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SUMMARY

Board-Certified Internal Medicine physician actively practicing Hospital Medicine with 15 years of continuous experience caring for acutely ill inpatients. Provides medical-legal consulting focused on inpatient standards of care, diagnostic decision-making, escalation of care, treatment appropriateness, and causation analysis. Skilled in retrospective chart review, timeline reconstruction, and documentation analysis.

MEDICAL-LEGAL EXPERTISE

Sepsis and delayed recognition

- Evaluation of missed or delayed sepsis diagnosis, timing of antibiotics, fluids, pressors, and escalation of care
- Analysis of atypical presentations in elderly, oncology, and immunocompromised patients

Delayed ICU transfer and failure to escalate care

- Assessment of floor-to-ICU transfer timing, clinical trajectory, oxygen escalation, hemodynamics, and mental status changes
- Distinguishing delayed escalation from rapid, unavoidable deterioration

Acute coronary syndrome and heart failure

- Evaluation of chest pain, troponin trends, ECG interpretation, and escalation to cardiology
- Inpatient management of acute decompensated heart failure and cardiogenic shock

Stroke and neurologic emergencies

- Evaluation of stroke recognition, escalation, imaging, and transfer for neurosurgical intervention

Oncology and immunocompromised patients

- Evaluation of chemotherapy-related complications including neutropenic fever, infection, cytopenias, and organ toxicity

Postoperative complications

- Medical co-management of postoperative orthopedic and general surgery patients, including infection and cardiopulmonary complications

Palliative care

- Inpatient palliative and end-of-life care, including goals-of-care and escalation decisions

Psychiatric emergencies

- Evaluation of suicidal ideation, suicide attempts, and involuntary psychiatric holds (5150)

Critical events and resuscitation

- ACLS-certified; evaluation of pre-arrest deterioration, code response, and post-resuscitation care

Causation and chart review

- Comprehensive EMR review, timeline reconstruction, and documentation analysis
- Distinguishing unavoidable disease progression from preventable medical harm

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Hospitalist and Pre-Operative Medicine Consultant

Alta Bates Summit Medical Center (Sutter Health) — Oakland / Berkeley, CA

2014 – Present

- Inpatient hospital medicine at a tertiary care center with certified stroke care and comprehensive cardiac services, including frequent medical co-management of surgical patients and complex subspecialty cases
- Management of sepsis, stroke, ACS, heart failure, oncology-related and psychiatric emergencies

Hospitalist

Kaiser Permanente — Oakland and Richmond, CA

2010 – 2014

- Inpatient hospital medicine during Internal Medicine residency and Chief Resident year

EDUCATION

MD — SUNY Downstate College of Medicine

Internal Medicine Residency & Chief Residency — Kaiser Permanente, Oakland

PUBLICATIONS (SELECTED)

Hajra AB, et al. Risk of Coronary Disease in the South Asian American Population. *Journal of the American College of Cardiology*, 2013.