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EXPERT WITNESS

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LICENSE/CERTIFICATIONS

- Medical license: active in Pennsylvania, New Jersey
- Board Certified: American Board of Internal Medicine, Gastroenterology 2009, 2015

ACHIEVEMENTS

Award/Achievement

Philadelphia Magazine
Top Doc
2019-2025

Grant

Einstein Healthcare Network
Albert Einstein Society
Innovative Grant
“Comprehensive Motility
Center” 2019

PROFESSIONAL OVERVIEW

Board-certified gastroenterologist with over 15 years of clinical experience in gastrointestinal disorders, endoscopy, colon cancer prevention with an interest in esophageal disorders. Expert witness and medical-legal consultant providing impartial, evidence-based reviews for plaintiff and defense. Extensive case review background through participation on hospital and ambulatory surgery Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement (QAPI) committees, ensuring adherence to clinical standards and patient safety. Shareholder in ambulatory surgery center with responsibility for governance, quality oversight, and compliance. Skilled communicator in depositions and TESTIMONY with a reputation for clarity, professionalism, and credibility.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- Fellowship: Gastroenterology, Albert Einstein Medical Center, Philadelphia, PA
Clinical Fellow in Gastroenterology (2006-2009)
6 months focus on esophageal diseases
- Residency: Internal Medicine, Albert Einstein Medical Center, Philadelphia, PA (2003-2006)
- Doctor of Medicine: University of Illinois College of Medicine Peoria, IL (1999-2003)
- Bachelor of Science, Physiological Sciences: University of California, Los Angeles (1998)

CLINICAL AND LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

The EndoCenter

Voorhees, NJ

Shareholder

2021-present

- Equity shareholder in ambulatory surgical endoscopy center
- Perform 1000+ endoscopic procedures annually
- **Leadership Roles:**
 - QAPI chairman with responsibility for monitoring outcomes, adverse event review, and adherence to CMS and AAAHC accreditation standards (2023-2025)
 - Executive committee providing governance and strategic leadership for multi-physician endoscopy unit (2023-2025)

Advocare South Jersey Gastroenterology

Marlton, NJ

Sharholder/Partner

2020-present

- Provide comprehensive outpatient gastroenterology care
- Perform 1,000+ colonoscopies and endoscopic procedures annually
- Special expertise in colorectal cancer prevention, IBD, liver disease, endoscopy and esophageal disorders
- **Leadership Roles:**
 - Executive Board Member providing governance, financial oversight and strategic leadership for a multi-physician gastroenterology practice (2022-present)
 - Marketing for practice (2022-present)

Einstein Healthcare Network

Philadelphia, PA

2017-2020, 2009-2015

- Provide comprehensive inpatient and outpatient gastroenterology care
- Perform 1000+ endoscopic procedures annually
- Education and supervision of mid-level providers, medical students, residents and fellows on consult rotations
- Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine, Thomas Jefferson University (2019-2020)
- **Leadership Roles:**
 - Program Director of Gastroenterology Fellowship Program (2015, 2017-2020)
 - Co-director of esophageal motility lab (2017-2020)
 - Associate Chairman of Department of Gastroenterology (2017-2020)
 - Medical Director of Blue Bell Endoscopy Unit (2018-2020)
 - Associate Program Director of Gastroenterology Fellowship Program (2013-2014)

Gastrointestinal Associates of Southwest Florida

Fort Myers, FL

2015-2017

- Provide comprehensive inpatient and outpatient gastroenterology care
- Perform 1000 + endoscopic procedures annually
- Education of medical students

MEDICOLEGAL EXPERIENCE

- Currently expanding profession practice to include expert witness and medico-legal consulting in gastroenterology
- Qualified to review cases involving endoscopy, colorectal cancer prevention, inflammatory bowel disease, and esophageal disorders
- Extensive background in structured quality review through QAPI committees and board-level governance

PUBLICATIONS PEER REVIEWED JOURNALS

- Salami AC, Greenberg RH, Leighton JC, Miick R, Zavala SR, Zeitzer KL, Bakhos CT: Early Prophylactic Gastrectomy for the Management of Gastric Adenomatous Proximal Polyposis Syndrome (GAPPS). ACS Case Rev Surg 3(7) 62-68. 2022.
- Pilan F, Zavala S: Functional Dyspepsia. Stat Pearls. 2020.
- Chan M, Zavala S: Esophageal Cyst. Stat Pearls. 2019.
- Baumann A, Wheeler D, Patel M, Zavala S, Katz PO.: Predictors of Gastroesophageal reflux Disease Evidence in Noncardiac Chest Pain: A New Management Algorithm. Pract Gastroenterol36-41, 2016.
- Jain D, Goyal A, Zavala S.: Predicting Colonoscopy Time: A Quality Improvement Initiative. Clin Endosc49(6):555-559,2016.
- Katz PO, Zavala S.: Proton Pump Inhibitors in the Management of GERD. J Gastrointest Surg Feb; 14 Suppl 1: S62-6, 2010.

