

Jory J. Adam, PA-C, MPAS, MBA

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Experienced, patient-focused, and collegial cardiovascular and thoracic surgery physician assistant, looking to help cardiothoracic and vascular surgical programs achieve exceptional outcomes. Willing to work on a contract basis during times of transition (staff shortages, training new staff, etc.) so that a program can maintain a high operational level with relatively little disruption.

SKILLS

- First assisting in cardiovascular, thoracic & vascular surgical cases
- Harvesting greater saphenous vein (endoscopic & open) using Maquet/Getinge Hemopro (version 1 or 2)
- Harvesting lesser saphenous vein (open)
- Harvesting radial artery harvesting (endoscopic & open)
- Sternal closure (sternal wires & sternal plating systems)
- Sewing proximal anastomoses & closure of aortotomy
- Femoral artery/vein exposure & cannulation
- Intra-aortic balloon pump (IABP) insertion, removal & management
- ECMO cannulation (A-V)
- Chest tube insertion & management
- Central & arterial line placement
- Pulmonary catheter (Swan-Ganz) insertion & management
- Thoracentesis
- Pre-operative vein mapping using ultrasound
- Management of cardiac intensive care unit (ICU), step-down/progressive care unit (PCU) & post-op clinic patients
- Wound care management & debridement
- Wound vac placement
- Proficient with electronic medical record (EMR), including EPIC, MediTech & Centricity

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QUALIFICATIONS

During my nearly 15 years as a physician assistant, I exclusively worked in the specialty of adult cardiovascular and thoracic surgery. I have harvested over 1300 greater saphenous veins using the Getinge Hemopro (version 1 or 2) system. In 2019, Getinge distinguished me with their EVH Circle of Excellence award. I have harvested over 100 radial arteries and performed over 600 sternal closures. The quality of the vein and radial artery I harvest is second to none.

When first assisting, I have the ability to get along with all personality types and I follow the surgeon's cue in the operating room (i.e. if the surgeon is quiet, then I am quiet, etc.), however, in general, I usually keep pretty quiet while the cross clamp is on. I am well aware that heart surgery is stressful enough for all involved, and I am mindful to not add to the stress in the room. I work hard to make everyone's job easier. I have trained several colleagues (including a cardiothoracic surgeon) on endoscopic vein harvesting.

Outside of the operating room, I am very comfortable managing patients, from immediate post-op, throughout the duration of their hospital stay, and weeks later in the clinic at their post-op follow up. Taking phone calls at night is not a problem and I am happy to handle things 100% myself or run things by the surgeon, whichever is their preference.

Throughout my career, I have volunteered my time to teach ICU and PCU cardiac care classes to registered nurses. Additionally, I have presented to Cardiology roundtables and participated in tumor boards and grand rounds. Besides keeping up with my mandatory continuing medical education (CME) requirements, I obtained further training on ultrasound-guided procedures and obtained the Fundamentals of Critical Care Support (FCCS) certification to further my knowledge in caring for critically ill patients.

I look forward to learning how I may assist your program.

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WORK EXPERIENCE (as a Cardiothoracic Surgery Physician Assistant)

CEO, CaNPA Solutions Inc (California NP & PA Solutions); San Diego, CA - January 2023-Present

- Founded in 2023 for work as independent contractor

Contractor/Physician Assistant, PASCAL (Physician Assistant Specialists California), Rancho Santa Margarita, CA - April 2022-Present

- Work as a surgical cardiothoracic PA at multiple California hospitals in Orange & San Diego counties

Physician Assistant, CompHealth; Midvale, UT - April 2022 - November 2022

- Worked several assignments at Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System

Physician Assistant, Scripps Cardiovascular & Thoracic Surgical Associates; San Diego CA - January 2016 - July 2022

- Worked at Scripps La Jolla, Scripps Green & Scripps Encinitas Hospitals

Physician Assistant, Sacred Heart Hospital; Eau Claire, WI - September 2010 – December 2015

(Note: I was transferred to Sacred Heart Hospital by Marshfield Clinic & then Sacred Heart took over the Cardiothoracic Surgery program)

Physician Assistant, Marshfield Clinic; Marshfield, WI - September 2009 – September 2010

Physician Assistant, Cardiothoracic Surgical Associates (HCA); Richmond, VA - June 2008 - August 2009

