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Summary of Qualifications

Physician Assistant with 6 years of orthopedic outpatient clinic and surgical first assist experience. Committed to providing exceptional care and top performance – repeatedly scoring a 100% patient satisfaction rating, while also top-ranked in patient turnover and revenue. Increased daily patient workflow by 30% through pioneering virtual medical scribe program, later rolled out company wide. An integral member of a high-functioning surgical team – encouraging communication, building trust, and managing conflict. In-depth experience with a wide range of orthopedic specialties: spine, trauma, joint replacements and sports medicine. Among a minority of PAs achieving the NCCPA's CAQ in orthopedic surgery.

Certifications & Professional Memberships

- California Physician Assistant License, National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA) Certified.
- Certificate of Added Qualifications (CAQ) Orthopedic Surgery Exp 2026
- American Heart Association CPR/AED/ACLS/BLS for Healthcare Providers Certified
- AAPA & PAOS Member

Education

Physician Assistant Program, Certificate, University of California, Davis, 2012

Biological Sciences Coursework, San Francisco City College, 2008-2010

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, University of California, Los Angeles, 2008

Work Experience

Orthopedic Surgical First Assistant

Kaiser Permanente

General orthopedic surgery

July 2017-current

- Surgical first assist orthopedic surgery including total joints, sports medicine, spine, foot and ankle and trauma.
- Practiced in a range of medical devices and manufacturers: DePuy, Medtronic, Zimmer, Stryker, Smith and Nephew, OrthoFix, and others.
- Continued competency in clinical diagnosis, patient care, treatment plan, diagnostic imaging and tests, hospital protocol, sterile technique, and patient safety and wellness.

Surgical First Assistant and Orthopedic Clinician

EmergeOrtho (formerly Triangle Orthopedics)

General orthopedic surgery & clinic/Specializing in spine

August 2014-May 2017

- Clinical emphasis in orthopedic spine surgery including complex spinal fusion and revisions, laminectomy, discectomy, kyphoplasty, scoliosis treatment, total joint arthroplasties. Competent to perform as surgical first assist. Currently working as 40% surgical first assist, 60% clinician.
- Sole provider in occasional weekend and nightly orthopedic urgent care. Perform procedures including digital blocks, regional anesthesia, reductions, and minor outpatient surgical procedures.
- Practiced in a range of medical devices and manufacturers: DePuy, Medtronic, Zimmer, Stryker, Smith and Nephew, OrthoFix, and others.

- Continued competency in clinical diagnosis, patient care, treatment plan, laboratory, diagnostic procedures, diagnostic imaging and tests, hospital protocol, post and preop care, rounding, sterile technique, and patient safety and wellness.

Surgical First Assistant and Orthopedic Clinician

July 2012- May 2014

Orthopedic Institute of the Bay Area

General orthopedic surgery & clinic/Specializing in arthritis and total joints

- Clinical emphasis in orthopedic joint surgery including primary joint arthroplasties, complex joint revisions, trauma, and sports medicine. 40% surgical first assist, 60% clinician.
- Performed comprehensive and problem-focused history and physical exams, interpreted and correlated laboratory and diagnostic procedures to formulate a differential diagnosis and establish a working diagnosis.
- Formulated a treatment plan for orthopedic problems within scope of practice. Implemented therapeutic intervention for specific conditions when appropriate. Exercised judgment on problems requiring consultation, referral, or evaluation by the supervising orthopedic surgeon.
- Ordered, collected, and performed appropriate laboratory or diagnostic procedures. Ordered diagnostic studies such as EMG, ECG, and x-ray examinations including special x-ray examinations CT, MRI, and bone scans.
- Performed or assisted in diagnostic and therapeutic procedures including joint and bursa aspirations, closed reduction of fractures and dislocations, injections of joints, tendons, trigger points and bursa, as well as brace, cast and splint applications.
- Acted as first assist for deep and superficial tissue closures, application of appliances and any other action delegated by the surgeon.
- Conducted hospital rounds, wrote orders, and took call for the orthopedic surgeon. Evaluated and clarified clinical conditions, formulated and implemented a treatment or therapeutic plan for hospitalized patients, dictated discharge summaries, histories and physicals.
- Evaluated, screened and counselled patient on health maintenance and promoted utilization of community resources. Designed, conducted and/or participated in research studies, managed databases, and performed quality assurance.

Clinical/Internship Experience

Orthopedic Physician Assistant Intern

Sept 2011-June 2012

Offices of Dr. Philip Krueger

Orthopedic oncology/General orthopedic surgery

- Performed basic medical and surgical procedures (e.g. joint injections, aspirations, wound care, splinting, and casting).
- Proficient in patient progress notes, orders, and prescriptions with electronic medical records.
- Participated in management of patients, including patient education.
- Demonstrated knowledge, legal consideration, and patient education concerning informed consent.

Surgical Assist, Main Operating Room

Dec 2011-Jan 2012

UC Davis Medical Center Orthopedics

Orthopedic surgery

- Scrubbed and circulated surgical procedures in orthopedic specialties.
- Experience in all aspects of aseptic technique, setting up required equipment, and sterile supplies for assigned cases.
- Assisted with suturing, wound care, patient transport, positioning, instruments and supplies, and performed other tasks as directed.
- Actively participated in meeting patient safety goals to promote quality and safe patient care.

Community/Humanitarian Work

- Elder Outreach, San Francisco, Volunteer
- Providence Place Dementia Center, San Francisco, Caregiving, Volunteer
- Church Outreach, Bay Area: Free arthritis screening, X-rays, and treatment information
- Lincoln Clinic, Durham, NC: Free clinic for underserved patients
- TROSA, Durham, NC: Free clinic for recovering alcohol and drug abusers

Hobbies/Interests

Skiing, Scuba Diving, Swimming, Backpacking, Running, and Playing catch with my puppy