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*Pain & Addiction Integrated Network, Inc*

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## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### **EDUCATION:**

- Stanford University, BA in Psychology; June 1975
- UCLA Geffen School of Medicine, Los Angeles, CA; M.D.; June 1979.
- SPPH-Harbor/UCLA Hospitals Joint 3 Yr Family Medicine Residency Program; 1979-1982

### **LICENSURE:**

- California Medical License: G43878
- DEA License: AC9634038
- NPI: 1144271495
- BUP X License: XC9634038 (certified to treat the maximum of 275 patients concurrently)
- American Board of Family Medicine 035372
- American Board of Addiction Medicine 12481743
- American Board of Pain Medicine (2007-2017)

### **CERTIFICATION:**

- Diplomate, American Board of Addiction Medicine, FASAM
- Diplomate, American Board of Family Medicine
- Diplomate, American Board of Pain Medicine (2007-2017)
- Member, American Society of Addiction Medicine
- Member, California Society of Addiction Medicine

### **PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS:**

- American Academy of Pain Management
- The Society for Pain Management
- American Society of Interventional Pain Physicians
- American Pain Society
- American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry
- The American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM)

- The California Society of Addiction Medicine (CSAM)
- California Medical Association (CMA)
- American Medical Association (AMA)

### **HOSPITAL APPOINTMENTS:**

- Providence/Little Company of Mary Hospital and Medical Center, 1997-10/10/2016  
Torrance Memorial Medical Center, 1992-10/10/2016
- Santa Clara County Valley Medical Center, 02/01/2017-12/10/2018
- San Pedro and Peninsula Hospital, 1982-2012
- Bay Harbor Hospital, 1999-1995

### **EMPLOYMENT / MEDICAL DIRECTORSHIPS:**

- Prime Wellness Community Health Center  
8610 S. Sepulveda Blvd., Ste. #104  
Los Angeles, CA 90045; 310-659-7867  
Family Medicine, Pediatric, Adolescent, and Adult Family Medicine  
Began 08/01/2023
- PM&R SOLUTIONS. Utilization Review. Retrospective, Concurrent, Prospective review in workers compensation healthcare. Expert Consultant. Mark H. DeRosa- Operations Manager; (877) 693-2089 x704 M: (404) 725-3535 F: (888) 403-7805. [www.pmandrsolutions.com](http://www.pmandrsolutions.com). Start: OCTOBER 30, 2021 THROUGH 12/15/2021.
- Chief Medical Officer, Urgent Point, PC; 10/01/2020 – 04/01/2020. Marina Del Rey, Los Angeles, CA 90066. 323-438-0483 [Rick.Chavez@urgentpoint.com](mailto:Rick.Chavez@urgentpoint.com). Supervision of N.P.s and P.A.s including admission criteria and supervision involving patients admitted for Addiction treatment facilities, Behavioral Health and Dual Diagnosis facilities for Acute Detox Treatment and Behavioral Health disorders; including urgent care for primary care and urgent care supervision. Supervision and oversight of Nurse Practitioners w/ psych cert; PAs; and Physicians, including protocols for facilities when screening potential admissions. October 2020 through April, 1, 2022.
- Medical Director, Healthcare Resource Group, Inc. 2/1/2010-11/07/2019; Returned as Medical Director 05/20-10/01/20 Involved in UR and Case management of Workers Compensation and Addiction treatment Services.
- Recently volunteered to join the Committee of the Rancheria Susanville Indian Tribe for development of IHS 40,000 S.F. Clinic next to Banner Community Hospital in Susanville CA. Current consultant.
- Medical Director, Health Net / Centene corp. 12/2019--3/10/2020. Medical Director involved in INTERQUAL, MAGELLAN, REGARDING retrospective and prospective Utilization Review and case management, Medicare, Medi-cal Guidelines.
- Independent Consultant to the DEA (Drug Enforcement Agency); USDOJ; Medical Board of California; 2010-Current. Defense and prosecution of physicians inappropriately prescribing schedule II drugs. Addressed Addiction Treatment; interventional pain management and chronic pain management medication management;
- Medical Director Pain and Addiction Medicine Program at Valley Health Center. Santa Clara County Hospital, Department of Family Medicine. 10/01/2016 – 12/16/2018 Designed and managed Pain and Addiction outpatient management services at Santa Clara County Valley Medical Center in the Department of Family Medicine.
- Private Practice Pain Medicine, Addiction Medicine, and Family Medicine, The Pain & Addiction Integrated Network, Inc. The P.A.I.N. Institute. (5/2004-10/2016)
- Medical Director of THE PAIN INSTITUTE at Little Company of Mary Hospital. 2/2002-4/2004
- Medical Director, Ambulatory Care Services-Region III HealthCare Partners Medical Group. (1999-2002)
- Medical Director of the Carson Care Station, Urgent Care and Family Medicine. (1998-2002)
- Co-Medical Director & Co-Founder, Coastal Physicians Medical Group-(1994-1998)
- Co-Founder & Vice-President, Alliance of Private Practice Physicians IPA (1992-1999)
- Medical Director, San Pedro Peninsula Hospital Chronic Pain Program (1986-1991)
- Medical Director, Todd Pacific Shipyards Occupational Medical Clinic (1982-1986)

