

PRIMARY CARE ADVISORY COUNCIL (PCAC) MEETING AGENDA

January 28, 2021
3:00 P.M. to Adjournment

MEETING LOCATIONS

This meeting will be held via teleconference only:

Pursuant to Governor Sisolak's March 22, 2020 Declaration of Emergency Directive 006; The requirement contained in NRS 241.023 (1) (b) that there be a physical location designated for meetings of public bodies where members of the public are permitted to attend and participate is suspended.

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1. Call to order/Roll call - Staff
2. Review and consider approval of minutes from the December 15, 2020 meeting of the PCAC.
- Chairperson

PUBLIC COMMENT

POSSIBLE ACTION ITEM

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3. Recommendation to the Administrator for the Division of Public and Behavioral Health regarding a J-1 Physician Visa Waiver Letter of Support for Dr. Farhad Mehrkhani – Heather Mitchell, Health Resource Analyst, PCO

PUBLIC COMMENT

POSSIBLE ACTION ITEM

4. Recommendation to the Administrator for the Division of Public and Behavioral Health regarding a J-1 Physician Visa Waiver Letter of Support for Dr. Ankita Raman – Heather Mitchell, Health Resource Analyst, PCO

PUBLIC COMMENT

POSSIBLE ACTION ITEM

5. Recommendation to the Administrator for the Division of Public and Behavioral Health regarding a J-1 Physician Visa Waiver Letter of Support for Dr. Marco Antonio Lopez Velazquez – Heather Mitchell, Health Resource Analyst, PCO

PUBLIC COMMENT

POSSIBLE ACTION ITEM

6. Review and consideration of proposed revised application procedures per NAC 439A.715(3) – Heather Mitchell, Health Resource Analyst, PCO

PUBLIC COMMENT

POSSIBLE ACTION ITEM

7. Public Comment

No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action will be taken.

8. Adjournment

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Nevada Public Notice website: <https://notice.nv.gov>

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http://dpbh.nv.gov/Boards/PCO/Meetings/2021/PCAC_FFY2021_Meetings/

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DRAFTMINUTES
December 15, 2020
1:00 PM to Adjournment

TELECONFERENCE:

In accordance with Governor Sisolak's Declaration of Emergency Directive 006; Subsection 1; The requirement contained in NRS 241.023 (1) (b) that there be a physical location designated for meetings of public bodies where members of the public are permitted to attend and participate is suspended.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Amir Qureshi, Chair (Call-In)
Susan VanBeuge (Call-In)
Keith Clarke (Call-In Designee)
Cody Phinney (Call-In)
Julie Clyde (Call-In)
Nancy Bowen (Call-In)

COUNCIL MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Gerald J. Ackerman (Designee sent)
Jason Hildebrand

DPBH STAFF PRESENT:

Heather Mitchell, Health Resource Analyst, PCO
Tarryn Emmerich-Choi, Management Analyst, PCO

OTHERS PRESENT:

Linda Anderson, Nevada Public Health Foundation
Mark Trocinski, Fisher Philips
Casey Gillham, Community Health Alliance
Annette Logan Parker, Cure for the Kids Foundation
Lindsay Fullerton, Cure for the Kids Foundation, Attorney

1. Roll call and confirmation of quorum.

H. Mitchell read the roll call and stated that there was a quorum present.

2. Approval of minutes:

A. Qureshi asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes from the September 22nd, 2020 meeting. No recommendations were made.

First Motion: S. Vanbeuge moves to pass the approval of minutes

Second Motion: J. Clyde seconds

Motion: Passes Unanimously

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3. Recommendation to the Administrator for the Division of Public and Behavioral Health regarding a J-1 Physician Visa Waiver Letter of Support for Dr. Sarah Lopez.

H. Mitchell presented summary handout of the completed application.

Member Comment: N. Bowen represents the Primary Care Association, which Community Health Alliance is a member of, so she abstains from voting due to conflict of interest. N. Bowen states that she is very happy that they are applying, and that it is a great thing for their organization.

Public Comment: None

First Motion: S. Vanbeuge makes a motion to approve

Second Motion: C. Phinney seconds

Motion: Passes Unanimously

4. Recommendation to the Administrator for the Division of Public and Behavioral Health regarding a J-1 Physician Visa Waiver Letter of Support for Dr. Sumit Gupta.

H. Mitchell presented summary handout of the completed application.

Member Comment: None

Public Comment: None

First Motion: C. Phinney makes a motion to approve

Second Motion: J. Clyde seconds

Motion: Passes Unanimously

5. Recommendation to the Administrator for the Division of Public and Behavioral Health regarding a J-1 Physician Visa Waiver Letter of Support for Dr. Vishisht Mehta.

A. Quereshi states that the next two applications are going to the same practice, but to different practice locations. A. Quereshi asks Heather to present the application for both Dr. Mehta's. H. Mitchell presented summary handout of the completed application.

Member Comment: None

Public Comment: None

First Motion: S. Vanbeuge makes a motion to approve

Second Motion: N. Bohem seconds

Motion: Passes Unanimously

6. Recommendation to the Administrator for the Division of Public and Behavioral Health regarding a J-1 Physician Visa Waiver Letter of Support for Dr. Karishma Bhatia Mehta.

A. Quereshi states that the second Dr. Mehta has the same employer, but the practice location is different. He asks Heather Mitchell if they need to review the application of if they can go straight to voting on it. H. Mitchell defers to Linda Anderson who states that while she cannot give legal advice, if the council does not have any further questions, they have already heard all the information presented by H. Mitchell. K. Clarke asks if the practice location is a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA). H. Mitchell states that yes, they are in a HPSA. K. Clark continues to say that he is surprised that that area is a HPSA. A. Quereshi states that most of Las Vegas has become a HPSA, even if the location is not a HPSA, they serve enough underserved population to qualify. S. Vanbeuge states that even though these doctors will be working for the same employer, she would prefer to hear the application as they would normally.

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H. Mitchell presented summary handout of the completed application.

Member Comment: None

Public Comment: None

First Motion: C. Phinney makes a motion to approve

Second Motion: J. Clyde seconds

Motion: Passes Unanimously

7. Member or Public Comment

None

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:21 p.m.

DRAFT

Nevada Conrad 30/J-1 Visa Waiver PCAC Review

Nevada Conrad 30#: 2021-02
Date Application Received: 11/17/2020
Date Application Complete: 01/19/2021
Date PCAC Review: 01/28/2021

Candidate's Information:

Candidate's Name: Farhad Mehrkhani, M.D.

Residency Discipline: Diagnostic Radiology
Residency Timeframe: 07/2016 to 06/2020
Location of Residency: Case Western Reserve University, OH

Residency Discipline: Surgical
Residency Timeframe: 07/2015 to 06/2016
Location of Residency: NUMC, Stony Brook University , NY

Fellowship(s)/Specialty: Body Imaging Radiology
Fellowship(s) Timeframe1: 07/2020 to 06/2021
Location of Fellowship(s)1: Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Harvard Medical School, MA

Employer's Information:

Employer's Name: Ellis, Bandt, Birkin, Kollins, & Wond, PLLC dba Desert Radiology
Employer's Address: 2020 Wellness Way, Ste. 205, Las Vegas, NV 89106
Practice Site #1: Centennial Hills Hospital
Practice Site #1 Address: 6900 N. Durango Dr., Las Vegas 89149

Practice Site #1 HPSA (#) Practice Site #1 MUA (#07784) Flex spot
 Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) Tribal Health Center
 Rural Health Clinic (RHC) Primary Care Clinic for a Rural Hospital

Practice Site #2: Southwest Medical
Practice Site #2 Address: 888 S. Rancho Dr., Las Vegas 89106

Practice Site #2 HPSA (#1321146138) Practice Site #2 MUA (#06158) Flex spot
 Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) Tribal Health Center
 Rural Health Clinic (RHC) Primary Care Clinic for a Rural Hospital

Application Requirements:

The Primary Care Office attests that the following Nevada Conrad 30 Program requirements have been met and can provide documentation upon request.

