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Neurology with Special Qualification in Child Neurology & Epilepsy

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Richard J. Simmons, MD is a board-certified child neurologist with over fifteen years of independent clinical practice. He is currently engaged in full-time outpatient pediatric neurology, providing comprehensive neurological evaluation and longitudinal care for patients from the neonatal period through early adulthood. His clinical practice regularly involves the diagnosis and management of epilepsy, neurodevelopmental disorders, and pediatric brain injury. Dr. Simmons provides medical-legal consultation in pediatric neurology regarding diagnosis, standard of care, and causation across a broad range of pediatric neurological conditions.

CURRENT PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Child Neurologist

The Child Neurology Group of Community Care Physicians
Clifton Park, New York | 2016–Present

Board-certified child neurologist in busy, full-time outpatient practice providing neurological evaluation and ongoing management for children and adolescents with a broad range of neurological conditions.

MEDICAL LICENSURE

- New York State Medical License — Active
(No history of lapse, restriction, or disciplinary action)
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BOARD CERTIFICATION

American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology

- Neurology with Special Qualification in Child Neurology
Initial Certification: September 13, 2010
Meeting Continuing Certification Status
 - Epilepsy
Initial Certification: October 16, 2017
Meeting Continuing Certification Status
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AREAS OF CLINICAL & MEDICAL-LEGAL EXPERTISE

- Hypoxic-ischemic encephalopathy (HIE)
 - Pediatric brain injury
 - Epilepsy
 - Neonatal seizures
 - Non-epileptic events and seizure mimics
 - Developmental delay and intellectual disability
 - Autism spectrum disorder (clinical management and longitudinal outcomes)
 - Cerebral palsy
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MEDICAL-LEGAL / EXPERT WITNESS EXPERIENCE

Provides medical-legal consultation in pediatric neurology, including review and analysis of medical records, formulation of written expert opinions, and testimony when applicable. Experience includes evaluation of pediatric neurological diagnosis, standard of care, and causation. Consultation encompasses matters involving hypoxic-ischemic encephalopathy (HIE) and other forms of pediatric brain injury. Has provided sworn trial testimony.

MEDICAL-LEGAL CONSULTING ACTIVITY

Founder and Consulting Child Neurologist

Simmons Pediatric Neurology Consulting, Inc.
New York | 2025–Present

Provides independent medical-legal consultation in pediatric neurology, including medical record review and expert analysis related to diagnosis, standard of care, and causation. Consulting activity is distinct from and does not involve direct patient care.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Child Neurologist

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Full-time outpatient pediatric neurology practice providing comprehensive neurological evaluation and longitudinal care. Clinical responsibilities include diagnosis and management of epilepsy, neurodevelopmental disorders, and pediatric brain injury, with ongoing care extending from the neonatal period through early adulthood and, for select patients, into later decades of life. Serves as the sole child neurologist in the practice, working collaboratively with a physician assistant and maintaining responsibility for clinical decision-making, care coordination, and continuity of patient management.

Child Neurologist

Schenectady Neurological Consultants, P.C.
Schenectady, New York | 2009–2016

Provided outpatient pediatric neurology care for infants, children, adolescents, and young adults with a broad range of neurological conditions. Responsibilities included diagnostic evaluation and longitudinal management. Participated in practice operations through involvement in business oversight activities, including financial analysis, physician and staff hiring, and staff performance evaluation.

EDUCATION & TRAINING

Residency Training

Neurology and Child Neurology
State University of New York at Buffalo, Department of Neurology
Buffalo, New York | 2005–2009
Chief Resident, Neurology and Child Neurology (2008–2009)

Internship

Pediatrics
UMDNJ–Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital
New Brunswick, New Jersey | 2003–2004

Medical Education

Doctor of Medicine
Drexel University College of Medicine
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania | 2003

Undergraduate Education

Bachelor of Science, Biology, *Cum Laude*
Union College
Schenectady, New York | 1999

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- American Academy of Neurology
- Child Neurology Society

SELECTED APPOINTMENTS & ADVISORY ROLES

Member, New York State Medical Cannabis Advisory Council (MCAC)

Appointed by the New York State Department of Health
March 2024 – July 2025