- CEO & Founder, Harbor Family Medical Group-(1982-1994)

#### CERTIFICATIONS:

- UMC utilization management certified.
- Experience with EPIC, Amazing Charts EMR
- Experience with Dragon Speak Medical Dictation Program
- Experience with INTER QUAL Medicine/Pediatrics/Surgery/ Outpatient and Inpatient Procedures/
- Milliman Guide; NIA (Magellan) Radiology and Procedure Guide
- Experience with Medi-Cal guidelines and CCS or California Children's Services guidelines.

#### AWARDS, COMMITTEES, & LECTURES:

- "The Consequences of Marijuana Addiction" Lecture to California Association of Toxicologist Annual Meeting, Friday Nov. 2-3 2018 in Bakersfield, CA.
- "Abuse Addiction and Pain Relief: Time for a Change" Expert Faculty Round Table; invited to participate in a round table summit in Bethesda, Maryland. Co-sponsored by NIDA
- National Institute of Drug Abuse; American Pain Foundation; American Pain Society, 2008
- Buprenorphine Summit Conference, Maryland SAMHSA, CSAT & Dept. of Health & Human Services, 2005
- Board Member, Medical Assoc. of Little Company of Mary Medical Center, 1999-2002
- Chairman, Department of Family Medicine San Pedro Peninsula Hospital, 1984-1987
- Board Member, Executive Committee San Pedro Peninsula Hospital, 1984-1987
- Trustee, San Pedro and Peninsula Hospital, 1982-1983
- Chairman, Hospital Geographic Outreach Committee San Pedro Peninsula Hospital, 1995
- Member of Congresswoman Jane Harmon's Health Care Task Force, 1994
- Parke-Davis Teacher Development Award, SPPH-Harbor UCLA Residency, 1982-1983
- Member of Utilization Review, Chemical Dependency Committee, MICU, Surgery, Nutrition, Family Practice Residency Committee, Rehabilitation Committee, IPA Utilization & Marketing Advisory Committees San Pedro Peninsula Hospital, 1982-1994

#### PUBLICATIONS:

- "Abuse, Addiction, and Pain Relief: Time for a Change" Clinician CME Program, September, 2008
- "Revolutionizing the Treatment of Pain" Southbay Health Publication. Article by David Hunt, Publisher and Editor, Jan/Feb 2005
- "Dark Triad: President Trump's Personality Disorder and Dissent into Madness" A physician's perspective on President Trump's Severe Personality Disorder, Nov. 2019

#### ABSTRACTS WRITTEN:

1. Buprenorphine Treatment as an Alternative to Orthopedic Surgery in Patients on Prescription Opiates with Lumbosacral or Cervical Spine Disc Disease  
R Chavez, W. Dillin and L. Amass  
The P.A.I.N. Institute, Inc., Redondo Beach, CA and Kerlan-Jobe and Friends Research Institute, Inc. Los Angeles, CA, 2006  
Presented at the 67th Annual Conference of College on Problems of Drug Dependency, Scottsdale, Arizona, 2006
2. IMPROVEMENT IN PAIN LEVELS AFTER TREATING OPIOID DEPENDENT CHRONIC PAIN PATIENTS WITH BUPRENORPHINE.  
Rick Chavez, M.D.<sup>1,2</sup>, Leslie Amass, Ph.D.<sup>3</sup>, Jonathan B. Kamien, Ph.D.<sup>3</sup> and Lynette Prucha<sup>2</sup>  
<sup>1</sup>UCLA School of Medicine, Los Angeles, CA, <sup>2</sup>The Pain Institute at Little Company of Mary, Redondo Beach, CA, and <sup>3</sup>Friends Research Institute, Inc., Los Angeles, CA Presented at 3rd World Congress,

World Institute of Pain,  
September 21-25, 2004 "Pain Advances in Research and  
Clinical Practice," Barcelona, Spain.

