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EDUCATION

UCLA MEDICAL CENTER / HARBOR-UCLA MEDICAL CENTER, Los Angeles, CA
Fellowship in Medical Education, Oct 2005 – June 2007

UCLA SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, Los Angeles, CA
Doctorate of Medicine, May, 2000

VASSAR COLLEGE, Poughkeepsie, NY
Bachelor of Arts Degree, *Cultural Issues in World Health*, June, 1992

TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY, Tel Aviv, Israel
International Study Program, 1990 -1991

POST GRADUATE TRAINING

UCLA MEDICAL CENTER, Center for Educational Development and Research, Los Angeles, CA
UCLA Fellowship in Medical Education, July 2005 – June 2007

HARBOR-UCLA MEDICAL CENTER, Torrance, CA
Fellowship, Medical Education – Mentor, Wendy Coates, July 2005 – June 2007

UCLA, OLIVE VIEW-UCLA MEDICAL CENTERS, Los Angeles, CA and San Fernando Valley, CA
Residency training, Emergency and Internal Medicine, June 2000 – June 2005

GORGAS MEMORIAL INSTITUTE OF TROPICAL AND PREVENTIVE MEDICINE, Lima, Peru
Diploma, Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, April 2004

LICENSURE / CERTIFICATION

California License of Physician and Surgeon, 2001
ACLS, Issued March 2007
ATLS, Issued June 2002
PALS, Issued June 2005
BDLS, Issued June 2006
Exercise Treadmill Reading

BOARDS

Board Certified, American Board of Emergency Medicine
Board Certified, American Board of Internal Medicine

MEMBERSHIP IN NATIONAL MEDICAL SOCIETIES

Member, American Medical Association
Member, American College of Emergency Physicians

WORK EXPERIENCE

ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MEDICINE, HARBOR-UCLA
MEDICAL CENTER, Torrance, CA, July 2005 – present
Supervised residents and provided direct care to Emergency Department patients

EMERGENCY MEDICINE PHYSICIAN, KAISER WEST LA, Los Angeles, CA, July 2005 -- present

CHAIR, 3RD YEAR LONGITUDINAL PRECEPTORSHIP (MD006), UCLA GEFFEN SCHOOL
OF MEDICINE, Los Angeles, CA, Jan 2009 -- present
Oversee 3rd year medical student preceptorship assignments, experiences and evaluations.
Develop curriculum to refine clinical diagnostic skills.

DIRECTOR, CONTINUING EDUCATION, ACUTE CARE COLLEGE, UCLA GEFFEN SCHOOL
OF MEDICINE, Los Angeles, CA, July 2005 -- present
Designed and implemented Transition to Internship continuing medical education curriculum for
medical students in UCLA's Acute Care College.

PHYSICIAN, CALIFORNIA ALLERGY AND ASTHMA MEDICAL GROUP, Los Angeles, CA, 2006
– present

INTERN, VENICE FAMILY CLINIC HIGH RISK TEEN CLINIC, Venice, CA, 1997-1999
Created system of community outreach to enhance high school students' awareness and use of
clinic services. Researched cases and helped write and film educational videos to train residents
in dealing with ethical and cultural dilemmas in medicine.

THE FUTURES GROUP INTERNATIONAL, Washington, D.C., 1992-1994
Research Assistant for international world health consulting corporation. Managed logistics and
production of materials for Pan-African AIDS condom advertising campaign. Developed contracts,
arranged financial records, developed multi-media records and presentations.

ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES, Washington, DC, 1992
Served as tour guide, disseminated information in Spanish and English.