Candidate's application included evidence of the following site requirements:

- Accepts Medicare, Medicaid assignment and Nevada Checkup
- Offers a sliding discount fee schedule and a minimum fee based on family size & income;
- Has a policy stating all patients will receive treatment, regardless of their ability to pay;
- Located in a federally designated Primary Care HPSA, MUA/P or a site approved by the state as a geographic exception;
- Candidate must agree to provide services 40 hours each week during their 3-year waiver obligation.

Candidate's application included the following contract requirements:

- Three-year term requirements;

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- 40 hours per week minimum plus on-call time.
- The salary meets or exceeds the prevailing wage for that area and for physicians of that specialty as reported by the Foreign Labor Certification Center, Department of Labor, (<http://www.flcdatcenter.com>): Prevailing wage (Median wage for Diagnostic Radiology: \$207,376/ Contracted wage \$400,000 base pay
- The amount of time off for vacation, sick leave and for Continuing Medical Education is noted. The employer shall maintain records to show the amount of time-off requested and the amount of time taken.
- Does not contain a “non-compete” clause that would prohibit the J-1 Visa Waiver physician from opening a new clinic or working in a clinic in that particular HPSA area upon completing the three-year commitment;
- Conditions for termination of the contract, for both the physician and employer, are included. A “no-cause” termination is not allowed;
- Liquidated damages (suggested to be under \$50,000) in the event that the physician or employer terminates the contract before three years is included in the contract - Employer \$0/Physician \$50,000;
- Agreement to begin employment at the stated practice site within 90 days of receiving a waiver from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). During the 90 days, the physician must obtain the required licenses from the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners, the Drug Enforcement Agency, the State Board of Pharmacy, and any other licenses as may be required for the physician to practice medicine in Nevada.
- A statement that the physician agrees to meet the requirements set forth in section 214(I) of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

Additional application requirements have been met:

- Employer recruitment efforts for US citizens were documented for two months prior to submission of the application OR the requirement was waived for a rural employer with emergent needs;
- Long-range retention plans include the following: CME benefit, competitive salary and paid time off.
- Copy of letter from the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (NSBME) acknowledging Candidate's application for medical licensure.
- INS Form G-28 or letter from a law office if the candidate has an attorney or a statement that the applicant does not have an attorney;
- Copies of all DS 2019 "Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor (J-1 Visa Waiver) Status" (INS form(s) I-94 for the candidate and any family members; proof of passage of examinations required by BCI; transcripts for all 3 sections of United States Medical Licensing Examinations (USMLE); and certification from Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG).

Attached Documentation:

- Summation tables identifying the breakdown of patient visits billed by payment category (Tab E of the application).
- A letter of request that the Health Division forward the J-1 Visa Waiver application to the U.S. Department of State as a State Health Agency request, per DS-3035 (Tab B of application).
- Description of the Candidate’s qualifications, proposed responsibilities and how this employment will satisfy important unmet health care needs within the designated area. (Tab D of application)
- A copy of the Candidate’s curriculum vitae. (Tab D of the application)

1. Centennial Hills Hospital

Time period of report: _____ 2019 _____ (must be within the last 12 months)

	Total # of visits for 12 months	% of visits per 12 months
Medicare visits	23047	22
Medicaid visits	8685	8.3
NV Check-up		
Sliding Fee Scale	3776	3.6
Indigent/Charity		
Other – Not listed above	69147	66.1
Totals	104655	

- Please provide the number of providers (Full Time Equivalents, FTE) providing patient services at the practice site.

# of MDs by FTE	54.5
# Pas by FTE	6
#APNs by FTE	2

2. Southwest Medical Associates

Time period of report: _____ 2019 _____ (must be within the last 12 months)

	Total # of visits for 12 months	% of visits per 12 months
Medicare visits	4,783	2%
Medicaid visits	816	1%
NV Check-up	9082	
Sliding Fee Scale		
Indigent/Charity		
Other – Not listed above	195,598	93%
Totals	210,279	100%



October 6, 2020

Primary Care Office
4150 Technology Way, Suite 300
Carson City, NV 89706-2009

Re: Dr. Farhad Mehrkhani – J-1 Visa Waiver Application

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing to you on behalf of Desert Radiology Solutions which is located at 2020 Palomino Lane, Las Vegas, NV 89106. We respectfully request that the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health as an interested government agency and recommend a waiver of the two-year foreign residency requirement for an alien physician, namely Dr. Farhad Mehrkhani. Dr. Mehrkhani would like to accept a position with us to work as a Mammography/Breast Radiologist at the practice site listed below:

1. Centennial Hills Hospital, 6900 N. Durango Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89149 (MUA/P ID# 07784)
2. Southwest Medical, 888 S. Rancho, Las Vegas, NV 89106 (HPSA# 1321146138 & MUA/P# 06158)

The practice locations provide health care services to the residents of the Clark County Service Area, which is in either a Health Professional Shortage Area and/or a Medically Underserved Area as designated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The practice sites accept all patients regardless of their ability to pay, including medically indigent uninsured, Medicare, and Medicaid patients. They also have an existing sliding fee discount schedule and notice of the availability of the sliding fee discount schedule will be posted at the facility. As a general premise, there is a severe lack of physicians serving Clark and Nye County, especially in its underserved communities. The residents will (continue to) be severely negatively impacted if this waiver request is denied because there is a severe shortage in the ability to meet the health care needs of the local population.

Dr. Mehrkhani's services are needed to provide medical radiology care to the residents of Clark County and the surrounding underserved communities. While working as a Mammography/ Breast Radiologist, Dr. Mehrkhani will practice under the discipline of diagnostic radiology. He will perform minor invasive radiology procedures. His work will include magnetic resonance imaging, ultrasound, mammography, computed tomography (CT), Interventional Radiology, Interventional Oncology, cardiac catheterization and PET scanning. Dr. Mehrkhani will work at least 45 hours a week, 9 hours per day for 5 days per week, on a rotational basis at each location based on the coverage need at each location.

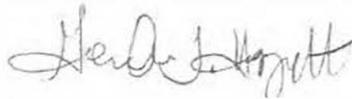
In Nevada, there are approximately 258 Radiologists; in Las Vegas, NV there are approximately 176 radiologists. While the practice for Radiology are centered in Las Vegas, NV,

the practice area covers many smaller outlying areas. Radiologist recruiting is critical to healthcare but also increasingly difficult. If patients were not able to access diagnostic radiology treatment they would need to travel approximately 20 miles or 30 minutes to obtain the same services at the next closest facility.

Dr. Mehrkhani is completing an Breast Imaging Fellowship Program at Harvard University Medical School. He also completed a Radiology Resident Program at Cleveland Medical Center, University Hospitals in conjunction with Case Western Reserve University. Dr. Mehrkhani obtained a Doctor of Medicine from Tehran University of Medical Sciences in Iran. Dr. Mehrkhani is currently licensed to practice medicine in the state of Massachusetts. Please see his attached Curriculum Vitae for further details.