ABSTRACT PRESENTATIONS

- Davis N, Goyal A, Govil Y, Zavala S.: Case of Vanishing Colonic Mass. American College of Gastroenterology National Conference, San Antonio, 2019
- Gideon M, Zavala S.: A Quality Improvement Project: High Resolution Manometry (HRIM) Distilled Water (DW) Challenge: Quantifies Esophageal Wall Impedance and Clearance in Patients with Abnormal Bolus Transit. Presidential Award Recipient. American College of Gastroenterology National Conference, Philadelphia, 2018
- Mahmood E, Lapuma Polk, Bandres M, Jain D, Zavala S.: Prevalence of Adenoma and Advanced Adenoma in HIV Positive Patients Undergoing Screening Colonoscopy. American College of Gastroenterology National Conference, Philadelphia, 20
- Baumann A, Patel M, Zavala S, Katz PO.: Predictors of GI Investigation in Patients Discharge with Non-cardiac Chest Pain. Conference for the American College of Physicians, 2014
- Kumar A., Zavala S., Katz PO.: Reproducibility of Diagnostic Results of Impedance pH Test in Patients with GERD-like Symptoms. American College of Gastroenterology National Conference, San Diego, 2013
- Zavala S, Stein E, Kedika S, Gideon R, Katz P.: Have Referral Patterns to Esophageal Laboratories Changed Over Time? A Study of Esophageal manometry in 2008 Compared to 1987. American College of Gastroenterology National Conference, San Diego, 2009
- Zavala S, Kedika S., Katz, PO., Gideon M.: Has the Distribution of Esophageal Motility Disorders Changed Over Time? A Comparative Study of Patients Undergoing Esophageal Manometry for Evaluation of Non-cardiac Chest Pain

or Dysphagia. 19th Annual North American Conference of Gastroenterology 2009

- Levy A, Mehta G, Zavala S, Rothstein K, Munoz S.: Chlorzoxazone as the Cause of Fulminant Hepatic Failure. American College of Gastroenterology National Conference Philadelphia, 2007
- Zavala S, Katz PO.: A Rare Sigmoid Mass. American College of Gastroenterology National Fellow's Forum, Philadelphia, 2007
- Zavala S, Shah A, Katz PO.: Immediate Esophageal Emptying of Barium Predicts Early Relapse After First Pneumatic Dilation for Achalasia. Albert Einstein Medical Center Research Forum, Philadelphia, 2006
- Zavala S, Katz PO.: A Rare Finding of Pill-Induced Esophagitis. ACP Pennsylvania Chapter Annual Meeting, Hershey, 2004
- Lehrer JK, Zavala S, Katz PO.: Intragastric pH Control on Twice Daily Proton Pump Inhibitors (PPI). Is a PPI a PPI? American College of Gastroenterology National Conference, Orlando, 2004

LECTURES BY INVITATION

- June 1, 2019 "DDW Update Esophageal Diseases", Einstein Healthcare Network and Temple Hospital, Philadelphia, PA
- October 2, 2018 "Colorectal Screening", Primary Care Doctor POD Meeting, Einstein Healthcare Network
- September 23, 2018 "Achalasia", Pennsylvania Society of Gastroenterology Annual Meeting, Hershey, PA
- September 4, 2018 "Colorectal Screening", Primary Care Doctor POD Meeting, Einstein Healthcare Network
- June 23, 2018 "DDW Update Esophageal Diseases", Einstein Healthcare Network and Temple Hospital, Philadelphia, PA
- January 9, 2018 "Esophageal Manometry"-Fellows Conference, Einstein Healthcare Network
- February 14, 2017 "Achalasia" – Grand Rounds, Department of Medicine, Einstein Healthcare Network
- September 26, 2017 "Esophageal Diseases"-Resident Core Lecture, Einstein Healthcare Network
- August 22, 2017 "Achalasia"-Fellows Conference, Einstein Healthcare Network
- January 12, 2017 "Dysphagia"- Medical Students Lecture, Fort Myers Florida
- June 25, 2015 "Esophageal Motility Abnormalities"- Fellow Conference, Einstein Healthcare Network
- February 2012 Case Presentation on Roux-en-Y and Swallowing Disorders - Medical and Surgical Aspects of Esophageal and Foregut Disorders: Pathophysiology and Treatment Conference, Maui, HI
- February 2009 Case Presentation on Barrett's Esophagus - Medical and Surgical Aspects of Esophageal and Foregut Disorders: Pathophysiology and Treatment Conference, Maui, HI

BOOK CHAPTER

- Zavala S, Katz PO. Dysphagia and Odynophagia (Chapter 2) in Textbook of Clinical Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Second Edition, Blackwell Publishing Ltd, 2012, pp 11-15.

COMMITTEES

- Executive Committee, Advocare South Jersey Gastroenterology 2022– present
- Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement Committee, The EndoCenter 2023-2025
- Executive Committee, The EndoCenter 2023-2025
- Colorectal Cancer Screening Improvement Working Group, Einstein Healthcare Network 2018-2020
- Endoscopy Steering Committee, Einstein Healthcare Network 2017-2020
- Fellowship curriculum Committee, Einstein Healthcare Network 2017-2020
- Fellowship Curriculum Committee, Albert Einstein Medical Center 2015-2017

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS

- American Gastroenterology Association (member, 2006-present)
- American College of Gastroenterology (member, 2006-present)
- American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (member, 2008-present)