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CURRICULUM VITAE

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Professional Objectives:

- To continue to work to improve the lives of persons who require Prostheses or Orthoses.
- To affect the greatest number of patients by allowing them to overcome their disabilities, enhancing their quality of life.
- To enhance the professionalism of the field in order to elevate its status.
- To educate the general public and medical community to the concept that anything is possible, thereby raising expectations so that patients will ask for and receive the optimum care.

Summary of Qualifications

For over four decades I have owned and managed a nationally renowned prosthetic and orthotic practice providing first quality patient care. My company developed its reputation as a pioneer in the field. Beverly Hills Prosthetics Orthotics had “Centers of Excellence” in lower limb prosthetics and orthotics, spinal and foot orthotics. As a leader in the field, I served as a consultant to Medicare and many insurance companies as well as an expert witness in prosthetics and orthotics. In addition, I frequently lectured to physicians, physical therapists, Prosthetists and Orthotists. I am currently providing expert witness services and consulting for various insurance companies.

Education

Bachelor of Arts Zoology
University of California, Los Angeles

February 1962

Prosthetic Orthotic Education

June 1966

Credentials

American Board of Certification Certified in Orthotics	September 1972
American Board of Certification Certified in prosthetics	September 1968

Professional Experience

Private Practice	1969-2008
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I sold my company to Hanger Orthopedic Group, Inc., February 2008. BHPO was known for its state of the art design and workmanship with a staff capable of providing prosthetics and orthotics of the most advanced technology available.

I developed a very high quality Prosthetic and Orthotic practice that attained national recognition providing a unique and innovative prosthetic and orthotic service attaining excellent results with all patients. My staff interrelated well with the entire clinic team, enhancing each patient's rehabilitation potential. My practice always stood ahead of the field as a model for others to emulate. Our patient management system employs the principle of patient education actively involving them in setting goals, selecting the best components, and testing the selected components before fabrication of each device.

BHPO's creative and thorough approach insures that patients received the most advanced, well-fitting devices, no matter how difficult or complex the case. This satisfied the company's ultimate goal of providing services that allows each patient's optimum results for the highest quality of life.

As a Hanger company, I was the Practice Manager. There were no changes in our quality of care and commitment in returning each client to their optimum potential. We did gained tremendous resources from being a Hanger company with computerized scanning capability, used mainly in Cranial Helmet Therapy.

As of October 17, 2011, I continue to work as an Expert Witness in Prosthetics and Orthotics, do consultations with patients and teach at Cal State Dominguez Hills in the Prosthetic Orthotic program now on the Veterans Administration property in Long Beach. I am also working on a project to assist amputees to better participate in Pilates to improve their muscle strength and core to ambulate better, longer and with fewer gait deviations.

Hanger Orthopedic Group Practice Manager for office at 6300 Wilshire Boulevard Patient Care Office	2008-2011
Expert Witness and Consultant	2011-Present

Affiliation with UCLA

1966-1991

UCLA Prosthetics and Orthotics Program Instructor in Prosthetics and Orthotics

Taught all courses covering every level of amputation and related prosthetics. In addition, instructed classes in Upper and Lower Extremity and Spinal Orthotics.

Designed and instructed courses for training physicians and therapists in Prosthetics and Orthotics; conducted clinic team gait analysis evaluation for physicians and therapists using patient subjects.

Taught special courses for physicians and prosthetists in Immediate Post Surgical Fitting Procedures under the course direction of Dr. Ernest Burgess, generally recognized as the leading proponent of this procedure in the United States.

Regular lecturer to Prosthetic and Orthotic students at the UCLA Prosthetic and Orthotic Education Program until it's closing in 1991.

Consultant to UCLA Hospital's Orthopedic Clinic, while on staff

Research Programs

Involved in programs conducted at the UCLA Prosthetic and Orthotic Program; i.e.: Functional Long Leg Bracing, Below Knee, Above Knee, and Upper Extremity Prosthetics.

Expert Witness Services

Since 1984 I have provided expert witness services both for the plaintiff and the defense in my areas of expertise in Prosthetics and Orthotics.

