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Board Certified Internal Medicine Physician with 13 years experience as a Hospitalist, including 9 years in leadership roles at a Level 1 Trauma Academic Medical Center. Proven expertise in hospitalist program management, quality improvement and revenue cycle optimization. Recognized for excellence in patient care and leadership.

Professional Experience:

August 2023 to Present:

Associate Medical Director (ACMO), Hospitalist and Physician Advisor.

President Elect Medical Dental Staff

Erie County Medical Center, Buffalo NY

Director Physician Advisor Program, Length of Stay Management, Revenue Cycle Management, Quality and Patient Safety.

Committee involvement: Medical Executive Committee, Chiefs of Service, Leadership Council, Credentials Committee, Utilization Review Committee, P&T Committee, Revenue Cycle, PSI Committee, Hip Fracture Committee, Quality & Patient Safety.

Accomplishments:

• Revenue Cycle:

- A. Achieved a 39% increase in financial impact by establishing a comprehensive CDI query program.
- B. Partnered with payers and established P2P appeals for post discharge denials.
- C. Achieved and sustained high CMI via documentation education and query process.

• LOS reduction:

- A. Partnered with facilities to implement 3 day inpatient waiver for rehab placements and ER diversions for low acuity conditions to post acute care locations.
- B. Established Dalbavancin protocol for hand infections to reduce ER admissions.

- **Quality and Patient Safety:**

- A. Educated medical staff and coders regarding Present on Admission (Y, N, W) criteria impacting PSI-90 score.
- B. Implemented peri-operative VTE management protocol and reduced PSI-12.
- C. Reduced time to OR for isolated hip fractures: streamlined preoperative evaluation, implemented evidence based testing strategies and optimized EMR documentation template.

July 2016 to July 2023

Director Hospitalist Program

Associate Chief of Internal Medicine

Physician Advisor

Erie County Medical Center, Buffalo, NY

573 Bed Academic Level 1 Trauma, Burns and Transplant Center and a major teaching Hospital for University at Buffalo Medical School.

- Established a 45 FTE Hospitalist Program
- Awarded Hospital of the Year at Apogee's Annual Summit, Nov 2016.
- Top 10 Hospitalist Program in 2019 amongst Apogee Medical Group.
- Program of the Month Award on multiple occasions amongst Apogee Medical Group.
- Several team mates, ie, Physicians and APPs awarded Hospitalist of the Month amongst Apogee Medical Group.
- Lowered LOS by implementing cohorting, multidisciplinary rounds and weekly reviews on long length of stay cases with Case Management on barriers for discharge.
- Improved CMI by implementing concurrent query response program with CDI
- Reduced observation LOS by developing an Observation Unit with a dedicated observation hospitalist and twice a shift multidisciplinary rounds.
- Perform peer to peer appeals with payers and advise hospitalists on appropriate documentation.
- Established Medical Consultation Service for Psychiatry and Surgical specialties and staffed with a dedicated Consult Hospitalist.
- Established Trauma Medicine Service staffed with a dedicated hospitalist to co-manage trauma patients.

- Quality & Patient Safety for Hospital Medicine
- Committee Responsibilities: Medical Executive, Chiefs of Service, Diversity and Inclusion, Credentialing, P&T, Resource Management, Board QI for Patient Safety, Stroke, Sepsis.

July 2012 till July 2016

Hospitalist Physician, Apogee Medical Group

- In July 2012, I began as a Hospitalist with Apogee Physicians at Northern Hospital of Surry County in Mt. Airy, NC.
- In November 2012, I transferred to continue as a Hospitalist at Person Memorial Hospital in Roxboro, NC.
- Additionally, in March 2014, I took over as the Medical Director for Extended Care Unit (ECU) at Person Memorial Hospital.
- ECU is a 60 bed skilled nursing facility for short term rehab and long term care. As the Medical Director, my role involves coordinating care between Physicians, Director of Nursing, Nutrition and Rehab Services.

July 2009 to June 2012

Internal Medicine residency at McLaren Regional Medical Center Michigan State University, Flint, MI.

MRMC is a community hospital located in the Flint Campus of Michigan State University.

