

Robert Escarza MD

Summary

Licensed and board-certified Emergency Physician with 17 years of clinical and administrative experience in addition to extensive case review, deposition and trial experience.

Collaborative leadership: Extensive experience as both leader & team member overseeing development of system-wide treatment guidelines and emergency room-specific processes developed during participation on multiple hospital committees encompassing multiple disciplines.

Training/Development: Ongoing experience in educating, training and maintaining certification of nurses, nurse practitioners, medical students, residents, and attending physicians in multiple specific emergency medicine topics. Extensive experience in research and lectures/presentations of primarily clinical topics using multiple media modalities.

Marketing/Public Relations: Comprehensive experience related to promotion and expansion of air medical and emergency services in the Rockford IL region including hospital based presentations and interviews with both print media and TV outlets.

Experience

Staff Emergency Physician, 12/2015 - Present, Beaufort Memorial Hospital
Greater than 50K visits/year with education opportunities for physician extenders and staff. This is functionally a county hospital with a high acuity population.

- ABEM-certified since 2001
- ATLS, ACLS, PALS certified since 1998

Staff Emergency Physician, 8/2016 - Present, Roper St Francis Hospital - Charleston SC

Part-time work in a high-volume urban emergency department.

Staff Emergency Physician, Rockford Memorial Hospital, 8/2000 - 10/2015
Greater than 60,000 patient encounters over 15 years of clinical experience. ER with greater than 50K visits/yr at a tertiary care center. Level I Trauma, Level III (highest) Pediatric, NICU, PICU.

- * Trauma Services Committee, 2008 -15
- * Pediatric Critical Care Committee, 2008 - 13
- * Medical Education Committee, 2004 -08
- * Assistant Clinical Professor, Department of Surgery, UIC College of Medicine, 2000-15

Medical Director, REACT (Regional Emergency Acute Care Transport), 1/2008 - 4/2013

Medical director for critical care air transport program. Supervision of staff of critical care nurses, paramedics, pilots and maintenance personnel. Medical personnel specifically trained for autonomous delivery of critical care during transports. Primary duties included design and implementation of standing medical orders, continuing education of professional staff including regular lectures, monthly QI/case review, procedural lab training and maintenance of CAMTS certification. Oversaw transition from paper to EMR charting system. Regular involvement with financial considerations including budgeting, procurement and negotiation of current contract model for services. Regular public speaking including hospital relations, media interviews, sales and marketing.

Team Physician, Rockford Icehogs (AHL), 10/2012 - 4/2015

Part of medical staff for high-level professional sports franchise. Patient care encompassed all common areas of sports medicine. Experience included all general medical care of team and staff in addition to close involvement with care issues extending to parent NHL franchise.

Education

Resurrection Medical Center, Post-Graduate Emergency Medicine Training,
7/1997 - 6/2000

Unique residency experience as part of program's second class. Indirectly had a hand in development and establishment of what is now a highly regarded and well-respected emergency medicine training program in the Chicagoland area.

ICEP Research Award 1999

Presenter SAEM 1999

Abstract: *"Procedural Proficiency: Can Uniform Guidelines Be Established for the Training of Emergency Medicine Residents?"* Escarza R, Kaplan R, Hayden R

University of Illinois College of Medicine, 8/1993 - 4/1997

MD

Alpha Omega Alpha, 1996

James Scholar - Independent research program with focus on HIV/AIDS prevention in rural pre-high school students

University of Iowa

BA, Biology

Minority Achievement Scholar

Presidential Scholar

Dean's List

Lacrosse Club

Publications

Escarza R, Loeffel M, Uehara D. Wrist Injuries: Tintinalli's Emergency Medicine: A Comprehensive Study Guide 8th Edition, Ch 269, 2014.

Chin H, Escarza R. Wrist Injuries: Emergency and Primary Care of the Hand. American College of Emergency Physicians, 2001. 139-160.

Sepsis: Controversies and Risks. *Uncredited blog submission, TEI, May 25, 2017*