Consulting and Special Projects

Consultant to various Orthotic and Prosthetic Clinics

1969-2007

Veterans Administration
Kaiser Hospitals
Cedars Sinai Hospital
Brotman Hospital
Northridge Hospital
Glendale Adventist Medical Center
St. Joseph's Medical Center

<u>Puerto Rico</u>	1969
<p>Taught at the Puerto Rico Rehabilitation under the cognizance of the Inter American University for two months, in Upper Extremity and Below Knee Prosthetics. During my stay, worked with Prosthetics in the Rehabilitation Government Clinic and in addition, lectured to the Orthopedic Surgeons on the subject “Immediate Post Surgical Prosthetic Fittings and General Prosthetics in the United States,” at Puerto Rico’s main government hospital.</p>	
<u>Mutual Aid Amputee Foundation</u>	Founded 1973
<p>Originator and founder of this organization; this group is dedicated to giving support to amputees to help them through the transition in accepting their amputation. The main thrust of the group is to provide a visitation program for peer level counseling, so that a person who has had a similar experience would be available to share this information with the new amputees.</p>	
<u>Amputee Coalition of America</u>	1993-1994
<p>Board of Directors for this national group that coordinates local amputee support groups</p>	
<u>Medicare Consultant</u>	1994-2004
<p>Was the prosthetic and orthotic consultant to Medicare’s Durable Medical Equipment Regional Center, DMERC, Region D. Provide consultant services to Dr. Robert Zone, M.D., Medical Director and now Dr. Robert Hover, M. D., who commenced in this position September 1998.</p>	
<u>Blue Cross of California</u>	1997-2008
<p>Prosthetics and orthotics consultant</p>	
<u>Foto Group</u>	1997-2008
<p>Prosthetics and Orthotics consultant</p>	
<u>Muscular Dystrophy Association Muscle Clinic</u>	1980-Present
<p>Orthotics consultant</p>	
<u>Motion Picture Industry Health and Pension Plan</u>	2003-Present
<p>Prosthetics and Orthotics consultant</p>	

Lectures

Lecturer for the Academy of Orthotics Prosthetics and American Orthotic and Prosthetic Association, both regional and national conventions

Lecturer to physicians and allied health fields at their professional meetings.

Publications

Varnau, David, Vinnecour, Keith E., Luth, Monalee, Cooney, David, The Enhancement of Prosthetics Through Xeroradiography.” Orthotics and Prosthetics 20: 1:14-28, 1985.

Cooney, David F., Vinnecour, Keith E., “An Advanced Approach Toward Improved Prosthetic Fittings”, Clinical Prosthetics and Orthotics, July 1985.

Wrote and photographed several of the chapters in the Prosthetic Principles Upper Extremity Amputations Fabricating and Fitting Principles, published by Prosthetic Orthotic Education Department, Division of Orthopedic Surgery, UCLA, 1964.

Assisted in writing techniques for the manual in Above Knee Prosthetics in collaboration with Director John J. Bray and staff.

Contributions to the Field

Examiner for the American Board for Certification to test the competency of eligible practitioners

Chaired the committee to accredit prosthetic and orthotic facilities to ensure they are properly equipped to care for the physically handicapped.

Products designed for the field

Lynco foot Orthotic support system (Patent number 263,644)

Knee orthosis to control the subluxing patella

Specialized fixture that allowed fabrication of knee disarticulation prosthesis having a hydraulic knee mechanism have the correct anatomical knee center height for a more acceptable cosmetic appearance

Special attachment that allowed application of Otto Bock feet to other manufacturer systems and permit an improved alignment capability

Assigned the chairperson of Task Force “D” to insure a smooth transition of Medicare intermediary from a local level to a national level with responsibilities for 17 states. In this capacity, I assisted the four (4) DMERC Medical Directors in writing the current Medical Policy for Lower Limb Prosthetics and the various Orthotic Medical Policies.

Affiliations

1969-2011

Member of the American Orthotic and Prosthetic Associations; our fields of business association (A.O.P.A.) and served as advisor and chaired many committees

Member of the American Academy of Orthotics and Prosthetics (A.A.O.P.)
Lower Extremity Prosthetic Society
Lower Extremity Orthotic Society
Lower Extremity Gait Society

Member of California Orthotics and Prosthetics Association (C.O.P.A.)
Served as president and member of Board of Directors of C.O.P.A., as well as being a charter member.

Member of the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine

Member of the American Diabetes Association

Member of the Southern California Stroke Association

International Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics

Member of the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine

Honors

Installed in the Hall of Fame, 1986, by the California Association for Rehabilitation Facilities for outstanding contributions to the rehabilitation of persons with disabilities.

1992 Clinician of the Year Award – presented by the American Academy of Orthotists and Prosthetists for dedication to the rehabilitation and welfare of patients.

Community Service

Founding member, President 1987-88, Robertson Boulevard Association

Member of the Board of Directors of “New Directions” 2002-2008 a program to help re-integrate Veterans, especially those that are homeless, back into society clean and sober

Military

U.S. Navy 1962-1965. Served as Chief Engineer Officer aboard a Destroyer Escort Radar Picket Ship. The last six months of duty was in Vietnam.

Personal Data

Born 1939 and married with two children