- Note: Cardiac & Thoracic Surgical Assoc. merged with HCA Jan. 1, 2009 becoming Cardiothoracic Surgical Associates (HCA)

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WORK EXPERIENCE (Prior to becoming a Physician Assistant)

Registered Respiratory Therapist, MeritCare Hospital; Fargo, ND - 1999-June 2008

- Worked in adult & pediatric ICU - managing patients' respiratory diseases both medically & with mechanical ventilation. Performed arterial blood gases & placed/managed arterial lines

Regional Manager, Precision Diagnostic Services, Inc; Fargo, ND - 2005-2006

- Managed client relations and service delivery to sleep diagnostic labs within community hospitals, generating 40% of PDS' annual revenue

Account Executive & Business Consultant, Flint Communications, Inc; Fargo, ND - 2001 - 2004

- Managed client relationships of a regional public relations & consulting agency
- Small business consulting

Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA) in Emergency Department, MeritCare Hospital; Fargo, ND - 1997-1999

EDUCATION

University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND - Masters in Physician Assistant Studies (MPAS), May 2008

North Dakota State University Fargo, ND - Masters in Business Administration (MBA), December 2001

North Dakota State University/MeritCare Hospital, Fargo, ND - Respiratory Care Practicum, May 1999

North Dakota State University, Fargo, ND - B.S. Political Science with minors in Microbiology & Premedicine, May 1997

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LICENSURES

- Idaho Physician Assistant License (PA-**18), Issued 8/22/22 - Current
- California Physician Assistant Board (**12), Issued 05/16/14 - Current
- Wisconsin Department of Regulation & Licensing (*****), Issued 08/31/2009 - Expired 2016
- U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) (*****71), Issued 06/20/2008 - Current 06/30/2023
- National Provider Identification (NPI) (*****21), Issued 06/17/2008 - Current
- Virginia Department of Health Professions (*****94), Issued 06/06/2008 - Expired 2011
- CA Drivers License (*****34), Issued 06/02/2006 - Current until 1/09/25
- ND Board for Respiratory Care (NDSBRC), Issued 05/1999 - Expired 2008

CERTIFICATIONS

- Fundamentals of Critical Care Support, Obtained 07/13 - Expired 07/17
- Advance Cardiac Life Support (ACLS), Obtained 04/00 - Current through 09/24
- Basic Life Support (BLS), Obtained 04/00 - Current through 09/24
- NCCPA (PANRE examination), Passed 01/10/13 - Current through 01/25
- NCCPA (PANCE examination), Passed 05/22/08
- National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC - RRT), Obtained 06/99 - Expired 2008
- National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC - CRT), Obtained 05/19 - Expired 2008

Note: a current NCCPA CME report available upon request

MEMBERSHIPS

Association Physician Assistants in Cardiovascular Surgery (APACVS)
American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA)

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COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Volunteer, Father Joe's Food Kitchen, 2009
- Volunteer, Solutions for Change, 2018
- Volunteer physician assistant, Chippewa Valley Free Clinic, 2012-2015
- Volunteer youth soccer coach, Eau Claire United Soccer, 2011-2015
- Volunteer youth tennis instructor, Marshfield (WI) Tennis Association, 2010
- Volunteer youth soccer coach, Marshfield (WI) Youth Soccer Association Coach U10, 2009
- Volunteer youth tennis instructor, Robious Sports & Fitness (Midlothian, VA), 2008-2009
- Volunteer youth soccer coach, Red River Soccer Club (Fargo, ND), 2006-2007
- Board member, Children's Museum at Yunker Farm (Fargo, ND), 2003-2005
- Committee member, United Way of Cass-Clay (Fargo, ND), 2003
- Open Airways Instructor, American Lung Assoc. of ND (Fargo, ND), 2000
- Volunteer, MeritCare Hospital Emergency Center (Fargo, ND), 1996 - 1997
- Big Brother, Big Brothers/Sisters Club (Colorado Springs, CO), 1993 - 1995

TRIVIA

Underwent mechanical AVR due to strep viridian endocarditis with bicuspid aortic valve perforation in 2004 following a misdiagnosis. I intimately understand the patient experience and am willing to share this with patients if so desired.

REFERENCES

Available upon request