YOUTH FOR UNDERSTANDING INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE, Washington, D.C., Summer
1992
Arranged logistics and educational materials for workshops for international and domestic
students.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

REFINING DIAGNOSTIC SKILLS SEMINAR FACILITATOR, UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine, Jan 2009 – present

Helped lead 3rd year medical seminar on refining student history and physical examination diagnostic skills

ADVANCED DIAGNOSTIC SKILLS ME250.05 FACILITATOR, UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine, July 2008 – present

Lead small group sessions to refine 4th medical student diagnostic skills in performing appropriate histories and focused physical examinations using standardized patients

TRANSITION TO INTERNSHIP EVENING SEMINAR FACILITATOR, Acute Care College, UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine, July 2005 – present

Participated in providing guidance to 4th year medical students in applying to residency and preparing for internship

VASCULAR ACCESS CADAVER LAB FACILITATOR, Acute Care College, UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine, July 2005 – present

Lead small group sessions providing hands-on instruction in placement of central lines and intra-osseous catheters using cadavers

CLINICAL PERFORMANCE EXAMINATION REMEDIATION, UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine, July 2008 – present

Provided individualized feedback to incoming 4th year medical students who failed the Clinical Performance Examination on how to improve their history gathering, physical examination skills, and patient communication skills

ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, Emergency Medicine, July 2005 - present

MEDICAL STUDENT EDUCATOR, Acute Care College, David Geffen School of Medicine, July 2005 – present

Instructed Acute Care Medical Students during Foundations Week and throughout evening seminar series.

ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, Olive View-UCLA Medical Center, Internal Medicine, April, 2005

ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, Sepulveda VA Medical Center, Internal Medicine, February, 2005

ASSISTANT LEADER, DOCTORING, UCLA School of Medicine, 1999-2000

INTERN, COMMUNITY OUTREACH FOR PREVENTION & EDUCATION (Now COPE Health Solutions) Los Angeles, CA, 1996

Helped organize and participated in pilot program to teach at-risk youth coping skills and skills to prevent gang affiliation, smoking, and drug and alcohol use.

CPR INSTRUCTOR, Vassar College, 1991-1992

CURRICULUM / EVALUATION DEVELOPMENT

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT TO PREVENT REPRODUCTIVE COERCION, Family Violence Prevention Fund, December 2009 – present

Assisted in creation of media-based curriculum to educate healthcare providers about ways to reduce unintended pregnancies, STI's and improve communication about reproductive choice.

INTEGRATED CASE DEVELOPMENT VIDEO-BASED EVALUATION DEVELOPMENT, National Board of Medicine Examiners (NBME), March 2009 – present

Created video-based assessment tools for USMLE Steps I-III of the NBME

ELSI 2 – ETHICAL, LEGAL, AND SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS IN GENETIC TESTING, Increasing confidence and changing behaviors in Primary Care Providers, Grant 1 R01 HG005117-01
PI is Wilkes, 2009-Present

Served as core group member. Editing existing scripts and developed and wrote new scripts. Assisted in preparing standardized patients for evaluation of tool

REFINING DIAGNOSTIC SKILLS CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT, UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine, Jan 2009 – present

Participated in creating seminar to refine 3rd year medical student history and physical examination diagnostic skills

ADVANCED DIAGNOSTIC SKILLS ME250.05 CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT, UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine, July 2008 – present

Created standardized patient cases to refine the skills of 4th year medical students in performing appropriate histories and focused physical exams based on chief complaint

TRANSITION TO INTERNSHIP EVENING SEMINAR CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT, Acute Care College, UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine, July 2005 – present

Designed curriculum consisting of preparation for residency, business and law in medicine, and life skills training

PALLIATIVE CARE/END OF LIFE CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT, Grant 1 R25 CA98467-01A2, PI is Wilkes, 2005 - present

Served as core group member. Facilitated small focus group and wrote scripts for pediatric and adult cases. Wrote and assisted with video production of scripts, created post-module questions, and assisted in developing evaluation tool

MENTORING ACTIVITIES

Acute Care College Faculty Advisor, 2008-9009

Marla Gandara, class of 2009

Faculty Research Advisor

Rachelle Sohren, 2006 Acute Care College Graduate

Mentored the creation of "ACC Intern On-Call Book" and presentation to ACC students, "Internship -- How to Be a Super Doc"

COMMITTEES

INTEGRATED CASE DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE COMMITTEE MEMBER, National Board of Medical Examiners, 2009-Present

INTEGRATED CASE DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP MEMBER, National Board of Medical Examiners, 2009-Present

DAVID GEFLEN SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, ACUTE CARE COLLEGE ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER, 2005 -- present

MEDICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE, HARBOR-UCLA MEDICAL CENTER, 2005 -- 2007

