

Curriculum Vitae

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Current Positions and Roles:

- **Senior Associate Dean for Health Policy, SUNY at Buffalo School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, clinical professor of Medicine and also chair of Task Force on Advancing Women's Careers in Health Sciences**
- **Past President, American Medical Association**
- **Elected Member, Institute of Medicine of the National Academies of Science**
- **Board member: Center for Hospice and Palliative Care**
- **Task Force to End Health Care Disparities in WNY, member**
- **Institute for Health Care Ethics, board member**

Education:

A.B., West Virginia University; major: pre-medicine
M.S., The Catholic University of America; major: microbiology
Ph.D., The Catholic University of America, major: microbiology
Post-doctoral fellow in clinical microbiology, ECMC/Erie County Laboratories/SUNY at Buffalo
M.D., State University of New York at Buffalo
Residency, Internal Medicine, SUNY at Buffalo
Chief Medical Resident, Internal Medicine, Buffalo General Hospital

Employment History:

- Private Practice, Internal Medicine, 1979- 2002
Private Practice, Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases, Buffalo Medical Group, 1979- 1994
- Co-Director, Medical Intensive Care Unit, Buffalo General Hospital. 1979 – 1985
 - Member, Board for Professional Medical Conduct, NYS Department of Health, 1985 - 1989
 - Regional Medical Coordinator, Office of Professional Medical Conduct, NY State Department of Health, 1989 - 1997
 - Chief Medical Officer, Western Regional Office, NY State Department of Health, 1995 - 1997
 - Assistant Dean for Academic and Student Affairs, SUNY at Buffalo School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, 1997 – 2003
 - Associate Medical Director for Quality, Independent Health, 1997 –2004
 - Chief Medical Officer, Independent Health, 2004-2007
 - Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education, SUNY at Buffalo School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, 2003 - 2010

Honors/Awards:

- Elected to Institute of Medicine, October 2009
- “Top 25 Women in Healthcare”, Modern Healthcare, April 2009
- Named to Distinguished Alumni Academy, West Virginia University, 2009
- Distinguished Alumnus Award, University at Buffalo School of Medicine, 2008
- Distinguished Alumni Award, The Catholic University of America, 2010
- Woman of Distinction award, Girl Scouts of Buffalo and Western New York, 2007
- NY chapter, American College of Physicians, Laureate Award, 2007
- Lifetime Achievement award, Women of Influence, honoring the achievements of women in business and the community, Buffalo Business First, 2007
- Fellow, American College of Physicians
- Master, American College of Physicians, 2006
- Named to Gold Humanism in Medicine Honor Society, 2005
- Yearbook Dedication, University at Buffalo School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, 2004
- Lifetime Achievement Award, University at Buffalo Medical Alumni Assn., 2001
- Alpha Omega Alpha National Medical Honor Society
- Sigma Xi National Science Honor Society
- Clinical Teaching Award, SUNY at Buffalo School of Medicine
- Samuel P. Capen Distinguished Alumni Award, SUNY at Buffalo
- Athena Award Recipient for Excellence in the Professions
- Dean’s Award, Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, SUNY at Buffalo, 2022
- Distinguished Alumni Award, Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, University at Buffalo, 2023
- Lifetime Achievement Award, Medical Society of the County of Erie, Oct. 10, 2024
- Dr. Robert Milch Award for Advocacy and Clinical Excellence, Oct. 25, 2024

Professional Certification:

- National Boards, Parts I, II, III
- Specialist in Clinical Microbiology, American Society of Microbiology
- NY State M.D. Licensure
- American Board of Internal Medicine, lifetime board certification

Academic Appointments:

Clinical Professor, Department of Medicine, SUNY at Buffalo, 2001 – present

Previous:

- Chairman, Biology Department, D’Youville College 1969 - 1970
- Assistant Professor, D’Youville College 1969 - 1974
- Assistant Professor, SUNY at Buffalo. 1970 – 1974, Appointment through Medical Technology Department with adjunct appointment in Social and Preventive Medicine
- Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine, SUNY at Buffalo. 1979 - 1996

- Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Medicine, SUNY at Buffalo, 1996 – 2001

Professional Memberships and Activities:

Regional:

Erie County Medical Society-

- Chair, Ethics Committee
- Chair, Peer Review Committee
- President, 1989 – 90

State:

Medical Society of the State of New York-

- Delegate, 1987 – 2007
- Chair, Statewide Health Care Network, 1993 – 1997
- Chair, Healthcare Delivery Systems, 1993 – 1997
- Chair, Professional Liability Insurance and Defense Board, 1995 – 1997
- Vice Speaker, House of Delegates, 1993 – 1995
- Speaker, House of Delegates, 1995 – 2000