- Comprehensive Internal Medicine training including hospital, outpatient and preventive medicine.
- Elaborate intensive care exposure.
- Procedural skills: Ultrasound guided central line placements, arterial line placements, intubations, joint injections, lumbar punctures.
- Teaching and supervising medical students.
- Mentoring junior residents.
- Code captain for rapid response and cardiac arrest.
- Lecturing at teaching conference.
- Spokesperson for Internal Medicine House staff at monthly Graduate Medical Education Committee meeting.
- Active in Quality Improvement projects.
- Scientific presentations at national conferences.
- Publications in peer reviewed journals.

July 2008 to June 2009

Preliminary General Surgery residency at Saint Joseph Mercy Oakland, Pontiac, MI.

SJMO is a community hospital affiliated to Wayne State University, MI.

- Performed Central Venous Catheterizations, Arterial Line placements, Endotracheal intubations, Swan-Ganz catheter placements, Chest tube placements.
- Performed hernia repair, incision and drainage of abscess, excision of lumps. Participated in laparotomies, laparoscopic procedures, colonoscopy and upper GI endoscopy.

October 2007 to February 2008

Externship in General and Vascular Surgery at **Sherman Hospital and Provena Saint Joseph Hospital**, Elgin, Illinois under Raul. L. Aron, MD, FACS.

March 2007 to October 2007

Senior House Officer in General and Transplant Surgery at **Narayana Hospital, Bangalore, India.**

- Participated in several hepato-biliary-pancreatic, gastrointestinal surgeries and liver transplants.

October 2006 to February 2007

Free Lance Medical Writer for **Medrite, India.**

April 2005 to April 2006

Transitional Year at **JSS Hospital, Mysore, India.**

- An internship program with rotations in Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, General Surgery, Obstetrics-Gynecology and Public Health.
- Hands on experience in the alcohol, drug rehabilitation and oncology center.
- Emphasis on HIV/AIDS and infectious diseases including malaria, tuberculosis.
- Clinical teaching for medical students.

Publications:

1. Talluri SK, Nuthakki H, **Tadakamalla A**, Talluri J, Besur S. **Chylous Ascites. North Am J Med Sci 2011; 3: 438-440.**

2. **P65– Improving the quality of care of COPD patients in an internal medicine residency group by implementing the American Thoracic Society Guidelines.**

Ali M. Eskandar, Jami Foreback, Hilana Hatoum, Gautham Gadiraju, Ragnhild Bundesmann, Vidya Kollu, Harrish Nuthakki, **Ashvin Tadakamalla**, Ramesh Yarlagaadda, and Divya Thomas.

Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery, ISSN: 0194-5998, Vol: 143, Issue: 1, Date: 2010-07-01, Start page: 111, # of pages: 2

3. Talluri SK, **Tadakamalla AK**, Besur S.

Pseudo-thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura: A rare presentation of pernicious anemia. North Am J Med Sci 2011; 3: 472-474.

4. **Pyoderma gangrenosum**

Siddesh V Besur; **Ashwin Tadakamalla**; Siva K Talluri **QJM 2011; doi: 10.1093/qjmed/hcr198**

5. **Assessing Compliance With the American Thoracic Society COPD Guidelines in the Internal Medicine and Family Medicine Residency Clinics.**

Ali Eskandar, MBBCh*; Jami Foreback, MD; Ragnhild Bundesmann, PhD; Tahera Azharuddin, MD; Hilana Hatoum, MD; Vidya Kollu, MD; Harish Nuthakki, MD; **Ashvin Tadakamalla, MD**; Divya Thomas, MD; Ramesh Yarlalagadda, MD; Mohamed Mansour, MD; Scott Plensdorf, MD; Hossam Hafez, MD and Paul Lazar, MD

Chest October 2011 140:4 Meeting Abstracts 544A; doi:10.1378/ chest.1118688

6. **Tadakamalla A Karthik, Kanaan Mohammed, Besur Siddesh, Talluri S Kumar. Phrenic Nerve Stimulation: An unexpected complication of Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillator (ICD). E-Journal of cardiology 2011; 1(1):20-24.**

Abstracts:

1. **Improving the care of COPD patients through implementing the American Thoracic Society Guidelines.**

Eskander A, Bundesmann R, Gadiraju G, Kollu V, Hatoum H, Nuthakki H, **Tadakamalla A**, Thomas D, Yarlalagadda R, Foreback J.

