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## EMPLOYMENT

2013-present	<b>Akron Children's Hospital</b> <i>Staff Psychiatrist, Neurodevelopmental Science Center (NDSC)</i> <i>Physiatry Division Resident and Student Education Director</i> <i>Spasticity Clinic Director</i> <i>Traumatic Brain Injury Clinic Physician</i>	<b>Akron, OH</b>
2018-2019	<i>Myelodysplasia Clinic Co-Director</i>	

## BOARD CERTIFICATIONS

12/2013	Pediatric Rehabilitation Medicine Certification
7/2012	American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Diplomate

## LICENSURE

State Medical Board of Ohio license number 35.121903

## EDUCATION

2011-2013	<b>Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare</b> <i>Pediatric Rehabilitation Medicine fellowship</i>	<b>Saint Paul, MN</b>
2008-2011	<b>MetroHealth Rehabilitation Institute of Ohio</b> <i>PG 2-4 Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation residency</i>	<b>Cleveland, OH</b>
2007-2008	<b>MetroHealth Medical Center/ Case Western Reserve University</b> <i>PG 1 transitional year</i>	<b>Cleveland, OH</b>
2003-2007	<b>Wayne State University School of Medicine</b> <i>Doctor of Medicine, conferred June 2007</i>	<b>Detroit, MI</b>
2001-2003	<b>University of Michigan School of Public Health</b> <i>Master of Public Health, conferred April 2003</i>	<b>Ann Arbor, MI</b>
1997-2001	<b>University of Michigan</b> <i>Bachelor of Science in Chemistry, conferred April 2001</i>	<b>Ann Arbor, MI</b>

## **RESEARCH/QUALITY IMPROVEMENT EXPERIENCE**

- 2017-present *A PHASE IV, PROSPECTIVE, OBSERVATIONAL, MULTICENTRE STUDY EVALUATING THE EFFICACY AND SAFETY OF DYSPORT® (ABOBOTULINUMTOXIN A) IN PAEDIATRIC LOWER LIMB SPASTICITY DYSPORT Protocol No.: A-US-52120-330*
- 2014-present *Investigation of Quality of life, Functional Outcome, and Family Experience Following Participation in a Multidisciplinary Spasticity Clinic*
- 2017-2018 *Increasing the Use of Vitamin D and DEXA Scans in High Risk Patient Populations According to Standardized Guidelines*
- 2014-2016 *Toe-Walking in Physiatry Practice*
- 2012-2013 *Improving the Efficiency of Daily Nursing Report*
- 2012-2013 *Ultrasound Characteristics of the Median Nerve in Typically Developing Children*
- 2011-2013 *Catheter Access Port Aspiration for Intrathecal Baclofen Withdrawal*  
Poster presented at AACPDM Annual Meeting in Toronto, ON, September 2012
- 2011-2013 *Bed Rest After Intrathecal Baclofen Pump Surgery*
- 2009-2010 *Transcutaneous Peroneal Nerve Stimulation for Footdrop in Incomplete Spinal Cord Injury*  
Poster presented at AAPM&R Annual Assembly in Seattle, WA, November 2010

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- 2009 Frost F, Najarian CR. Spinal Orthoses. In Kirshblum S, Campagnolo D (eds): *Spinal Cord Medicine*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition. Lippincott, 2011.

## **GRAND ROUNDS**

- 12/2014 *Multimodal Approaches for Long-Term Management of Mild Traumatic Brain Injury in Children*
- 3/2013 *Ultrasound for Guided Botulinum Toxin Injections*
- 6/2012 *Identification and Management of Intrathecal Baclofen Withdrawal*
- 3/2011 *A Survey of Pharmacologic and Surgical Treatments for the Management of Spasticity in Cerebral Palsy*

## **SELECTED PRESENTATIONS**

*Cerebral Palsy*  
*Hypotonia*  
*Inpatient Rehabilitation for Traumatic Brain Injury*  
*Lower Limb Orthoses*  
*Pediatric Traumatic Brain Injury*

## **HOSPITAL COMMITTEES**

- 2019-present *Physiatry Division Quality Improvement Liaison*
- 2015-present *Trauma Program Operational Process Performance Committee*
- 2014-present *Neurodevelopmental Science Center Education Committee*

2015-2018 Quality Assurance Performance Improvement Representative  
*Pediatric Subspecialty Cluster*

**HOSPITAL ACTIVITIES**

2018 Spinal Cord Injury Care Pathway for Neurogenic Bowel and Bladder  
2015 Day Rehabilitation Program TBI Workgroup  
2014 Selective Dorsal Rhizotomy Workgroup

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Academy for Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Medicine  
2017-present *Lifespan Committee Member*  
American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

**VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES**

2018-present	Adaptive Sports Program of Ohio <i>Member, Board of Directors</i>	<b>Dalton, OH</b>
2019-2020, 2014-2017	NDSC Ski Day	<b>Northfield, OH</b>
2012-2013	Gillette Ski Day	<b>Burnsville, MN</b>