COPE HEALTH SOLUTIONS, EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER, 1998-2008
Guide project visions and fundraising for Primary Care Outreach, Comprehensive Prenatal Services, and Clinical Care Extender Programs

MEDICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE, OLIVE VIEW-UCLA MEDICAL CENTER, 2002—2005

HONORS AND AWARDS

EDWARD A. LANGDON AWARD FOR HUMANITARIANISM, UCLA Medical Alumni Association, June 2000

PRESENTATIONS AT NATIONAL CONFERENCES

POSTER, CORD National Meeting, March 2006
"Transition to Internship – An Acute Care College Curriculum"

POSTER, Society of General Internal Medicine National Conference, May 2003
"Can't She Just Leave? – Dealing with the Difficult Patient"

POSTER, Solomon Scholars, April 2003
"The Case of Disseminated GC – That Wasn't: Correcting Medical Misinformation"

PRESENTER, Society of General Internal Medicine, May 2002 National Conference
"The Case of Disseminated GC – That Wasn't: Correcting Medical Misinformation"
Letter of Distinction Recipient

PRESENTER, Society for Adolescent Medicine Meeting, March 1999 National Conference
Workshop entitled, "Ethics in the Outpatient Arena: A Working Model in Adolescent Medicine."

LECTURES AT HARBOR-UCLA MEDICAL CENTER, UCLA, OLIVE VIEW-UCLA MEDICAL CENTER, AND SEPULVEDA VA

"Hyperparathyroid Disorders"	-- 09/00
"Uveitis"	-- 08/28/01
"Dermatological Manifestations of Systemic Disease"	-- 01/07/02
"Aldacarb and Other Carbamates"	-- 08/13/02
"Hyperglycemic Hyperosmolar Nonketotic Syndrome"	-- 10/29/02
"Medicine and the Law"	-- 04/02/03 -- 05/03 -- 08/04
"Food Poisoning: Fish and Shellfish"	-- 09/30/03
"Lapse of Consciousness"	-- 12/02/03
"Cases in Tropical Medicine"	-- 05/19/04 -- 02/16/05
"Pulmonary Embolism"	-- 08/04/04
"Pediatric Trauma"	--11/18/04
"Dermatologic Emergencies and Manifestations of Systemic Illness"	--03/10/05
"Transition to Internship – Trouble Shooting Lab"	--02/05/06
"Primary Care in the Emergency Department"	--06/02/06
"Vascular Access – Tricks of the Trade," ACC Foundations	--2006-present
"Teaching How to Teach," ACC evening Seminar	--2006-present
"Clinical Reasoning," ME250.05 Advanced Clinical Skills	--2008-present
"Clinical Reasoning – gathering information from the physical exam," Refining Diagnostic Skills	--2009-present

GUEST LECTURES

- "Dermatologic Manifestations of Systemic Disease"
Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center Family Medicine Grand Rounds --10/18/06
- "Dermatologic Emergencies"
Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center Family Medicine Grand Rounds --06/21/06

CASE BIBLIOGRAPHY

Coates W.C., Spector T., Uijtdehaage S. Transition to life curriculum. A sendoff to the real world for medical students. Academic Emergency Medicine 2010;17(5)S70.

Spector, T.S., "36 Year Old Male with Acute Low Back Pain," ME250.05 – ADVANCED DIAGNOSTIC SKILLS, UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine, 2008

Usatine, R., Spector, T.S., "25 Year Old Female with Chest Pain," ME250.05 – ADVANCED DIAGNOSTIC SKILLS, UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine, 2008

Spector, T.S., "50 Year Old Male with Severe Abdominal Pain," ME250.05 – ADVANCED DIAGNOSTIC SKILLS, UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine, 2008

Usatine, R., Spector, T.S., "48 Year Old Female with Shortness of Breath," ME250.05 – ADVANCED DIAGNOSTIC SKILLS, UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine, 2008

Spector, T.S., "25 Year Old Female with Fatigue and Weight Loss," ME250.05 – ADVANCED DIAGNOSTIC SKILLS, UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine, 2009

Spector, T.S., "68 Year Old Male with Worsening Headache," ME250.05 – ADVANCED DIAGNOSTIC SKILLS, UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine, 2009

