

Ronak Dana Hendry, MD, ABEM

Board-Certified Emergency Medicine Expert Witness

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Available Nationally | Plaintiff & Defense

EXPERT WITNESS PROFILE

ABEM board-certified emergency physician with 15+ years of continuous active clinical practice across academic, regional, and community emergency departments in multiple states. Residency-trained at Washington University in St. Louis / Barnes-Jewish Hospital, one of the nation's foremost academic medical centers, with subspecialty pediatric emergency training at St. Louis Children's Hospital. Leadership experience as Assistant Medical Director at Community First Medical Center, Chicago. Expertise in failure to diagnose, diagnostic error, triage standard of care, and complex decision-making in adult and pediatric emergencies. Over 10 years of active telemedicine practice. Prior expert witness experience. Published researcher and regular teaching faculty for EM residents and medical students. Clear, well-reasoned written reports and confident testimony. Available for plaintiff and defense counsel on a national basis.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE & CASE TYPES

- Failure to Diagnose / Diagnostic Error
- Emergency Medicine Standard of Care
- Triage Decisions & ESI Scoring
- Chest Pain, ACS & Acute MI
- Stroke, TIA & Neurological Emergencies
- Sepsis Recognition & Management
- Pulmonary Embolism & DVT
- Aortic Dissection
- Pediatric Emergency Medicine
- Trauma & Critical Care
- Airway Management & RSI
- Acute Abdomen & Surgical Emergencies
- Discharge Decision-Making & AMA
- Telemedicine Standard of Care
- EMTALA & ED Documentation
- Medication Errors / Resident & Midlevel Supervision

CREDENTIALS

Board Certification: American Board of Emergency Medicine (ABEM) -- Active

Professional Membership: American Academy of Emergency Medicine (AAEM)

Licensure: 40 active unrestricted medical licenses, including Illinois

Expert Witness Experience: Prior experience; available for plaintiff and defense

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Attending Emergency Physician

Community First Medical Center / Chicago, IL

2020 -- Present

- High-volume urban ED; full-spectrum undifferentiated emergency care across adult and pediatric presentations
- Teaching faculty: Rush and Stroger Hospital EM residents, Caribbean medical students, international visiting physicians

Leadership Experience:

- Assistant Medical Director (2021 -- 2024): oversight of clinical operations, quality standards, and physician performance

Attending Emergency Physician

TeamHealth Special Ops, Midwest Division / Multiple States

2019 -- 2020

- Rapid-deployment across multiple EDs; broad exposure to varying institutional standards of care and documentation practices

Attending Emergency Physician

Infinity Healthcare Partners / Multiple States

2017 -- 2019

- Multi-site emergency physician practice across multiple community hospitals

Attending Emergency Physician

Memorial Hermann Hospital, The Woodlands / Texas

2014 -- 2017

- Level II trauma center; complex trauma, surgical, and critical care cases
- Member, Critical Care Committee -- institutional standard-of-care policy development

Attending Emergency Physician

Mercy Hospital Washington / Missouri

2011 -- 2014

- Community ED; broad undifferentiated patient volume across rural and suburban presentations

ACTIVE TELEMEDICINE PRACTICE

Over 10 years of active telemedicine practice in emergency medicine. One of a small cohort of emergency physicians able to opine credibly on telemedicine standard of care, an increasingly litigated area covering virtual triage, informed consent in telehealth, duty-to-examine standards, and appropriate escalation and referral.

EDUCATION & TRAINING

Emergency Medicine Residency

Washington University / Barnes-Jewish Hospital / St. Louis Children's Hospital / St. Louis, MO

2007 -- 2011

- Residency training at Washington University, one of the nation's top-ranked academic medical centers
- Pediatric emergency subspecialty training at St. Louis Children's Hospital
- Research: ESI triage scoring and E&M; billing correlation -- co-authored; presented ACEP Scientific Assembly 2009

Doctor of Medicine (MD)

Rush Medical College | Chicago, IL
2003 -- 2007

- President, Emergency Medicine Interest Group
- Volunteer, Pilsen Pediatric free clinic and Franciscan Homeless Shelter free clinic

B.S. Biomedical Engineering & Chemistry Minor

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign | Champaign, IL
1999 -- 2003

- Research with Dr. Paul Lauterbur (Nobel Laureate, Physiology/Medicine 2003)
- Cullen W. Parmalee Scholarship for Excellence in Engineering; Golden Key Honor Society

PUBLICATIONS & RESEARCH

- Hendry RD, Wiler J, Poirier R, Griffey R. "Examining the Relationship Between ESI Triage Score and Final E&M; Billing Code." Washington University School of Medicine. Presented at ACEP Scientific Assembly, October 2009.
- LLSA Review: "Reducing Door-to-Balloon Time in Acute Myocardial Infarction." EP Monthly.
- LLSA Review: "Surviving Sepsis, Part 1." EP Monthly.
- Editor / Contributor: Airway Chapter, Quick Essentials Emergency Medicine: The One-Minute Consult.

TEACHING & ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

- Regular teaching attending for Rush and Stroger Hospital EM residents, Caribbean medical students, and international visiting physicians -- Community First Medical Center, 2020 to present
- Guest Lecturer, St. Louis University School of Medicine, EM Department and PA Program, 2012
- Medical Director, King Orthopedic New Town Triathlon, 2010 to 2013

HONORS & RECOGNITION

- ACEP Leadership and Advocacy Conference Scholarship Recipient, 2009
- SAEM Medical Student Award for Excellence in Emergency Medicine, 2007
- Cullen W. Parmalee Scholarship for Excellence in Engineering, 2000
- Golden Key Honor Society; Keramos Ceramic Engineering Honor Society