

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### Summary of Expertise

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Anthony Asuelimen Aghenta, MD, FACP is a Board Certified Internal Medicine physician and Fellow of the American College of Physicians with more than 15 years of active clinical practice. He founded and operated his own primary care clinic in Arizona before joining Optima Medical, where he currently sees up to 25 patients daily, directs a team of nurse practitioners and physician assistants, and conducts regular chart reviews to ensure accuracy and quality of care. Dr. Aghenta has served as Medical Director overseeing hospital quality assurance, utilization review, and insurance denials — positions that required him to evaluate whether physicians met accepted standards of care. He served as an outside medical consultant to the Arizona Medical Board, evaluating physician conduct and clinical decision-making. He holds a Master of Science in Health Services Research and Policy and carries certification in Healthcare Quality and Management (CHCQM).

### Education

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<b>UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, MINNEAPOLIS, MN</b> MS, Health Services Research and Policy School of Public Health	Graduated 2005
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<b>UNIVERSITY OF BENIN, BENIN CITY, NIGERIA</b> Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) College of Medical Sciences	Graduated 1999
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### Postdoctoral Training

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<b>UNITY HEALTH SYSTEM, ROCHESTER, NY</b> Resident in Internal Medicine	2007–2009
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<b>UNITY HEALTH SYSTEM, ROCHESTER, NY</b> Intern in Internal Medicine	2006–2007
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### Hospital Appointments

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<b>CHANDLER REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER, CHANDLER, AZ</b> Community Affiliate	2026–Present
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<b>MERCY GILBERT MEDICAL CENTER, GILBERT, AZ</b> Community Affiliate	2026–Present
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<b>CHANDLER REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER, CHANDLER, AZ</b> Medical Staff	2019–2025
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<b>MERCY GILBERT MEDICAL CENTER, GILBERT, AZ</b>	2019–2025
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Medical Staff

**ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER, PHOENIX, AZ** 2009–2024  
Medical Staff

## Employment

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**OPTIMA MEDICAL, GILBERT, AZ** 2025–Present  
Primary Care Physician – Internal Medicine  
Supervising physician for a team of 3 mid-level providers (NPs and PAs)

**GHENTMD PLLC (INTEGRATIVE HEALTH CLINIC), GILBERT, AZ** 2019–2025  
Founder & Primary Care Physician – Internal Medicine

**PIONEER HOSPITALISTS, ARIZONA** 2019–2025  
Independent Contractor Hospitalist

**CORROHEALTH (VERSALUS HEALTH)** 2023–2024  
Medical Director, Denials Management

**ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD, PHOENIX, AZ** 2022–2025  
Outside Medical Consultant

**ZION MEDICAL GROUP, ARIZONA** 2015–2019  
Senior Associate Hospitalist

**CORONADO HEALTHCARE CENTER, PHOENIX, AZ** 2014–2019  
Medical Director

**CURAHEALTH HOSPITAL (FORMERLY KINDRED HOSPITAL), PHOENIX, AZ** 2014–2017  
Medical Director of Quality Assurance and Utilization Review

**IPC THE HOSPITALIST COMPANY, ARIZONA** 2009–2015  
Hospitalist

**HEALTH SERVICES ADVISORY GROUP, PHOENIX, AZ** 2013  
Physician Advisor

**UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, MINNEAPOLIS, MN** 2003–2005  
Graduate Research Assistant, School of Public Health

## Major Committee Service

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**CURAHEALTH HOSPITAL, PHOENIX, AZ** 2014–2017  
Member, Medical Executive Committee

<b>ARIZONA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION</b> Member, Communications Committee	2021–2024
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### **Volunteer Positions**

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<b>AFRICAN COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE, MINNEAPOLIS, MN</b> Volunteer Member	2005–2006
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<b>BRAIN INJURY ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA, MINNEAPOLIS, MN</b> Member	2005–2006
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<b>FAMILY OPPORTUNITIES FOR LIVING COLLABORATION, MINNEAPOLIS, MN</b> Volunteer Health Educator	2005–2006
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### **Licenses and Certifications**

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<b>AMERICAN BOARD OF INTERNAL MEDICINE</b> Diplomate; Initially Certified 2009	Expires 05/2031
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<b>ARIZONA STATE MEDICAL LICENSE, #41309</b>	2009 Active
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<b>TEXAS STATE MEDICAL LICENSE, #U8270</b>	2023 Active
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<b>CERTIFIED IN HEALTHCARE QUALITY AND MANAGEMENT (CHCQM)</b>	2024–Active
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<b>DEA CERTIFICATE</b>	2024–2027
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<b>ACLS / BLS</b>	2025 -2027
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<b>ECFMG CERTIFICATE</b>	2005
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### **Professional Societies**

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<b>AMERICAN COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS</b>	2009–Present
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<b>AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION</b>	2006–Present
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<b>ARIZONA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION</b>	2018–2024
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<b>AMERICAN BOARD OF QUALITY ASSURANCE AND UTILIZATION REVIEW PHYSICIANS</b>	2021–Present
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<b>SOCIETY OF HOSPITAL MEDICINE</b>	2009–2018
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### **Honors and Awards**

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<b>AMERICAN COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS</b> Fellow (FACP)	2016–Present
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<b>LEADING PHYSICIANS OF THE WORLD</b> Distinguished Hospitalist	2017
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**ROCHESTER GENERAL HOSPITAL, ROCHESTER, NY**

2006

2nd Prize, Original Research – Annual Poster Exhibition

"Therapeutic Hypothermia: A Community Center Experience" (A. Aghenta, A. Osowo, V. Das)

**NEW YORK ACP UPSTATE SCIENTIFIC MEETING, NEW YORK, NY**

2006

Honorable Mention – Scientific Poster

"When Neisseria Meningitis Does Not Fit the Picture" (A. Aghenta, A. Osowo, V. Das, N. El-Daher)

**Publications**

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Aghenta AA, Kim HJ. An unusual case of colon perforation complicating acute pancreatitis. Case Reports in Gastroenterology. 2009;3(2):207-213.

Aghenta A, Osowo A, Das V, Palacio C. Therapeutic hypothermia in cardiac arrest: feasible? Case series in a community hospital. Journal of Hospital Medicine. 2008;3(6):489-492.

Aghenta A, Osowo A, Thomas J. Symptomatic atrial fibrillation with infectious mononucleosis. Canadian Family Physician. 2008;54(5):695-696.