As you know, an alien who enters the United States with a J-1 Visa for the purpose of obtaining medical education or training must obtain a waiver of the two-year residency requirement before he can adjust to an immigration status that would allow him to accept employment in the U.S. Such a waiver must be requested by an interested government agency. In summary, we request your assistance in approving this J-1 waiver application because it is in the national interest, and the interest of the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health that this area be afforded the medical services of Dr. Mehrkhani

Sincerely,



Geraldine Hazelitt
Desert Radiology Solutions
2020 Wellness Way, Suite 205
Las Vegas, NV 89106
ghazelitt@desertrad.com
702-759-7711

Candidate Information

Name: Dr. Farhad Mehrkhani

Date of Birth:

Place of Birth: Iran

Country of Citizenship: Iran

DOS Case Number:

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Curriculum Vitae

Farhad Mehrkhani M.D.

Office Address: Department of Radiology,
Cleveland Medical Center
10900 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland,
OH, 44106

Home Address:

Cell:

Email:



Postdoctoral Training

July 2020- Jun 2021	Breast imaging fellowship	<i>BIDMC, Harvard Medical School</i>
Jul 2016- Jun 2020	Radiology Resident	<i>Cleveland Medical Center, University hospitals, Case Western Revers University</i>
Jul 2015- Jun 2016	Surgery Resident	<i>NUMC, Stony brook University</i>
Jan 2013- Jun 2015	Radiology Research Fellow	<i>Massachusetts General Hospital, Harvard Medical School</i>
Dec 2006- Jan 2013	Radiology Research Fellow	<i>Tehran University</i>

Appointments at Hospitals/Affiliated Institution

Jul 2016- Jun 2020	Resident Physician, Radiology	<i>Cleveland Medical Center</i>
Jul 2016- Jun 2020	Resident Physician, Radiology	<i>Rainbow Children Hospital</i>
Jul 2015- Jun 2016	Resident Physician, Surgery	<i>Nassau University Medical Center</i>
Jan 2013- Jun 2015	Research Fellow, Radiology	<i>Massachusetts General Hospital</i>

Education

Sep 1998- Nov 2006	Doctor of Medicine	<i>School of Medicine, Tehran University of Medical Sciences, Iran</i>
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Major Administrative Leadership Positions

- **Surgical practical course instructor for medical students** NUMC, stony brook University
- **USMLE practice sections for foreign medical students**

Professional Memberships

2018 - Present American Society of Breast Imaging (SBI)
2017 – Present Society of Interventional Radiology (SIR)
2016 – Present American Roentgen Ray Society (ARRS)
2016 Present American College of Radiologists (ACR)
2016 – Present American Board of Radiology (ABR)
2015 Present American Medical Association (AMA)
2013 Present American Society of Neuroradiology (ASNR)
2013 – Present Radiological Society of North America (RSNA)
2013 – 2015 American Heart Association (AHA)

Editorial Activities

- *AD Hoc Journal Reviewer*
- *Journal of cancer research and experimental oncology*
- *Cancer growth and metastasis*
Biomarks in cancer
- *BMC Cancer*
- *Journal of experimental and clinical cancer research*

Honors and Prizes

Dec 2013	Travel Award-Research	<i>Department of Neuroradiology Massachusetts General Hospital Harvard Medical School</i>
Mar 2005	Honorary award from the chancellor of Tehran University	<i>Tehran University of Medical Sciences</i>
Mar 2004	Honorary award from the chancellor of Tehran University	<i>Tehran University of Medical Sciences</i>

Report of Clinical Activities and Innovations

Current Licensure and Certification

Apr 2016 – Jun 2021 **Ohio State Training Medical License** License# 57.027386, NPI# 1972990604

May 2014 **ECFMG certification**, AAMC ID: 13117747

Practice Activities

Jul 2016- Jun 2020 **Radiology resident physician** *Cleveland Medical Center, Case Western University*

Jul 2015- Jun 2016 **Surgical resident physician** *NUMC, Stony brook University*

Report of scholarship

Research projects (In progress)

1- *Braman N, Mehrkhani F, Madabushi A, Pletcha D. Tumor texture analysis of radial scar versus invasive ductal carcinoma.e*

Peer-reviewed published original articles;

2- *Gholamrezanejad A, Mehrkhani F, Olyaie. Imaging approach in the evaluation of response to treatment of breast cancer. Nuc Med Common 2018 Apr; 39(4):343-344.e*

3- *Mehrkhani F, Berkhemer OA, Majoie CBLM, Mansouri M, Karimi Z, Lev MH, Yoo AJ. Combined Evaluation of Noncontrast CT ASPECTS and CT Angiography Collaterals Improves Detection of Large Infarcts in Proximal Artery Occlusive Stroke. (Accepted in Neuroimaging 5/11/2018)e*

4- *Canellas R, Mehrkhani F, Patino M, Avinash K, Sahani D. Characterization of portal vein thrombosis (neoplastic versus bland) on CT images using software-based texture analysis and thrombus density. American Journal of Roentgenology 2016; 207: W81-W87. 10.2214/AJR.15.15928.e*

5- *Kamalian S, Lev M, Yoo A.J, Mehrkhani F, Sheth Sunil A, Lev M, Liebeskind D. Core infarct size agreement between NCCT and DWI: Implications for patient selection for IAT. Stroke. 2015; 46: AWP3e*

6- *Oliveira-filho J, Pontes-Neto O, Mehrkhani F, Leslie-Mazwi T, Chaudhry ZA, Shoamanesh A, Yoo AJ. Effect of blood pressure and collateral flow on infarct growth rate Stroke. 2015; 46: AWP23.e*

7- *Nasiri S, Soroush A, Hashemi AP, Hedayat A, Donboli K, Mehrkhani F. Parathyroid Adenoma Localisation. MJIRI 2012, Jun: 26(3):103-109.e*

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- 12- Ghajouri A, Movafegh A, Hakimian MR, Mehrkhani F, Meysamie A. Effect of incisional site infiltration of bupivacaine on postoperative pain and meperidine consumption after midline laparotomy. *Iran J Med Sci.* 2009 Mar, 34(1).
- 13- Bavarian B, Mehrkhani F, Ziaee V, Yousefi A, Noorian R. Sensitivity and specificity of self-reported symptoms for exercise induced bronchospasm diagnosis in children. *Iran J Pediatr.* 2009 Mar, 19(1):47-51.
- 14- Mehrkhani F, Nasiri S, Donboli K, Meysamie A, Hedayat A. Prognostic factors in survival of colorectal cancer patients after surgery. *Colorectal Dis.* 2009 Feb, 11(2):157-61i
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- 20- Ziaee V, Yousefi A, Movahedi M, Mehrkhani F, Noorian R. The prevalence of exercise-induced bronchospasm in soccer player children ages 7 to 16 years. *Iran J Allergy Asthma Immunol.* 2007 Mar, 6(1):33-6.i

Submitted Manuscripts:

21- **Mehrkhani F, Kamalian S, Leslie-Mazawi T, Gupta R, Lev M, Yoo A.J.** Evaluating the accuracy of a thin-section noncontrast CT hyperdense vessel sign for identifying proximal artery occlusion

Peer-reviewed Meeting Abstracts/Proceedings (selected):