Spector, T.S., "73 Year Old Female with Dizziness," ME250.05 – ADVANCED DIAGNOSTIC SKILLS, UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine, 2009

Spector, T.S., "54 Year Old Female with a Fever," ME250.05 – ADVANCED DIAGNOSTIC SKILLS, UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine, 2009

Spector, T.S., "Pediatric Leukemia," PALLIATIVE CARE/END OF LIFE CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT, Grant 1 R25 CA98467-01A2, PI is Wilkes

Case highlights using Child Life Specialist to explain a procedure and to counsel a sibling, recognizing family strife, and avoiding clinician burnout 2008-9

Spector, T.S. and Wilkes, M.S., "Adult Leukemia – The Case of Isabella Jameson," PALLIATIVE CARE/END OF LIFE CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT, Grant 1 R25 CA98467-01A2, PI is Wilkes

Case highlights determining capacity, understanding various forms of advance directives - their uses and limitations, utilizing a values history and recognizing provider influence on decision making, 2008

Wilkes, M.S., and Spector, T.S., "Breast Cancer – The Case of June Phillips," PALLIATIVE CARE/END OF LIFE CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT, Grant 1 R25 CA98467-01A2, PI is Wilkes
Case highlights treating patients with a history of drug abuse – provider bias and undertreatment of pain, understanding socio-economic issues related to access of health care and eligibility for Medicaid/Medicare, 2007-8

Spector, T.S., "Hydrancephaly in the NICU – The Case of Catarina Pacheco," PALLIATIVE CARE/END OF LIFE CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT, Grant 1 R25 CA98467-01A2, PI is Wilkes
Case highlights disparate cultural beliefs and strong religious beliefs and their impact on providers, use of interpreters, bereavement support, and practical aspects of death, 2007-8

Spector, T.S., "Early Osteosarcoma – The Case of Robin Appleby," PALLIATIVE CARE/END OF LIFE CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT, Grant 1 R25 CA98467-01A2, PI is Wilkes
Case highlights breaking bad news in a developmentally appropriate way, differentiating between beneficence and autonomy, recognizing depression, non-pharmacologic approached to treating neuropathic pain, 2007

Spector, T.S., "Late Osteosarcoma – The Case of Robin Appleby," PALLIATIVE CARE/END OF LIFE CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT, Grant 1 R25 CA98467-01A2, PI is Wilkes
Care highlights controlling pain and non-pain symptoms, discussing death with a child, changing goals of care, utilizing hospice, and care in the final hours, 2006-7

Spector, T.S., Hoffman, J.R. "Adult Near Drowning – The Case of Bobby Reynolds," PALLIATIVE CARE/END OF LIFE CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT, Grant 1 R25 CA98467-01A2, PI is Wilkes
Case highlights breaking bad news, prognosticating, using an interdisciplinary approach to care, clinician self care, family strife, and futility, 2006

Spector, T.S., "Pediatric Near Drowning – The Case of Bobby Reynolds," PALLIATIVE CARE/END OF LIFE CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT, Grant 1 R25 CA98467-01A2, PI is Wilkes
Case highlights breaking bad news, prognosticating, using an interdisciplinary approach to care, clinician self care, family strife, and futility, 2006

Spector, T.S., "Desaturating on the Vent," A Simulation Case, ACUTE CARE COLLEGE, UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine, 2005

Spector, T.S., "Hypotension post-op day 5," A Simulation Case, ACUTE CARE COLLEGE, UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine, 2005

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Sohren, R., Spector, T.S., Coates, W.C. "ACC Intern On-Call Book." Provided to the ACC Medical Student classes of 2006-2008

Spector, T.S., Balingit, P. Abstract. "Can't She Just Leave – Dealing with the Difficult Patient." Journal of General Internal Medicine, April 2003 (Supplement)

Spector, T.S., Rotblatt, M. Abstract. "The Case of Disseminated GC – That Wasn't: Correcting Medical Misinformation," Journal of General Internal Medicine, April 2002 (Supplement)

Balingit, P, Spector, T.S. "Misleading EKG in an 82 Year Old Female with Aortic Dissection," Journal of General Internal Medicine, April 2001 (Supplement)

