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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ■ Providence, RI, USA

Chief Administrative Officer, Rhode Island Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline  
Medical Director COVID unit

Medical Director Division of Customer Services; Medical Director for the Division of Policy, Information, and Communications, Medical Director Drug Overdose Prevention Program 2/2012-present

- Provide strategic direction and tactical oversight of State Medical Board of Rhode Island for all matters pertaining to Physician licensure and discipline
- Medical Director for states response regarding pandemic caused by SARS-CoV2
- Course Director for weekly CME -Pandemic Update for Providers
- Course Director for several CME's regarding responsible prescribing, overdose and prevention
- Medical Director for medical marijuana
- Subject matter expertise in areas of professional discipline: boundary violations, inappropriate controlled substance prescribing, quality of care reviews, documentation and more
- Critical involvement developing all policy, coordination, execution, and efficient operation of all activities
- Function as lead for public health projects that involve legislative and public impact
- Lead team that revised Physician Rules and Regulations for Rhode Island
- Lead Team that created, implemented Rules and Regulations for Pain Management and Controlled Substances
- Many Public presentations on Controlled Substance prescribing, Overdose deaths and Professionalism
- Oversees licensing for Physicians, Physician Assistants and Podiatrists.
- Chief Administrative Officer for Board of Registration for Physician Assistants and Chief Administrative Officer for Board of Examiners in Podiatry
- Course Director for various Category 1 Approved CME events
- Liaison with Rhode island Physician Health Committee
- Member Rhode Island Medical Reserve Corps: Participant in Public Health Emergencies

### GENERAL PEDIATRICIAN DAY KIMBALL MEDICAL GROUP ■ Plainfield, CT, USA

- Provide clinical care encompassing all aspects of outpatient general pediatrics. Special interest in Attention Deficit Disorder and Autism (1 day per week) 9/ 2012-present
- Active Staff Day Kimball Hospital

### NAVAL HEALTH CLINIC NEW ENGLAND ■ Newport, RI, USA

#### Director Health Services

2008–2012

- Provide direct supervision to more than 500 professionals with varying clinical skills, including physicians, nurses, and support staff in various departments, including Primary Care, Behavioral Health, Military Medicine, Surgical Services, and Dental at four sites with more than 30,000 patients and more than 250,000 patient visits throughout New England
- Serve as an active member of the Board of Directors, Executive Committee of Medical Staff, and Newport Hospital Medical Executive Committee
- Render exemplary service in developing policy, coordination, execution, and efficient operation of all clinical activities
- Function as Clinical Champion for implementation of Patient Centered Medical Home
- Manage funds allotted for efficient clinical operation by planning and developing budget plans for all clinical spaces

#### Career Highlights:

- Received Civilian Meritorious Service Award, highest award granted to a civilian



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- Achieved business plan targets annually since 2008 through effectual management of all functions related to ambulatory care
- Played a lead role in the successful implementation of medical home baseline assessment to two largest clinics (Newport and Groton) at NCQA level 2
- Spearheaded the establishment of a community-based outpatient clinic for care of traumatic brain injured patients, which was recognized as the leader in the field of military medicine in the northeast
- Proficiently functioned as the convening authority for limited duty, medical boards, and other patient administrative-related issues; served as public health emergency officer (PHEO) providing hands-on leadership during the H1N1 pandemic
- Credentialing committee member and expert in privileging, adverse action and medical staff bylaws
- Served as command liaison with Healthnet and Tricare regarding medical necessity of covered and non-covered benefits for beneficiaries
- Led efforts in accomplishing critical access initiatives for the organization annually since 2008
- Active clinician, seeing more than 1,200 patients annually
- Delivered keen leadership in obtaining the Joint Commission Certification for the organization through incomparable organizational leadership
- First to perform the role of research integrity program manager and health care ethics coordinator in NHCNE

## THE CHILDREN'S CLINIC ▪ Lawrenceburg, TN, USA

### **Staff Pediatrician**

2005–2007

- Competently executed a broad range of duties, along with outpatient and inpatient responsibilities

### **Career Highlights:**

- Functioned as the third pediatrician in the county, performing diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of diseases of infants, children, and adolescents in an underserved community
- Contributed in employing an electronic medical record and workflow management system
- Volunteered in the State Health Department on Child Fatality Committee and acted as an assistant medical director for Lawrence County Schools

## CHINLE COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CARE FACILITY ▪ Chinle, AZ, USA

### **Medical Director of Outpatient Medicine**

2003–2005

- Rendered high quality oversight to multidisciplinary clinic, including primary care, surgical services and behavioral health outpatient care in Navajo reservation located in Northern Arizona and New Mexico
- Executed superior management to lead multi-specialty group of primary care physicians as well as various specialists and subspecialists
- Directed and coordinated daily activities of the Outpatient Department, with more than 85,000 patient visits annually