23- **Maidment T, Braman N, Chen Y, Mehrkhani F, Yankevich Y, Plecha D, Madabhushi A.** A combination of intra and peri lesional deep learning classifiers from multiple views enables accurate diagnosis of architectural distortion, malignancy with digital breast tomosynthesis. SBI, San Antonio, Tx, 13 Dec 2020

24- **Mehrkhani F, Sieck L.** Interesting case of Ductal carcinoma in situ with comedonecrosis. <https://twitter.com/search?q=%23CLECOD3.e>

25- **A Gholamrezanejad, Mehrkhani F, Khalilzadeh O,** When your shoulder leave party. RSNAe Chicago, IL, 1-6 Dec, 2018.e

26- **khalilzadeh O, Gholamrezanejad A, Mehrkhani F, Khorsandi A, Zink S.** What the radiologist needs to know about MR safety of medical implants. RSNA Chicago, IL, 1-6 Dec, 2017e

27- **Andrabi Y, Patino, M Sewatkar, R, Prochowski Iamurri, A, Mehrkhani F, Kambadakone A, Sahani D.** Dual Energy CT Utilization in Clinical Practice: Impact on workflow and radiation dose. RSNAe Chicago, IL, 1-6 Dec, 2015.e

28- **Prochowski Iamurri A, Patino M, Diana Murcia D, Andrabi Y, Canellas R, Mehrkhani F, Kambadakone A, Sahani D,** Pancreatic Mass Evaluation with Portal Venous Phase Single Energy (SE) and Dual-Energy CT (DECT) RSNA Chicago, IL, 1-6 Dec, 2015.

29- **Canellas R, Mehrkhani F, Patino M, Avinash K, Sahani D.** Characterization of portal vein thrombosis (neoplastic versus bland) on CT images using software-based texture analysis and thrombus density. RSNA Chicago, IL, 1-6 Dec, 2015.e

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- 34- **Mehrkhani F.** *Cutaneous drug reactions in children. DHM 3rd International Drug Hypersensitivity meeting. Plais de Conares-Paris-France. 11-13 April 2008.*
- 35- **Mehrkhani F, Jabbari H, Fattahi F, Kourorian Z, Moradmand Badie B, Mohraz M.** *Evaluation of CMV specific immunoglobulin 's as serologic markers for CMV infection in HIV infected patients. The XXVII Congress of European Academy of Allergology and Clinical Immunology, EAACI Barcelona Spain 7-11 June 2008.*
- 36- **Mehrkhani F, Hajiabdolbaghi M, Rasolinajad M, Shakibafar M, Fattahi F, Kourorian Z.** *Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C co-infections in human immunodeficiency viruse positive patients. The XXVI Congress of European Academy of Allergology and Clinical Immunology, EAACI Goteborg Sweden 9-13 June 2007.*

Nevada Conrad 30/J-1 Visa Waiver PCAC Review

Nevada Conrad 30#: 2021-07
Date Application Received: 12/11/2020
Date Application Complete: 12/21/2020
Date PCAC Review: 1/28/2021

Candidate's Information:

Candidate's Name: Ankita Raman, M.D.
Residency Discipline: Obstetrics and Gynecology
Residency Timeframe: March 2017 to March 2021
Location of Residency: UNLV, Nevada

Employer's Information:

Employer's Name: Women's Health Associates of Southern Nevada—Martin PLLC, dba WHASN Northwest
Employer's Address: 7160 Smoke Ranch Road, Las Vegas, Nevada 89128
Practice Site #1: WHASN Northwest (formerly Ob Gyn Center)
Practice Site #1 Address: 7160 Smoke Ranch Road, Las Vegas, Clark County Nevada 89128
 Practice Site #1 HPSA (#1321146138) Practice Site #1 MUA (#MUA#) Flex spot
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Tab E:

- Complete the table below to document the number and percent of patient visits billed for each category of payment for a twelve-month period (e.g. Dec. 1, 2018 – Nov. 30, 2018), prior to submission of the application. This data should be specific to the practice and the facility in which the doctor works. If you are applying as a specialist to work in a hospital and an outpatient clinic, please complete the table for both inpatient and outpatient clients. Although there is no minimum value required for the percentage of patient visits for the underserved, if the sum percentage of Medicare, Medicaid, NV Check-up, Sliding Fee Scale and Indigent/Charity visits is less than 25%, include a written justification that outlines how the site makes services available to underserved populations.

Time period of report:		
	Total # of visits for 12 months	% of visits per 12 months
Medicare visits	714	2.4%
Medicaid visits	8,559	28.3%
NV Check-up		
Sliding Fee Scale	0	0%
Indigent/Charity	209	0.7%
Other - Not listed above	20,720	68.6%
Totals	30,202	100.0%
*For specialists/hospitalists:		
*Time period of report:	JAN 2019 - DEC 2019	
*# of hospital/medical facility admissions for 6 months for the applicant specialty type	≈ 600 - 700 (includes deliveries, surprise visits)	

- Please provide the number of providers (Full Time Equivalents, FTE) providing patient services at the practice site.

# of MDs by FTE	3
# of PAs by FTE	1/2
# of APNs by FTE	2 1/2



November 18, 2020

Nevada Primary Care Office

Division of Public & Behavioral Health

4150 Technology Way

Suite 300

Carson City, NV 89706-2009

Re: Nevada Conrad State 30 J-1 Visa Waiver Application

By Women's Health Associates of Southern Nevada – Martin, PLLC. d/b/a WHASN

On Behalf of Ankita Raman, M.D.

Dear Primary Care Officer:

We are respectfully requesting that the DPBH act as an “Interested Government Agency,” to recommend a waiver from the two-year foreign residency requirement for Dr. Ankita Raman.

Dr. Raman will work with our organization, Women's Health Associates of Southern Nevada – Martin, PLLC. d/b/a WHASN as a primary care (OBGYN) physician at 7160 Smoke Ranch Rd, Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada, 89128 and 7106 Smoke Ranch Rd, Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada 89128, Clark County, Designated Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA ID 1321146138).

The Facility

Women's Health Associates of Southern Nevada – Martin, PLLC., d/b/a WHASN is a for-profit healthcare organization that provides essential obstetrics and gynecology medical services across southern Nevada.

**Anita Gondy MD, FACOG; Saovaros Michaels MD, FACOG; Henry Luh DO, FACOG
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We are a leading group of board-certified and board-eligible obstetricians and gynecologists who specialize in providing high quality healthcare for women. We offer a full range of innovative techniques and technologies to promote and maintain good health practices through all phases of a woman's life.

WHASN was created in 2009 with two purposes in mind. The first was to adapt to the changing healthcare industry. The second was the idea that by combining the knowledge and expertise of many, we would be able to improve the healthcare of women throughout southern Nevada. To this effect, we collaborate with community leaders, area residents and other health care providers to make sure that our physician services are located where they can do the best for our community.

We provide health care services to all individuals without discrimination and regardless of ability to pay. We accept Medicaid, Nevada Check-Up, and Medicare on assignment as well as medically indigent.

The Applicant and Position

Dr. Ankita Raman is fully qualified for this position. In 2011 she received her medical degree (M.B.B.S.) from Patna Medical College, Aryabhatta Knowledge University, India. In 2015 she obtained a M.S (Master of Surgery) Obstetrics & Gynecology from the same institution. She is currently completing her Obstetrics & Gynecology residency training at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) with an anticipated completion date of March 2021. Dr. Raman has passed all the examinations for the ECFMG and USMLE as required by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) and has applied for her Nevada medical license.