3. **Buprenorphine Tablet Treatment for Opioid Dependence in Patients With Co- morbid  
Chronic Severe Pain**

Rick Chavez, M.D. 1,2, Leslie Amass, Ph.D. 3, Jonathan B. Kamien, Ph.D. 3, and  
Lynette Prucha, MA 2

1UCLA School of Medicine, Los Angeles, CA, 2The Pain Institute at Little Company of  
Mary, Redondo Beach, CA, 3Friends Research Institute, Inc., Los Angeles, CA  
Oral Presentation at The 66th Annual Meeting of The Conference on Problems in  
Drug Dependence (CPDD), San Juan, PR 6/04

4. **Buprenorphine Treatment for Opioid Dependence in Patients with Co- morbid Chronic Severe Pain:  
An Open-Label Case Study Analysis**

R Chavez and L Amass. UCLA School of Medicine, Los Angeles, CA and The Pain Institute at Little Company of Mary, Redondo  
Beach, CA; and Friends Research Institute, Inc., Los Angeles, CA Poster presentation at "6th Annual Conference on Pain and  
Chemical Dependency in New York City, February 13-15, 2004"

5. **Presentation of the PAIN AND ADDICTION PROGRAM at Santa Clara County Valley Medical  
Center found at:**

<https://www.researchgate.net/project/DEVELOPMENT-OF-SANTA-CLARA-COUNTY-SYSTEM-FOR-MANAGEMENT-OF-OPIOID-DEPENDENT-PATIENTS>.

**TELEVISION, RADIO, & VIDEO:**

- Appeared on "A Las Cuatro" Channel 22 (Televisual NBC) as Medical Director of The Pain Institute at Little Company of Mary -Discussed Opiate Addiction and Chronic Pain. 10/10/2003.
- Appeared on KCAL 9 News at 2 P.M. and 8 P.M. on 1/10/2003 And 1/11/2003 Health Segments to discuss Buprenorphine Treatment in Chronic Pain Patients addicted to Opiate Analgesics  
Host: Dilva Henry, KCAL News commentary.  
YOUTUBE: Available 2 part KCAL 9 Television interview regarding Buprenorphine

(Suboxone) & Opioid Dependence. Treatment in opioid addicted pain patients.

INPUT: [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) : [2 PART KCAL 9 SUBOXONE \(BUPRENORPHINE\) TREAT OPIOID DEPENDENCE](#)

- 2009-2012 CO-HOST on local CALL IN radio show KHJ on Friday evenings 10 pm – 2 am. TOPIC ADDICTION MANAGEMENT.

**FACULTY APPOINTMENTS:**

- Assistant Clinical Professor of Family Medicine, UCLA Geffen School of Medicine, 2002-2012
- Clinical Faculty, UCLA Geffen School of Medicine Dept. of Family Medicine, 1992-2002
- Clinical Instructor, USC School of Medicine Physician Assistant Training, 1993-1996
- Clinical Faculty, USC School of Medicine Department of Family Medicine, 1987-1992
- Clinical Instructor, AHEC/HISMET UC Davis School of Medicine, 1989-1991
- Clinical Instructor, Harbor- UCLA/SPPH Family Medicine Residency Program, 1982-1987
- Clinical Faculty, San Pedro & Peninsula Hospital Harbor/UCLA Family Medicine Residency Program 1982-1988

**CLINICAL EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE:**

- Primary care medicine
- Occupational medicine

- Addiction Medicine
- Chronic pain management and interventions  
Expertise includes written protocols for Guidelines for Pain Management Interventions.
- Utilization Review, Managed Care.
- Medico-Legal expert analysis;

#### MANAGED CARE EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE:

- Medical cost management
- Utilization Review
- Case management
- Chronic disease management
- High cost complex claims and medical records audit
- Telemedicine
- Medical policy development
- Evidence based clinical guidelines research and development
- e Consultations regarding Pain and Addiction Medical Disorders

#### MEDICAL EXPERT WITNESS REPORTS AND TESTIMONY:

- Extensive experience in medical expert consulting and witness including working with:  
(List of cases provided on request). [www.Seak.com](http://www.Seak.com)
  - > Medical Board of California
  - > Drug Enforcement Agency
  - > Federal Bureau of Investigation
  - > Attorney General of California
  - > Los Angeles County District Attorney.
  - > Malpractice cases
  - > Plaintiff and Defense Consultation
  - > Listed in SEAK as a medical consultant

#### TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP

Honey Lake Maidu Tribe of California- Tribal Roll 535606; Susanville Indian Rancheria Lassen County, Northern California.  
Federally Recognized Tribe