### **Career Highlights:**

- Delivered numerous process improvement projects to completion, such as open access and care teams
- Expertly trained visiting medical students and resident physicians
- Prepared and provided presentations to the Executive Committee regarding the efficient delivery of high-quality health care in a continuity setting
- Thoroughly wrote and implemented several policy and procedures as well as assisted the facility in obtaining JCAHO accreditation
- Played a key role as chairman of the Outpatient Leadership Committee and as a member of the Clinical Preventive Services Committee, Government Performance Review Act Committee, and Bylaws Revision Committee
- Presented during the National Clinical Directors Meeting in San Diego in 2005; participated in the Institute for Health Care Improvement Meeting held in New Orleans in December 2003
- Developed and utilized culturally appropriate patient education materials for Navajo patients

## LEWISBURG PEDIATRICS ▪ Lewisburg, PA, USA

### **Staff Pediatrician**

1996–2003

- Administered full scope of pediatric inpatient and outpatient care, including stabilization of critically ill newborns



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- Worked as an attending staff pediatrician for the Evangelical Community Hospital in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania
- Served as an active member of the Obstetrics Committee, CSHP Credentialing Committee, and Medical Records Committee

## Career Highlights:

- Ensured consistent high-quality patient care for infants, children, and adolescents for seven years in an extremely busy office with 50 patients a day
- Conformed with the Guideline for Health Supervision III in developing and implementing novel and effective patient education system

## EARLIER EXPERIENCE

UNITED STATES NAVY ▪ Various Locations

**Lieutenant Commander (LCDR) (Naval Officer)** 1990–1996

NATIONAL NAVAL MEDICAL CENTER ▪ Bethesda, MD, USA

**Staff Pediatrician/Assistant Professor of Pediatrics (Active Duty)** 1995–1996

UNITED STATES NAVY ▪ Camp Lester, Okinawa, Japan

**Attending Staff Pediatrician (Active Duty)** 1993–1995

## INTERNSHIP AND RESIDENCY

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK, UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY ▪ Rensselaer, NY, USA

**Preventive Medicine Resident** 2007–2008

- Successfully completed medical education in preventive medicine program, including all competencies of a preventive medicine resident
- Worked in various departments, such as Albany County Health Department, New York State Department of Health, Office of Disaster Preparedness, and Center for Public Health Preparedness
- Took part in public awareness campaign for organ donation, assessment of primary care providers, and disposition to work in a pandemic (pending publication)

NATIONAL NAVAL MEDICAL CENTER ▪ Bethesda, MD, USA

**Pediatric Resident** 1991–1993

UNITED STATES NAVAL HOSPITAL OAKLAND ▪ Oakland, CA, USA

**Pediatric Internship** 1990–1991

## EDUCATION

**Master of Public Health (MPH), Public Health and Health Policy** ▪ 2007  
THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL ▪ Chapel Hill, NC, USA

**Doctor of Medicine** ▪ 1990  
LOYOLA UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, STRITCH SCHOOL OF MEDICINE ▪ Maywood, IL, USA  
*Graduated Top Third of Class; United States Navy Health Professions Scholarship*

**Bachelor of Science in Biology** ▪ 1986  
SIENA COLLEGE ▪ Loudonville, NY, USA  
*Graduated cum laude*

## BOARD CERTIFICATIONS & LICENSURE

Board Certification, American Board of Preventive Medicine  
Board Certification and Recertification, American Board of Pediatrics  
License in the States of Rhode Island (Active), Connecticut (Active), New York (inactive), Massachusetts (inactive), Pennsylvania(inactive), Georgia (inactive, and Tennessee(inactive)

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

ICS Courses: ICS-100, ICS-200, OCS-300, ICS-400, ICS-700, ICS-800, ▪ FEMA approved Course



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Residential Public Health Emergency Officer Course, Defense Medical Readiness Training Command

## AWARDS AND HONORS

Chinle Medical Executive "You Make a Difference Award," 2005  
Navy Achievement Medals (3)  
Navy and Marine Corps Overseas Service Ribbon (2)  
United States Naval Hospital Oakland Intern of the Year, 1990