Dr. Raman will provide at least forty (40) hours per week of primary care (OBGYN) services. She will provide medical care both pregnant and non-pregnant patients. Diagnose, treat, and help prevent diseases of women, particularly those affecting the reproductive system. May also provide general medical care to women. Take the history and examination of patients, order laboratory analyses, x-ray procedures and other diagnostic tests, analyze findings, diagnose conditions, administer, and prescribe necessary treatments such as drugs, vaccinations, and other treatments.

Dr. Raman will work 98% of her time at 7160 Smoke Ranch Rd, Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada 89128 (primary work location) and the rest of her time (2%), she will work at 7106 Smoke Ranch Rd, Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada 89128 – both facilities operate under the name of WHASN – Northwest.



Unmet Health Care Needs

Dr. Raman will provide much needed OBGYN medical services to the population of Clark county and surrounding areas.

We have huge shortage of OB Gyn physicians in the Northwest part of the Las Vegas for the past few years. We have at least 6 to 8 months wait time to see an Ob Gyn for the nonemergent services in our offices. Our nearest hospital (Mountainview) recognized the shortage and started new residency programs to bring in more physicians into the community. By adding qualified physicians like Dr. Raman, we can ease that burden on our practices and patients. Our practice also has fairly high volume of minority women that have various cultural needs that can be met based on Dr. Raman's background. It will be a tremendous loss to the community if we cannot retain Dr. Raman to fill our physician slot. Our busy practices are unable to hold the volume of patient's long enough, we might be forced to cut down the insurance panels further inconveniencing the patients.

In summary, we are hopeful that you will agree that it is urgent and in the national interest and the interest of the Nevada Primary Care Office that this area be afforded the services of an OBGYN such as Dr. Raman.

If you have any questions, or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at the phone (702) 254 8900 / fax (702) 256 1637 / email: anita@whasn.com or our attorney, Angela M. Lopez at (214) 672-2162 / alopez@cowlesthompson.com.

Thank you in advance for your kind attention to this matter and look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anita Gondy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "A" and "G".

Anita Gondy, M.D. FACOG

Senior Partner, WHASN Northwest

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Candidate Information

Full name: Ankita Raman

Date of birth:

Place of birth: Ranchi, Jharkhand, India

Country of citizenship: India

DOS case number:

Residency training: I started my residency training in Obstetrics & Gynecology at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) in March 2017 with an anticipated completion date of March 7, 2021.

Candidate's qualification for the proposed position and what the general responsibilities would be:

Dr. Raman received her medical degree in 2011 and her M.S. degree in Obstetrics & Gynecology in 2015 from Patna Medical College, Aryabhatta Knowledge University, India. She is currently completing a four-year residency training in Obstetrics & Gynecology at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV). She has passed all the examinations for the ECFMG and USMLE as required by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), is BE, and has applied for her Nevada medical license.

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Curriculum Vitae: Attached

Curriculum Vitae

Ankita Raman, M.D.

Work address: 1701 W. Charleston Blvd, Suite 290, Las Vegas, NV 89102
Email:
Phone:

Personal Information

Date of Birth:
Gender: Female
Languages known: English, Hindi

Education and training

March 2017 – March 2021: Residency in Obstetrics & Gynecology, University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV), USA
July 2012 – June 2015: M.S. (Master of Surgery) Obstetrics & Gynecology, Patna Medical College, Aryabhatta Knowledge University, India
Aug 2005 – March 2011: M.B.B.S. (Bachelor of Medicine & Bachelor of Surgery), Patna Medical College, Aryabhatta Knowledge University, India

Medical Licensure / USMLE Information

ECFMG certification: August 23rd, 2016
Licensure status: Resident license in Nevada
Board Certification: Certified by Medical Council of India

Honors and Awards

1. Excellence in Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery (June 2019)
2. Department of Ob-Gyn resident research award (June 2019)
3. Best performance in the CREOG in-service exam (June 2019)
4. Best oral presentation at UNLV Resident and Fellow research day (May 2019)
5. Gold medal for scoring highest in the Obstetrics & Gynecology Board Examination held by Aryabhatta Knowledge University, India (April 2015).
6. 'Dr. Devantala Singh Award' for best resident in Obstetrics and Gynecology (Feb. 2016).
7. 'Dr. Rangila Sinha Young Gynecologist Award' for best speaker at AOGSBJ annual conference at Bokaro, India (Feb 2013).

Professional memberships

1. Member of American Congress of Obstetrics and Gynecology
2. Member of American Society for Reproductive Medicine
3. Member of American Urogynecologic Society

Peer-reviewed publications

1. **Raman, A.**, Liu, A. H., Bedient, C. E., Kaye, L. A., Garner, F. C., & Shapiro, B. (2019). Pregnancy viability identified by early serum HCG level measured in the peri-implantation period following thawed single blastocyst transfer. *Fertility and Sterility*, 112(3), e50.
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- level measured 5 days after single thawed blastocyst transfer as a predictor of outcome. *Fertility and Sterility*, 112(3), e172-e173.
3. Ramraj, S. K., Smith, K. M., Janakiram, N. B., Toal, C., **Raman, A.**, & Benbrook, D. M. (2018). Correlation of clinical data with fallopian tube specimen immune cells and tissue culture capacity. *Tissue and Cell*, 52, 57-64.
 4. Shapiro, B.S., **Raman, A.**, Garner, F.C., Aguirre, M.C., Morrison, C., Bill, A., Thomas, S.J. and Bedient, C.E. (2018). Blastocyst morphometry is predicted by the diameter of the originating ovarian follicle. *Fertility and Sterility*, 110(4), pp.e224-e225.
 5. Shapiro, B.S., **Raman, A.**, Garner, F.C., Aguirre, M.C., Morrison, C., Thomas, S.J., Bill, A. and Bedient, C.E. (2018). The effect of ovarian follicle size on the formation of good quality blastocysts. *Fertility and Sterility*, 110(4), p.e318.
 6. Bedient, C.E., **Raman, A.**, Garner, F.C., Aguirre, M.C., Morrison, C., Thomas, S.J., Bill, A. and Shapiro, B.S. (2018). Blastocyst aneuploidy as a function of the diameter of the originating ovarian follicle. *Fertility and Sterility*, 110(4), p.e413.
 7. **Raman, A.**, Dubaut, J. P., Burks, H. R., & Quaas, A. (2017). Knowledge, attitudes and practices regarding ZIKA virus in patients presenting for infertility treatment and health care professionals. *Fertility and Sterility*, 108(3), e328-e329.
 8. **Raman, A.**, Sinha, G., Sinha, A., & Pratap, S. (2015). Subtle presentation of bilateral ovarian dermoid cysts with unilateral torsion: a case report. *Journal of Clinical Gynecology and Obstetrics*, 4(2), 232-234.

Oral presentations

1. Pregnancy viability identified by early serum HCG level measured in the peri-implantation period following thawed single blastocyst transfer (American Society of Reproductive Medicine annual conference, 2019)
2. The effect of ovarian follicle size on the formation of good quality blastocysts (UNLV Resident research day, 2019)
3. Effect of Myoinositol supplementation in reducing hyperandrogenism in PCOS (All India Congress of Obstetrics and Gynecology, 2014)

Other publications

1. Thesis: A Study of effect of Myoinositol supplementation on hyperinsulinemia in patients with Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome (April 2015).