ONGOING RESEARCH

ANALYSIS OF CRITICAL ITEMS AS EVALUATION TOOL FOR CLINICAL PERFORMANCE EXAMINATIONS, Center for Educational Development and Research, UCLA, PI is Wilkerson

PALLIATIVE CARE/END OF LIFE CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT, Grant 1 R25 CA98467-01A2, PI is Wilkes

Evaluation of web-based curriculum to change attitudes and behaviors regarding End-of-Life care for medical students and residents throughout UC system

TRANSITION TO LIFE SEMINAR, Acute Care College, UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine, Co researcher Coates

Evaluation of seminar designed to prepare graduating medical students for financial responsibility, physician wellness, internship efficiency, and housing decisions

IVAX, Protocol IXR-304-04-167, California Allergy & Asthma Medical Group

Evaluation of demonstration of placebo ProAir RediHaler use: a prospective, randomized, open-label, 2 arm parallel study.

EXCELS, Protocol Q2948g, California Allergy & Asthma Medical Group

An epidemiologic study of XOLAIR(Omalizumab): evaluating clinical effectiveness and long-term safety in patients with moderate to severe asthma.

CAPNIA, Protocol C215, California Allergy & Asthma Medical Group

A randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, multi-center study to evaluate the efficacy and safety of nasal carbon dioxide in the treatment of seasonal allergic rhinitis.

AMGEN, Protocol 20060161A, California Allergy & Asthma Medical Group

A randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, multiple doses, phase 2 Study to determine the safety and efficacy of AMG 317 in subjects with moderate to severe asthma.

GSK, Protocol FFR110537, California Allergy & Asthma Medical Group

A randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, parallel, group, multicenter, two-year study to evaluate the ocular safety of once-daily, fluticasone furoate nasal spray 110mcg in adults and adolescents 12 years of age and older with perennial allergic rhinitis.

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

GORGAS MEMORIAL INSTITUTE OF TROPICAL AND PREVENTIVE MEDICINE, Lima, Peru, April 2004

Rounded in 32 bed Tropical Medicine Clinic

CLINICAL ROTATION, Beer Sheva University Hospital, Beer Sheva, Israel, 2000

Worked with Bedouin Health Project

VOLUNTEER, CENTRO DE SALUD, Morelia, Michuacan, Mexico, Summer 1998

Provided medical assistance to staff and participated in immunization outreach program

RESEARCH PROJECT, Tijuana, Mexico, 1991

Helped design and administer public health questionnaire with UCLA School of Public Health

EXCHANGE STUDENT, Chile, summer, 1998 – Peace Corps Scholarship; Japan, summer, 1997 – Mazda Corporation Scholarship; Spain, summer 1996

VOLUNTEER AND COMMUNITY SERVICE EXPERIENCE

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER, COPE HEALTH SOLUTIONS 1998-2008

Guide project visions and fundraising for Primary Care Outreach, Comprehensive Prenatal Services, and Clinical Care Extender Programs

SPEAKER-COORDINATOR, PRENATAL CARE PROJECT, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA, 1997-1998

VOLUNTEER, LENNOX/HUGHS/LOS ANGELES COUNTY HEALTH FAIRS, Lennox, CA, 1997-1998

EDUCATION CONSULTANT, COMMUNITY OUTREACH FOR PREVENTION & EDUCATION (C.O.P.E.), Los Angeles, CA, 1996

Assisted in production of modules for training UCLA students how to teach preventive health care and coping strategies to persons living in homeless shelters. Compiled and edited *Assessment of the Needs of Homeless Persons on the Westside* for the Westside Shelter and Hunger Coalition.

INTERN, PLANNED PARENTHOOD, Beacon, NY, 1991

VOLUNTEER, EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN, Vassar College, 1991-1992
Certified in CA, 1990 and reciprocated in NY, 1991.

VOLUNTEER, DAYBREAK HOMELESS SHELTER, Santa Monica, and CA, 1987-1988

LANGUAGES

Spanish: Bilingual/Fluent, County of Los Angeles Certificate of Language Proficiency in Spanish

Hebrew: Conversational