legislation permitting Optometrists to prescribe therapeutic medications.

Advisory Board: Development of "Pathways for Medication Safety" Looking at Risk Collectively the Commonwealth Fund and the Health Research and Education Trust in conjunction with the American Hospital Association. Available at www.aha.org

Advisory Board: AHRQ CERT: Drug – Laboratory Interface University of Illinois, College of Pharmacy

#### Reviewer:

JAMA
Pediatrics
Journal of Pediatrics
Mayo Clinic Proceedings
Lancet
British Medical Journal
J General Internal Medicine
American Journal of Health systems Pharmacists
AHFS Drug Information
ASHP Meeting Abstracts
American Pharmacy
Hospital Pharmacy
Handbook of Nonprescription Drugs 10th ed, 11th ed
Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy

ACCP Pharmacology Self Assessment Program (PSAP)

## **Invited Presentations: Over 150 invited presentations**

Drug Safety

### (Notable Recent National Presentations)

Organizing for Optimal Medication Use. American Society of Health Systems Pharmacy Summer Meeting. Seattle. June 2008 (invited lecture)

Improving Patient Safety by Enhancing Container Labeling of Parenteral Infusion Drug Products. Pharmacists Perspective. National Institutes of Health, Bethesda Md. Jan 11, 2007 (available at: <a href="http://www.fda.gov/cder/meeting/parenteral/lesar.pdf">http://www.fda.gov/cder/meeting/parenteral/lesar.pdf</a>)

"Improving Safety of Insulin Use in Hospitals"- Institute for Safe Medication Practices. Am Society of Health- care System Pharmacists Clinical Midyear Meeting, Las Vegas Dec 2006

Medication Errors"- New York State Department of Health Working together- Partnering for Patient Safety Conference. Albany, NY. Mach 2006

"Suffering Suffixes" How drug name extensions lead to error and some suggestions for improvement. NCCMERP October 2005 Northbrook Terrace, II

Meeting the 2005 National Patient Safety Goals Challenge: Avoiding dangerous abbreviations and errors caused by look-alike drug names. Institute for Safe Medication Practices Teleconference Michael Cohen, Robert Catalano, Timothy Lesar. Feb 2005

Eliminating Reliance on the Rule of Six for Dosing in Neonatal and Pediatric Care. Teleconference Institute for Safe Medication Practices Teleconference. Timothy Lesar,, Amy Mitchell and Pat Sommo. 2004

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## **Professional Organizations**

American Society of Health-care System Pharmacists

#### Honors:

- 2003 Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP) "Cheers" Award presented at the Annual ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting, December 2003, New Orleans. (As part of the NE VHA Medication Error Prevention Initiative)
- 2001 Honorable Mention New York State / AHRQ Award For Patient Safety Programs in Hospitals
- 2000 Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP) "Cheers" Award presented at the Annual ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting, December 2000, Las Vegas.
- 2000 Finalist, 2000 Abbott National Hospital Pharmacy Quality Award. "Design and Implementation of a Pediatric Standardized Medication delivery System" Award presented at the Annual ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting, December 2000, Las Vegas.
- 1998American Society of Hospital Pharmacists Foundation. The 1998 Award for Achievement in the Professional Practice of Hospital Pharmacy for the Publication "Medication Prescribing Errors in a Teaching Hospital: a 9 year experience" (JAMA 1998).
- 1998Finalist, 1998 Abbott National Hospital Pharmacy Quality Award. "Reducing Prescribing Errors" Award presented at the Annual ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting, Las Vegas.
- 1993Finalist, 1993 Abbott National Hospital Pharmacy Quality Award. "Detection and Documentation of Prescribing Errors" Award presented at the 28th Annual ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting, Atlanta Dec. 5.

- 1991American Society of Hospital Pharmacists Foundation. The 1991 Award for Achievement in the Professional Practice of Hospital Pharmacy for the Publication "Medication Prescribing Errors in a Teaching Hospital" (JAMA 1990).
- Employee Recognition Award May 1989. Albany Medical Center
- M.S.D. Recognition Award for Contributions to Professional Practice.
- S.K.F. Award for Outstanding Achievement in Clinical Pharmacy, University of Minnesota
- M.S.D. Outstanding Student Award, University of Wisconsin
- RHO CHI Honor Society, (President 1976-77) University of Wisconsin School of Pharmacy.
- PHI KAPPA PHI Honor Society, University of Wisconsin 1976-77

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