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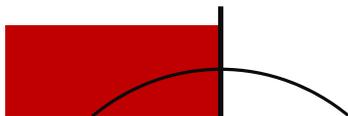
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Specialty (ies): Medical Education

B.A.; Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, Hendrix College, Conway Arkansas, 1985; M.S.; University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, College of Medicine, Little Rock, Arkansas, 1990; Ph.D; Meharry Medical College, School of Graduate Studies & Research, Nashville, Tennessee, 1995.

Scholarly activities and interests:
Dr. Alexander is a current Ad hoc reviewer for *Kidney International* and for *Pharmacological Reports*.



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Specialty (ies): Surgery

B.S.; Microbiology, University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, TX., 2006; M.D., Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX., 2010.

Scholarly activities and interests:
Dr. Andrade is a General Surgeon in an academic practice. Proficient with laparoscopy and robotic surgery. I always strive to provide high quality and compassionate care to my patients. Fluent in English and Spanish.



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Specialty (ies): OB/GYN

M.D.; Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences, Rohtak, India.

Scholarly activities and interests:
Dr. Arya is involved in resident and medical education as well as patient care. In addition to educating and providing preventive measures to women of all age groups, her main areas of interest are female pelvic ultrasound, colposcopy, abnormal uterine bleeding, polycystic ovary disease, menopause and gynecology surgery.

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Scholarly activities and interests: Dr. Blanco is currently studying online certification in Weight & Lifestyle Management, Metabolic Medical Institute.



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Specialty (ies): Family & Community Center

B.A.; Psychology, Premedical Studies, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, 1996; M.D.; Highest Honors, Ross University School of Medicine, Dominica, West Indies, 2006.

Scholarly activities and interests: Dr. Forde is Dedicated to excellent patient care with strong clinical and assessment skills. Conscientious, team-oriented, diligent. Enjoy new challenges and eager to learn.



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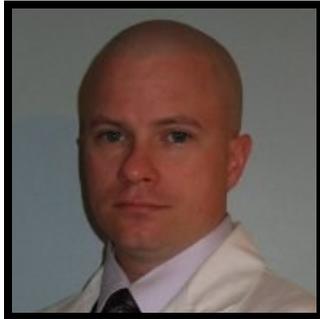
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M.D.; (MBBCH) Benha University School of Medicine, Benha, Qalubiya Governorate, Egypt, 1998; M.S.C., Benha University School of Medicine, Benha, Qalubiya Governorate, Egypt, 2003; Ph.D., Benha University School of Medicine, Benha, Qalubiya Governorate, Egypt, 2009.

Scholarly activities and interests: Dr. Hagag's current interests are Orthopedic complex trauma and posttraumatic reconstruction & Nonunion, malunion and periarticular fractures, foot and ankle reconstruction, pelvic and acetabulum fractures, pediatric hip disorders, skeletal dysplasia's, deformity correction limb reconstruction and lengthening, stem cell and orthobiologics research.

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WBAMC, Ft. Bliss: 2015
Specialty (ies): Oral & Maxillofacial
Surgery

A.A. & A.S.; in Arts & Science,
Clinton Community College, Clinton,
IA, 1996; B.S.; Microbiology (With
Distinction), University of Iowa, Iowa
City, IA, 1999; D.D.S.; University of
Iowa College of Dentistry, University
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Certificate in Oral & Maxillofacial
Surgery, Womack Army Medical
Center, Ft. Bragg, NC, 2013;
Fellowship; Oral Facial Surgery
Institute, Mercy Hospital, St. Louis,
MO, 2015.

Scholarly activities and interests:
Dr. Ivory has research experience in
Comparing Autogenous Bone Grafts
With Allografts and rhBMP-2.



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Specialty (ies): Center of Emphasis for
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BVSC & AH; G.B. Pant University of
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Research Institute, Bareilly, Uttar
Pradesh, India, 2000; Ph.D.; North
Carolina University, Raleigh, NC,
2004; Post Doc; National Cancer
Institute, Frederick, MD, 2009.

Scholarly activities and interests:
Dr. Joshi is currently working on
grants that she received: Seed Grant
Award, FY 2016-2017, President's
Collaborative Research Initiative
(Co-Investigator), 2015-2016, NIH
R15 Grant 1R15AI116240-01A1
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Specialty (ies): Neurology

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University of Calicut India, India,
2001; Internship Internal Medicine at
Bronx-Lebanon Hospital Center
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Einstein College of Medicine, Bronx,
NY, 2005; Resident Physician,
University of Cincinnati,
Department of Neurology, 2008;
Vascular Neurology fellowship
training University of Minnesota,
2009; Neuroendovascular Surgery
Fellowship, University of Minnesota,
2011.

Scholarly activities and interests: Dr.
Khatri furthered his professional
training with dual fellowship training
in endovascular surgical
neuroradiology and vascular neurology
& is board certified in neurology,
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Specialty (ies): Pediatrics

B.A.; Universidad del Rosario, Bogota, Colombia, 1995; M.D.; Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Bogota, Colombia, 2002.

Scholarly activities and interests: Dr. Lopez-Bertiery main interest is exploring the association of Hispanic ethnicity and different outcomes in children with cancer in Texas. In our state, the size and rapid increase of the Hispanic population provide us with a very unique opportunity to better understand the scope of these disparities. Her research will provide critical data to inform future intervention and policy to decrease disparities among children with cancer.



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Year Joined TTUHSC El Paso: 2015

Specialty (ies): Medical Education

B.S.; Molecular and Cellular Biology, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ, 2004; Ph.D.; Molecular Pathology, University of California San Diego, San Diego, CA, 2011.

Scholarly activities and interests: Dr. Perry is currently interested in Human induced pluripotent stem cell models (hiPSC) of cardiovascular and neurodegenerative disorders of autophagy, Diversity recruitment, retention and pipeline programs for medical science education, Self-assessment in undergraduate medical education.



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Specialty (ies): Medical Education

B.A.; Psychology, San Jose State University, San Jose, CA, 1984; M.S.; Biology, San Jose State University, San Jose, CA, 1989; Ph.D.; Neuroscience, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA, 1994.

Scholarly activities and interests: Dr. Pettit is currently a reviewer for The Journal of Neurophysiology, The Journal of Neuroscience, The Journal of Physiology, Journal of Neurophysiology, Plos, Nature Neuroscience, Nature Methods, Neuron.

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Scholarly activities and interests: Dr. Vellipuram specializes in neurocritical care and vascular neurology. In his clinical practice, he is committed to providing expert diagnostic and advanced therapies to care for the unique needs of critically ill patients with devastating neurological syndromes.



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Specialty (ies): Family and Community Medicine

B.S.; Biology, University of Texas-Pan American, Edinburg, TX, 2009; M.D.; Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX, 2013.

Scholarly activities and interests: Dr. Winters is trained to provide broad-spectrum care which includes treating common disorders in pediatrics, adult medicine, and non-complicated obstetrics. She spends most of her time taking care of acutely ill patient hospitalized at University Medical Center where she is also involved in teaching Family Medicine residents, pharmacy residents, and medical students.