Research Experience

1. Observational prospective cohort study of the effect of ovarian follicle size on the formation of good quality blastocysts at Fertility Center of Las Vegas (June 2017 - present).
2. Working on quality-Improvement project titled - Universal HIV screening in labor & delivery triage at University Medical Center, Las Vegas (July 2018 - present).
3. Research Assistant in the Department of Obstetrics-Gynecology at University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center (Sep 2016 – Feb 2017). Worked on novel therapies aimed towards prevention ovarian and endometrial cancers under guidance of Dr. Doris Benbrook.

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Administrative experiences

1. Academic chief resident at UNLV residency program (July 2019 - June 2020).
2. Ob-Gyn Resident representative in Graduate medical education committee (July 2019 - June 2020).
3. Member of GME resident and fellow wellness committee (July 2019 - June 2020).

Other clinical experiences

1. Inpatient & outpatient observerships (8 weeks each) at VA Medical Center in Oklahoma City.
2. Shadowing experience (8 weeks) at OU physician's Reproductive Medicine clinic at University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center (OUHSC)

Volunteer work

1. Food drive to provide dinner to the families of pediatric cancer patients admitted for treatment, at the OK Kids Korral residential facility in Oklahoma City.
2. Organized a fundraiser to provide relief to earthquake victims in Nepal in April 2015 (<https://www.generosity.com/fundraisers/independent-pediatrician-working-for-nepal-relief>).
3. Participated in National health surveillance programs (polio eradication, malaria prevention) and family planning programs organized by Ministry of Health and family welfare of India.
4. Provided health care to the underserved population in government run health camps.
5. Convener of the 'Health for All' society in medical school at Patna Medical College.

Interests and Hobbies

1. Travelling, Dance, Music (trained in Indian classical music), Sports (Basket-ball)

Nevada Conrad 30/J-1 Visa Waiver PCAC Review

Nevada Conrad 30#: 2021-08
Date Application Received: 1/8/2021
Date Application Complete: 1/14/2021
Date PCAC Review: 1/28/2021

Candidate's Information:

Candidate's Name: Marco Antonio Lopez Velazquez, M.D.

Residency Discipline: Internal Medicine
Residency Timeframe: 06/2016 to 06/2019
Location of Residency: Cleveland Clinic, OH

Fellowship(s)/Specialty: Rheumatology
Fellowship(s) Timeframe1: 07/2019 to 06/2021
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Nevada J-1 Physician Visa Waiver Application

PATIENT AND PRACTICE DATA

Time period of report: 09/15/2019 – 09/15/2020		
	Total # of visits for 12 months	% of visits per 12 months
Medicare visits	4,186	42%
Non-Medicare visits ¹	5,868	58%
Totals	10,054	100%

[REDACTED]	
Number of hospital/medical facility admissions for 6 months for the applicant specialty type: 0	Time period of report: 09/15/2019 – 09/15/2020

Number of MDs	1
Number of PAs	0
Number of APNs	0

Signed:



Guru Charan
Founder, CEO

Date: 10/21/20

¹ The clinic does not track information regarding Medicaid, NV Check-up, Sliding Fee Scale, or Indigent/Charity cases.



October 9, 2020

Primary Care Office
4150 Technology Way, Suite 300
Carson City, NV 89706-2009

Re: Dr. Marco Antonio LOPEZ VELAZQUEZ – “Interested Government Agency”

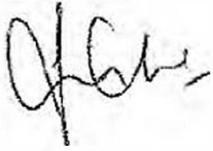
Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter is to request that the Nevada Department of Public and Behavioral Health act as an “Interested Government Agency” to recommend a waiver of the J-1 residency requirement for our intended employee, Dr. Marco Lopez Valezquez. The following details relate to this request:

- Name of employment site – **Medinix Practice Group**
- Name and title of contact person – **Guru Charan, Founder, CEO**
- Employment site mailing address – **8420 S. Eastern Ave., #101, Las Vegas, NV 89123**
- Employment site physical addresses –
 - **9300 Sun City Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89134**
 - **8420 S. Eastern Ave., #101, Las Vegas, NV 89123**
- HPSA or MUA/P identification number – **N/A (flex slot)**
- Telephone number – **(702) 385-6468**
- Fax number – **702-385-2663**
- E-mail address for contact person –
- Brief description of how the proposed candidate will satisfy important unmet health care needs within the designated shortage area – **Our clinic currently is severely restricted in our ability to serve the currently level of patients in need of rheumatological care. This is especially true due to the aging population in our area and a shortage of physicians needed. Often, we are unable to accommodate patients with urgent needs because we do not have appointments open to schedule them for a physician visit. This is true not just for our clinic, but also for other Rheumatism clinics in the Las Vegas area. For example, in some cases, we try to refer patients with urgent needs to other physicians; like us, they are fully booked and unable to help the patient as needed. All of this has made the patient experience and patient care sub-optimal, to say the least.**

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Guru Charan', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Guru Charan
Founder, CEO

CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET

Date of birth –

Place of birth – Mexico City, Mexico

Country of citizenship – Mexico

DOS case number –

Description of residency training, including specialty, start and completion dates, and specialty training with corresponding time frames – Dr. Lopez Velazquez completed his internal medicine residency training at Cleveland Clinic between June 2016 through June 2019. He subsequently continued his medical training by pursuing a fellowship in Rheumatology at the University of Chicago, in Chicago, IL beginning in July 2019. He is currently on the last year of his fellowship, with an expected graduation date of June 2021.

As an internal medicine physician or internist, Dr. Lopez Velazquez is trained in the diagnosis of puzzling medical problems, in the ongoing care of chronic illnesses, and in caring for patients with more than one disease. Internists also specialize in health promotion and disease prevention. Being part of an institution as Cleveland Clinic, allowed Dr. Lopez Velazquez to develop a strong foundation of medical knowledge and patient care. This helped him continue expanding his training in Rheumatology at the University of Chicago, where he deals with complex rheumatic cases daily.

Description of qualification for the proposed position and what the general responsibilities would be – As a rheumatologist, Dr. Lopez Velazquez is trained to diagnose and treat musculoskeletal disease and systemic autoimmune conditions. Some of the autoimmune conditions commonly treated by rheumatologists include: Systemic lupus erythematosus, Sjögren's syndrome, dermatomyositis, polymyositis, vasculitis, sarcoidosis, amongst others. These disease entities are chronic in nature and therefore require close and frequent monitoring, as well as complex medical decision making. The cornerstone of treatment for these diseases is immunosuppression, which substantially increases the risk of infection as this weakens one's immune system. Rheumatologists are highly qualified to prescribe these medications, monitor response to therapy and adverse events. Because of the complexity of decision making, it is extremely unlikely that other specialties are qualified to do this.

Musculoskeletal disorders affect joints, muscles and ligaments. Many times, it is the result of injury and/or trauma. Often, these patients will benefit from corticosteroid injections as part of the treatment plan. As a rheumatologist, Dr. Lopez Velazquez is also qualified to administer such.

The diagnosis and treatment of arthritis is another skill that rheumatologists possess. Whether it is arthritis related to wear and tear or autoimmune in origin such as rheumatoid arthritis, they are well versed on this topic.

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Another qualification of rheumatologists includes the prevention and treatment of disorders of the bone such as osteoporosis and osteopenia. Rheumatologists can do this by using a DEXA scan, which is a high precision type of X-ray that measures bone mineral density and bone loss. By determining the degree of bone density, rheumatologists can select the best possible treatment for patients.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'M. Lopez Velazquez', written over a horizontal line.

