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Education

Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (M.B.B.S) April 2002
Government Medical College Nagpur, India.

Master of Health Administration (M.H.A) May 2007
Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY.

Training in Advanced Psychodynamic Psychotherapy April 2011
St. Louis Psychoanalytic Institute, Saint Louis, MO.

Residency and Fellowship Training

Psychiatry Residency June 2011
St. Louis University, Saint Louis MO.

Forensic Psychiatry Fellowship June 2012
St. Louis University, Saint Louis, MO.

Licensure and Certification

Georgia State Medical License

Michigan State Medical License

Board Certification in Psychiatry

Board Certification in Forensic Psychiatry

Academic Appointments

Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Morehouse School of Medicine July 2022 - November 2023

Work Experience

Crisis Medical Officer, Highland Rivers Behavioral Health January 2023 – May 2023

- Direct patient care at Behavioral Health Crisis Center (BHCC). Prescribe, direct, and administer psychotherapeutic treatments and medications to treat mental, emotional, and behavioral disorders.
- Initiate, direct, plan, and coordinate psychiatric initiatives to meet the organization's mission and achieve quality care.
- Administrative oversight and Nurse practitioner supervision for BHCC and 3 Crisis Service units (total 120 Bed Inpatient unit.)
- Analyze and evaluate patient data and test findings to diagnose nature and extent of mental disorder.

- Collaborate with physicians, psychiatric nurse practitioners, psychologists, social workers, psychiatric nurses, and other professionals to discuss treatment plans and progress.

Staff Psychiatrist at NaphCare, Inc - Gwinnett County Jail and Prison March 2022 – Present

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Staff (Tele) Psychiatrist at Pine Rest Christian Mental Health December 2016 – Present

- Consultation Liaison work at Mercy Hospital as of July 2022. Conducting psychiatric evaluations and providing treatment for patients on medical/surgical floors and the emergency room.
- Integrative psychiatry (December 2020 - December 2021): Conducting initial psychiatric evaluations and follow up in primary care clinics.
- Community psychiatry and inpatient psychiatry (December 2016 - July 2018): Prescribe, direct, and administer psychotherapeutic treatments or medications to treat mental, emotional, or behavioral disorders.

Medical Director at State of Georgia Department of Human Services August 2018 – August 2022

- Led the development and oversight of an integrated system-level strategy to deliver medical consultation services for the Georgia Department of Human Services, with an emphasis on the Divisions of Family and Children Services (DFCS) and Aging Services (DAS).
- Maintain awareness of advances in medicine, computerized diagnostic and treatment equipment, data processing technology, government regulations, health insurance changes and financing options.

- Consulted with medical, business and community groups to discuss service problems, respond to community needs, enhance public relations, coordinate activities and plans and promote health programs.
- Prepared activity reports to inform management of status and implementation plans of programs, services and quality initiatives.
- Developed and administered trainings related to various mental and physical health related topics.
- Suggested and implemented mental health trainings that were made available to all 9000 DHS employees.

Staff Psychiatrist at Georgia Behavioral Health Professionals (Life Stance) July 2018 – November 2019

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- Collaborated with physicians, psychologists, social workers, psychiatric nurses and other professionals to discuss treatment plans and progress.

Medical Director at Eye Listen Empowerment Center, LLC, November 2018 – November 2019

- Clinical leadership of a multidisciplinary treatment team and Nurse Practitioners treating chronically mentally ill adults.
- Psychiatric assessment including diagnosis and physical examination.
- Supervise prescribing of medication in accordance with Georgia statutes.

Staff Psychiatrist at Dekalb Community Service Board (DCSB) August 2012 – May 2016

- Helped initiate the first tele-psychiatry project at DCSB.
- Prescribed, directed, and administered psychotherapeutic treatments and medications to treat mental, emotional and behavioral disorders.

- Collaborated with physicians, psychologists, social workers, psychiatric nurses and other professionals to discuss treatment plans and progress.

Professional Memberships and Organizations

Georgia Psychiatric Physicians Association (GPPA)

- Board of Directors Summer 2022 – Spring 2025

American Psychiatric Association (APA)

- Member since 2007
- Fellow, January 2024 - Present

Indian American Psychiatric Association (IAPA)

- Life time member

American Psychiatric Georgia Association of Physicians of Indian Heritage (GAPI)

- Life time member

Professional Trainings and Presentations

DFCS staff training: Psychiatric Evaluation and Mental Health Assessment Scales. Atlanta, GA. August 2020.

DFCS and DHS webinar: Covid 19 and Stress Management. Atlanta GA, August 2020.

DFCS staff training: Bipolar disorder and ADHD, Atlanta GA, June 2020.

DFCS staff training: Understanding the procedure of informed consent and Review of psychotropic medications. Atlanta, GA. April 2020.

Medication consent and psychotropic medications: Adoption and Foster parent association of Georgia. Jekyll Island, GA. February 2020.

DFCS psychotropic medication consent training with DFCS staff. Atlanta, GA. October 2019.

Children in Foster care: review of physical health and mental health needs, State Health Summit. Macon, GA. October 2019.

Psychotropic Medications: Child Welfare Law Specialist meeting. Lake Lanier, September 2019.

Psychotropic medications: Supervisor summit, Dalton GA. July 2019

Children in state custody: Medical disorders and treatments – DFCS state-wide meeting, Macon GA. November 2018