New York State Society of Internal Medicine-

- Delegate, 1993 – 1997
- Board of Directors, 1995 - 1997

National:

Current:

Past President, American Medical Association

Elected member of the Institute of Medicine, 2009

Previous:

- Vice Speaker, AMA House of Delegates, 2000 – 2003
- Speaker, American Medical Association House of Delegates, 2003 – 2007
- President-elect and President, American Medical Association, 2007-2009
- Delegate, American Medical Association (AMA) 1987 – 2007
- Elected to AMA's Council on Scientific Affairs, 1996 – 2000
- Medical Advisory Board Society for Advancement of Women's Health Research, 1996 – 1998
- Medical Education Committee, American Society of Internal Medicine, 1997
- AHIP/AHRQ Performance Measures and Public Reporting Task Force, 2005
- Hospital Quality Alliance, Board of Directors, 2004 – 2006
- Co-chair, Reporting Workgroup, AQA, 2005 – 2007
- National Quality Forum Board of Directors, 2004 – present
- NIH Advisory Committee on Research on Women's Health, 2008
- Member, Institute of Medicine Roundtable on Evidence-Based Medicine, 2006-2010

- Member, Executive Committee, Ambulatory Care Quality Alliance, 2005 – 2010
- Physician Consortium for Performance Improvement, 2003 - 2010
- Ambulatory Care Quality Alliance (AQA) Steering Committee, 2004 – 2010
- Quality Alliance Steering Committee, 2006 –2010

International:

- World Medical Association Delegate from the American Medical Association, 2007 – 2010
- Member, US Delegation to World Health Assembly, Geneva, Switzerland, 2008

University Service:

State:

- Trustee, State University of New York (SUNY) system, 1990 – 1995
- Board of Directors, Research Foundation of SUNY, 1995
- Chair, Health – Hospital Affairs Committee SUNY Board of Trustees, 1990 – 1995

Local:

- AIDS Advisory Council, SUNY at Buffalo
- Chair, Quality Management Committee, Buffalo General Hospital, 1995 – 1996
- Quality Council, Kaleida Health, 1999 – 2000
- Executive Committee, Board of Trustees, Buffalo General Hospital, 1995 – 1997
- President, Buffalo General Hospital Medical Staff, 1996 – 1997
- Board of Trustees, Kaleida Health, 1999 – 2002
- Advisory Board, Community Health Collaborative, Pursuing Perfection, awarded RWJ grant for quality measurement and community quality improvement, 2007
- Task Force to End Health Care Disparities in WNY, 2017-present
- Chair, Search Committee for Dean of UB's Jacobs School of Medicine, 2021
- Chair, Search Committee for Pediatrics department chair, 2024

Faculty or School Service:

State University of New York at Buffalo School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences:

Curriculum Task Force

Aid to Impaired Medical Students Task Force

Facilitator, Resident Orientation

Course director, **Professionalism and Contemporary Medicine**, 2002 – present

Community Service:

Local/Regional:

- Health Reform symposium, University at Buffalo School of Management and Law School, 2009
- Medical Advisory Panel, AIDS Community Services
- Seminar Speaker, Professional Medical Conduct, Erie County Bar Association and Erie County Medical Society, 1994 and 1996
- Media engagement on issues of health and health policy – ongoing
- Director of Planning for WNY HUB COVID vaccine rollout (2020-2022)

State:

- Member, Board of Professional Medical Conduct, 1985 – 1989
- Member, Quality Improvement Council, NYS Department of Health, 1999
- Member, FAIR Health Board of Directors, 2009 - 2019

National:

- Board of Directors, National Patient Safety Foundation, 1997 – 2005
- U.S. Surgeon General’s Commission on Prevention of Youth Violence, 1999 – 2001
- Member, National Steering Committee on Pharmaceutical Safety, 1999 – 2001
- Liaison to Council on Medical Education, American Medical Assn., 2002 – 2007
- Chair, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) Patient Safety Grant Review Committee, April 2005
- Member, Institute of Medicine Roundtable on Evidence-Based Medicine, 2006 – 2009
- Member, Institute of Medicine of the National Academies of Science, elected 2009

International:

- Member, US Delegation to World Health Assembly, Geneva, Switzerland, 2008
- World Medical Association Delegate from the American Medical Association (2007-10)

Speaking Engagements: Numerous, locally and nationally, on a variety of topics: Covering the uninsured, professionalism, ethics, patient safety, health care system reform, quality reporting, quality improvement and efficiency measurement in medicine, medical education, equity in medicine, healthcare disparities, evidence based medicine, consumer empowerment, role of organized medicine, leadership for women, infectious diseases, parliamentary procedure and meeting management techniques. National spokesperson for AMA’s “Voice for the Uninsured” campaign. Intense media appearances during COVID pandemic.