Dr. Marco Antonio LOPEZ VELAZQUEZ

Date: Oct - 07 - 2020

Marco Antonio Lopez Velazquez, MD

Elaborated: May 2020

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Address:

Telephone:

Email address:

Place of birth: Mexico City, Mexico.

EDUCATION

University of Chicago

Rheumatology Fellowship, July 2019 - Present

Cleveland Clinic Foundation - Ohio Main Campus

Internal Medicine Residency. June 2016 – July 2019.

Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico (UNAM) - Facultad de Medicina

M.D., March 2015. *Honors. Top 5 of the 2015 class.*

PREVIOUS UNITED STATES CLINICAL EXPERIENCE (USCE)

Gastroenterology Clerkship

University of Minnesota Medical School. Region's Hospital, St Paul. MN. August - September, 2013.

Rheumatology Clerkship

University of Minnesota Medical School. University of Minnesota Medical Center – Fairview. Minneapolis, MN. September- October, 2013.

Nephrology and Hypertension Clerkship

Mayo School of Graduate Medical Education. Mayo Clinic. Rochester, MN. Rotation Grade: *Honors.* October- November 2013.

Nephrology and Hypertension Clerkship

Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine, Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, OH. November-December, 2013.

TEACHING ROLES

Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico (UNAM) - Facultad de Medicina

Teaching assistant, human male and female reproductive physiology, basic science physiology class. October 2011 to 2012. *Mentor: Limei Zhang-Ji, MD,PhD.*

Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico (UNAM) – Instituto Nacional de Ciencias Medicas y Nutricion Salvador Zubiran (INCMSZ)

Teaching Assistant. Epidemiology and Biostatistics. September 2012, 2013 and 2014. *Mentor: Diana Vilar Compte MD, MSc*

HONORS AND AWARDS

Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico (UNAM)

Honors, M.D. title, March 2015.

National Scholarship Program 2014

Mexican Government Scholarship for Social Service. Stipend for a one year social service year at National Cancer Institute in clinical duties and research; project name: Respiratory Viruses in Hematologic and Oncologic Patients and Nosocomial Influenza, at the Infectious Disease Department, National Cancer Institute, Mexico City, Mexico. Tutor: Diana Vilar-Compte MD, MsC.

Rijksuniversiteit Groningen (RUG) - Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico (UNAM)

Scholarship winner for Medical Sciences Summer School. Translational Neurosciences. Groningen, The Netherlands. July to August of 2011.

Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico (UNAM)

Diploma: Highest GPA of 2011. Facultad de Medicina, Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico.

Academic Excellence Scholarship Program - UNAM

Stipend for excellence students from Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico (UNAM). January 2010 – December 2012.

PUBLICATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND ABSTRACTS

Articles:

- 1) Cornejo-Juarez P, Vilar-Compte D, Garcia-Horton A, **Lopez-Velazquez M**, Namendys-Silva S, Volkow-Fernández P. Hospital-acquired infections at an oncological intensive care cancer unit: differences between solid and hematological cancer patients. *BMC Infectious Diseases*. 2016;16:274. doi:10.1186/s12879-016-1592-1. Published: 06/10/2016. PMID: 27286681
- 2) **Lopez-Velazquez M, MD**, Highland K, MD, MSCR. Pulmonary manifestations of systemic lupus erythematosus and Sjogren syndrome. *Curr Opin Rheumatol*. 2018 Sep;30(5):449-464. doi: 10.1097/BOR.0000000000000531.
- 3) Reid, P, Danahey, K, **Lopez Velazquez, M**, Retain, M, O'Donnell, P. Impact and Applicability of Pharmacogenomics in Rheumatology - An Integrated Real World Analysis. *The Journal of Rheumatology*. Submitted: 05/10/2020

Abstracts:

- 1) Vilar-Compte D, M.D., M. Sc.; Perez-Jimenez C. M.D., Martin-Onraet A. M.D., Cornejo-Juarez P, M.D., M.Sc.; **Lopez-Velazquez M, M.D.**, Tamayo-Gutierrez A, M.D., Volkow-Fernandez P, M.D. Nosocomial Influenza During a High Activity Season in Mexico City. Poster abstract session: Clinical respiratory infections. Presented in the 2014 Infectious Disease Week in Philadelphia, PA. Published online: Open Forum Infect Dis. 2014 Dec; 1(Suppl 1):S219. Published online 2014 Dec. doi: 10.1093/ofid/ofu052.483. PMID: PMC5782253
- 2) Didem Saygin, Chris Lau, **Marco Lopez-Velazquez** and Kristin B. Highland. Shrinking lung syndrome in systemic lupus erythematosus patients: A diagnosis we should suspect more often. 2017 ACRIARHP annual meeting in San Diego, CA. Date of first publication: September 18, 2017.
- 3) **Fatima Shahid MD, Nabil Madhun MD, Dianna Copley APRN, Shailee Shah MD, Susan Vehar MD, Anne Harwood MD, Tamara Sussman MD, Shruti Gandhi MD, Lauren Buehler MD, Jason Wheeler MD, Rabel Misbah MD, Antonette Karrthik MD, Marco LopezVelazquez MD, Ralph Luther, Jessica Donato MD.**

Reducing inappropriate telemetry use on the inpatient general medicine teaching services. Patient safety day, March 2018, Cleveland Clinic, OH.

- 4)e **Lopez-Velazquez, M,** Rodrigues B, Harwood A, Sussman T, Ghosh A. Increasing documentation of weight related diagnosis in the outpatient internal medicine resident clinics. Internal Medicine Residency Program Scholarly day, May 2018. Cleveland Clinic, OH.

Oral Presentations:

- 1)e **Lopez-Velazquez M,** Zhang-Ji L, M.D., Ph.D. Role of Glial Fibrillary Acidic Protein (GFAP) of glial cells in health and disease. Research conducted at: Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico, Facultad de Medicina, Intercellular Communication Laboratory, Physiology Department, Mexico City. Presented at the 2011 International Student Congress of Bio(Medical) Sciences (ISCOMS) at Groningen, The Netherlands. Advisor: Zhang-Ji Li, M.D., Ph.D.
- 2)e **Lopez-Velazquez M. MD.** A case of persistent MRSA bacteremia - Intern Series. Resident Case Conference. Cleveland Clinic Foundation Ohio Main Campus, September 2016.

Current Projects:

- 1)e **Lopez-Velazquez M. MD,** Desai, R. MD, Fernandez A. MD, PhD, Highland K, MD, MSCR. Psoriasis and Interstitial Lung Disease: Describing associations. Started: September, 2018.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Instituto Buspec

English teacher of basic and intermediate levels for young adults. 2006-2008 at Puebla, Mexico.

Instituto Nacional de Cancerologia

Clinical Research Project Coordinator. Infectious Diseases Department.

Research Project: Infectious Complications in Post Bone Marrow Transplant Recipients. February 2015 – March 2016. Advisor: Cornejo-Juarez, Patricia. M.D., M.Sc.

Other activities: Diagnosis and treatment of infectious complications in cancer patients and general Infectious disease clinic.