## FACULTY APPOINTMENTS

Clinical Assistant Professor of Medical Science Brown Alpert School of Medicine

## PUBLICATIONS

1. McDonald, J.V., Weisser, R., "Fishing for the Right Diagnosis, Pediatric Puzzler", *Contemp. Ped.*, Vol 9, June 1992, 37-42.
2. Baier, Rosa MPH, Keough, Lori, PHD, McDonald, James V, MD, MPH, Transitions of Care: Professional Expectations, *Rhode Island Medical Journal*, Nov 2013, pages 26-32
3. McDonald, James V, MD, MPH, Appropriate prescribing of Opiates as Professional Conduct, *Rhode Island Medical Journal*, Nov 2013, pages 33-35
4. McDonald, James V, MD, MPH, Opioid prescribing: Guidelines, Laws, Rules, Regulations, Policies and Best Practices, *Rhode Island Medical Journal*, Nov 2013, pages 38-40
5. Martin, Edward, MD, MPH, McDonald, James V, MD, MPH, Martin, Ed, What is MOLST? *Rhode Island Medical Journal*, Public Health Briefing, May 2014 <http://www.rimed.org/rimedicaljournal/2014/05/2014-05-44-health-molst.pdf>
6. McDonald, James V. MD, MPH, How to Use the Prescription Monitoring Program, *Rhode Island Medical Journal*, Public Health Briefing, June 2014, pp 64-65
7. LINDA TWARDOWSKI, M ED, BSN, RN; TWILA MCINNIS, RN, MS, MPA; CARLETON C. CAPPUCCINO, DMD; JAMES MCDONALD, MD, MPH; JASON RHODES, MPA, EMT-C, Professional Responsibilities for Treatment of Patients with Ebola: Can a Healthcare Provider Refuse To Treat a Patient with Ebola? *Rhode Island Medical Journal*, Public Health Briefing, October 2014, pp 63-64
8. McDonald, James V. MD, MPH, Rhode Island's Physician Rules and Regulations: New, Improved, and Simplified, *Rhode Island Medical Journal*, Public Health Briefing, January, 2016, page 35
9. SHAYLA MINTEER, THEODORE LONG, MD; SARAH HARRIGAN, MPA; LEONARD GREEN, MPS; ANA NOVAIS, MA; CHRISTINE GOULETTE, MAT; CHRISTINA BATASTINI, MED; EDWARD D'AREZZO, MA; DAVID HECKMAN, JD; JANE MORGAN, JD; SAMARA VINER-BROWN, MS; JAMES MCDONALD, MD, MPH; MICHAEL FINE, MD, A Logic Model for Understanding and Reducing Preventable Hospitalizations, *Rhode Island Medical Journal*, December, 2015 pp 57-59
10. McDonald, James V. MD, MPH, Simoli, Mike, Ten Years and Growing, Medical Marijuana in Rhode Island, Where are we now? *Rhode Island Medical Journal*, December, 2016 pp50-52
11. McDonald, James V. MD, MPH, Rhode Island Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline: Illustration of the Disciplinary process as it pertains to cases involving opioid prescribing, *Journal of Opioid Management*, Sep 2016, pp 355-359
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13. McDonald JV, Ayers V, Paquin J, R I Med J 2017 Jul 5;100(7):30-32. Practical Considerations for Prescribing Benzodiazepines and Opioids.
14. Elinore F. McCance-Katz, MD, PhD, Paul George, MD, MHPE, Nicole Alexander Scott, MD, MPH, Richard Dollase, EdD, Allan R. Tunkel, MD, PhD, James McDonald, MD, MPH, Brief Report: Access to Treatment for Opioid Use Disorders: Medical Student Preparation, *The American Journal on Addictions*, 26: 316-318, 2017
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21. McDonald, James V., M.D., M.P.H., Telehealth & E-Health in Rhode Island 2020 and Beyond, Rhode Island Medical Journal, 2020 February 1, Vol 103, Number 1, page 16-17
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## RECENT REGIONAL INVITED PRESENTATIONS

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2. McDonald, J.V., MD, MPH, Fine, M, MD, Cordy C, RPH: Rhode Island Department of Health, Public Health Grand Rounds; Public Health a Collaboration 8.21.2012.
3. McDonald, J.V., MD, MPH, Seminar by the Sea, Opioid Use and Misuse: Perspectives from the RI Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline, 3.14.2013
4. McDonald, J.V., MD, MPH, Rhode Island Physician Assistant Association, Opioid Use and Misuse: Perspectives from the RI Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline for the Physician Assistant, Providence Rhode Island 4.3.2013
5. McDonald, J.V., MD, MPH, Department of Justice Sponsored Rhode Island Prescription Diversion Summit, Providence, Rhode Island, 6.7.2014
6. McDonald, J.V., MD, MPH, Bradley Hospital Spring Conference, Controlled Substance Use and Misuse: Perspectives from the RI Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline, Providence, RI 4.9.2014
7. McDonald, J.V., MD, MPH, Public Health Grand Rounds: Tools you can use in your office to detect and prevent diversion of controlled substances, Providence, RI 12.1.2014
8. McDonald, J.V., MD, MPH, Fine, M, MD, Neronha, P (US Attorney, RI), USA Surgeons Grand Rounds: Overdose and Prescription Drug abuse in Rhode Island, Providence, RI 3.25.2015
9. McDonald, J.V., MD, MPH, Rhode Island Academy of Family Physicians, What is new in 2015 with the PMP and the Controlled Substance Regulations, Providence, RI 3.28.2015
10. McDonald, J.V., MD, MPH, Internal Conference on Opioids, Controlled Substance Prescribing: Perspectives of the Rhode Island Board of Medical Licensure & Discipline June 7, 2016
11. McDonald, J.V., MD, MPH Rhode Island Medical Society Physician conference on The Aging Physician, Sep 30, 2016

## MEDIA EXPERIENCE

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Interviewed many times by local television, radio, newspaper and internet on various topics of public health interest such as Influenza, Vaccines, Prescription drug overdose, Ebola, Rabies and more

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American College of Preventive Medicine

## ACTIVITY

Soccer Coach, Ocean State Soccer