Poster at the Society of General Internal Medicine Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, Minnesota, April 2010.

2. **Assessing Compliance with the American Thoracic Society COPD Guidelines in the Internal Medicine and Family Medicine Residency Clinics.**

Eskandar A, Azharuddin T, Bundesmann R, Gadiraju G, Gangadharan P, Hatoum H, Rodriguez F, Chandramouli S, Kollu V, Nuthakki H, **Tadakamalla A**, Thomas D, Yarlalagadda R, Mansour M, Plensdorf S, Hafez H, Lazar P, Foreback J.

Oral Presentation at ACP Michigan Chapter Meeting, 2010. Awarded **First Place** in Oral Presentation at ACP Michigan Chapter Meeting, 2010.

Oral Presentation at ACP Michigan Associates' Day, May 2010.

Poster at the Guidelines International Network Conference 2010, Chicago, Illinois, August 2010.

Poster at MSU-FAME, May 2010.

3. **Transition of Patient Care in the Nursing Home: Patient Snapshot**
Katout M, Borhade M, Olgun E, Gupta N, **Tadakamalla A.**
Oral Presentation at MSU-FAME, May 2010.

4. **Pernicious Anemia Presenting As Pseudo Thrombotic Thrombocytopenic Purpura.**
Tadakamalla A, Besur S, Hamoda A, Eilender D, Neravetla A, Talluri S.
Oral Presentation at FAME, May 2010.
Poster at ACP Michigan Associates' Day, May 2010. **Poster** at ACP Michigan Chapter Meeting, 2010.

5. **Phrenic Nerve Stimulation: An Unexpected Complication of Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillator.**
Kanaan M, **Tadakamalla A**, Sreedharala V, Sirop S, Besur S, Talluri S.
Poster at ACP Michigan Associates' Day, May 2010.

6. **Aorto-right atrial fistula: A rare complication of Tricuspid Valve endocarditis due to Enterococcus faecalis.**
Tadakamalla A, Sreedharala S, Talluri S, Kakarala R, Raj E
Poster at ACP Michigan Chapter Meeting, 2010.

7. **A Blue Arm: Report of Upper Extremity Phlegmasia Cerulea Dolens.**
Kalagara P, **Tadakamalla A**, Palani G, Besur S, Talluri S.
Poster at ACP Michigan Associates' Day, Ann Arbor, May 2011.

8. **Back To The Past: A Case of Gastric Outlet Obstruction Secondary to Peptic Ulcer Disease.**
Kalagara P, **Tadakamalla A**, Nuthakki H, Talluri S, Besur S.
Poster at ACP Michigan Associates' Day, Ann Arbor, May 2011.

9. **Drug Induced Immune Hemolytic Anemia secondary to Cephalexin.**
Neravetla A, Kalagara P, Panjam D, **Tadakamalla A**, Kakarala R.
Poster at ACP Michigan Associates' Day, Ann Arbor, May 2011.

10. **A Quality Improvement Project to Decrease Routine Blood Draws in Patients Admitted to an Internal Medicine Residency Inpatient Service.**
Tadakamalla A, Kojaian M, Thomas J, Korant A, Kalagara P, Tismal D, Gutteridge D, Foreback J.
Poster at ACP Michigan Chapter Meeting, Grand Rapids MI, Sep 2011.

Education:

1. MBA with Certificate in Health Sector Management
The Fuqua School of Business
Duke University, Durham, NC
Class of 2015
2. MBBS (Bachelor in Medicine and Surgery)
JSS Medical College, Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, India.
September 2000-April 2006.

Certifications:

1. American Board of Internal Medicine
2. Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates.
3. Basic Life Support and Advanced Cardiac Life Support.

Awards and Honors:

- Top Doctor for Internal Medicine in Western NY in 2023
- Extraordinary Service Award, University at Buffalo Department of Psychiatry in 2020.
- Led a Hospitalist Team recognized as Program of the Month on multiple occasions.
- First Place at ACP Michigan Chapter, Annual Scientific Meeting 2010 at Kalamazoo, MI.
Co-authored Oral Presentation, 'Assessing Compliance with the American Thoracic Society COPD Guidelines in the Internal Medicine and Family Medicine Clinics'.

Hobbies:

- Tennis, skiing, fitness, photography.