Language Line Solutions - Medical Interpreter

Phone medical interpreter for Spanish - January 2016 - June 2016

Employer: Language Line Solutions

Description of duties: Real time translation/interpretation of medical conversations (Doctor - non-english speaking patient), disclosure of medical results, and insurance claims among others.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Spanish

Native

English

Fluent. Internet based TOEFL taken December, 2012. Total Score: 107. Speaking: 29, Listening: 28, Reading: 26, Writing: 24.

French

Intermediate level (B1) certification: September, 2014.

LEADERSHIP SKILLS

Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico (UNAM)

Elected as class chief in second year of medical school (*August 2009 – June 2010*). Activities included: Communication between teachers and students, coordinating classes and workshops and designing schedules for students' presentations.

Hospital General Dr. Manuel Gea Gonzalez

Elected *Auxiliary Chief Intern* during intern year (*December 2012 – December 2013*). Activities included: Designing on-call schedule with chief-residents, conducting monthly intern meeting, communication between medical school authorities and interns.

CERTIFICATIONS

Exchange Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG)

Certified, diploma received June 2015. Passed STEP 1, 2 CK and 2 CS of USMLE on first attempt.

Basic and Advanced Cardiac Life Support (BLS & ACLS)

Valid certification until August 2021.

American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM)

Diplomate in Internal Medicine, September 2019.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Compromiso Universitario por la Salud (CUS) Mexico

Volunteer in health brigades in underserved areas. Early diagnosis and treatment of chronic diseases. Effective strategies for identifying and managing preventable diseases with available resources in rural areas of Estado de México, MEX. Participating intermittently *July 2012-June 2015*

Salud a Oaxaca

Founder. Initiative to bring health to mothers and pregnant women of Sinaxtla, Oaxaca, Mexico.

Oaxaca is one of the top 3 Mexican states with the highest maternal mortality mainly because of a lack of doctors and ignorance. Initiative intends to educate young mothers and follow patients offering prenatal care and awareness about birth rate and domestic violence. *March 2013 – Present.*

2018 Minority Men's Health Fair - Cleveland Clinic Foundation Ohio - Main Campus

This annual health faire has helped to expand health care access to a segment of the population that is notoriously hard to reach. Goal is to narrow if not close the gap in health care among different segments of our population. Participated under The Medicine Institute and Department of Internal Medicine, some of the interventions included: Diabetes and Lipid screening, blood pressure measurements, information on cancer screening based on age among others.

INTERESTS

Running: Marathon runner, ran Mexico City's 2012 half marathon and 2014 marathon.

Traveling and Culture: Big fan knowing new cultures, places and people. Travelling means having your ideas crushed by everyday life in a random new place. Last visited places include: Thailand, Myanmar, Singapore and Cambodia.

Cooking: Long-standing family history of Mexican cooks, other cuisine interests include: Thai, French, Spanish.

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Candidate's Information:

Candidate's Name:
Residency Discipline:
Residency Timeframe: to
Location of Residency: ,
Fellowship(s)/Specialty:
Fellowship(s) Timeframe1: to
Location of Fellowship(s)1: ,

Employer's Information:

Employer's Name:
Employer's Address: , ,
Practice Site #1:
Practice Site #1 Address:

- Practice Site #1 HPSA (#) Practice Site #1 MUA (#) Flex spot
 Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) Tribal Health Center
 Rural Health Clinic (RHC) Primary Care Clinic for a Rural Hospital

Practice Site #2*:

Practice Site #2 Address:

- Practice Site #2 HPSA (#) Practice Site #2 MUA (#) Flex spot
 Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) Tribal Health Center
 Rural Health Clinic (RHC) Primary Care Clinic for a Rural Hospital

Additional practice sites: please copy and add all additional practice locations here

Official Contact Information:

Contact Name:
Contact e-mail:
Contact telephone:

Employer and Candidate, as identified above, seek a letter of support from the Physician Visa Waiver Program and requests the Division of Public and Behavioral Health to forward the J-1 Visa Waiver application to the U.S. Department of State as a State Health Agency request, per DS-3035. Employer and Candidate have agreed to comply with the duties set forth in Chapter 439A of the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) and Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) and to cooperate with the Physician Visa Waiver Program.

Employer and Candidates have provided all necessary information for review of this application by the Primary Care Council including the following:

- Copy of the contract between the Employer and Candidate;
- Copy of the Candidate curriculum vitae and passport pages;
- Letter from Employer: description of the Candidates qualifications, responsibilities and how this employment will satisfy important unmet health care needs within the designated area;
- Summation tables identifying the breakdown of patient visits billed by payment category;

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- Employer recruitment efforts for US citizens were documented for two months prior to submission of the application OR the requirement was waived for a rural employer with emergent needs;
- Long-range retention plans include the following: CME benefit, competitive salary and paid time off.
- Copy of letter from the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (NSBME) acknowledging Candidate's application for medical licensure;
- INS Form *G-28* or letter from a law office if the candidate has an attorney or a statement that the applicant does not have an attorney;
- Copies of all *DS-2019*'s "Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor (J-1 Visa Waiver) Status" (INS form(s) *I-94* for the candidate and any family members; proof of passage of examinations required by BCI; transcripts for all 3 sections of *United States Medical Licensing Examinations (USMLE)*; and certification from *Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG)*).

In signing below, an authorized representative of the Employer and the Candidate declares under penalty of perjury that all statements submitted with this application are true and accurate and this application complies with the requirements of NRS 439A.175 and NAC 439.730 including as follows:

All practices sites where the Candidate will practice:

- Are located in a federally designated Primary Care HPSA, MUA/P or a site approved by the state as a geographic exception or a flex slot (Public Law 108-441) to address the underserved;
- Accept Medicare, Medicaid assignment and Nevada Checkup;
- Offer a sliding discount fee schedule and a minimum fee based on family size & income; and
- Has a policy stating all patients will receive treatment, regardless of their ability to pay which is either posted at the site or provided to the patients.

The contract between the Employer and the Candidate provides the following (verify and input missing data):

- Candidate agrees to provide services during 3 -year waiver obligation;
- Candidate will provide services 40 hours per week minimum plus on-call time;
- The salary meets or exceeds the prevailing wage for that area and for physicians of that specialty as reported by the Foreign Labor Certification Center, Department of Labor, (<http://www.flcdatacenter.com>): Prevailing wage (FLC Median wage for : \$/ Contracted wage \$ base pay
- The amount of time off for vacation, sick leave and for Continuing Medical Education is included. The employer shall maintain records to show the amount of time-off requested and the amount of time taken.
- Does not contain a "non-compete" clause that would prohibit the J-1 Visa Waiver physician from opening a new clinic or working in a clinic in that particular HPSA area upon completing the three-year commitment;
- Conditions for termination of the contract, for both the physician and employer, are included. A "no-cause" termination is not allowed;
- Liquidated damages (suggested to be under \$50,000) in the event that the physician or employer terminates the contract before three years is included in the contract - Employer \$/Physician \$;

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- Agreement to begin employment at the stated practice site within 90 days of receiving a waiver from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). During the 90 days, the physician must obtain the required licenses from the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners, the Drug Enforcement Agency, the State Board of Pharmacy, and any other licenses as may be required for the physician to practice medicine in Nevada; and
- A statement that the physician agrees to meet the requirements set forth in section 214(l) of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

By signing below, the authorized representative on behalf of the employer and candidate declare that the above information is accurate and correct

Authorized Employer:

Employer Company/Business Name

Employer Representative Name (First/Last)

Title

Employer Signature

Date

Candidate:

Candidate Name (First/Last)

Title

Candidate Signature

Date