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MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 5, 2025

TO: Jon Pennell, DMV, Acting Chairman

FROM: Dena Schmidt, Secretary, State Board of Health

RE: Request to Reappoint Two Members of the Medical Laboratory Advisory Committee

On November 3, 2025, a Medical Laboratory Advisory Committee (MLAC) meeting was held by teleconference. This is a request to reappoint two members to the Medical Laboratory Advisory Committee (MLAC) in which each member would serve a three-year term.

STAFF REVIEW

In accordance with Nevada Revised Statutes NRS 652.170(1), it is the responsibility of the State Board of Health to appoint the seven members of the Medical Laboratory Advisory Committee. Under NRS 652.170(4), the MLAC is composed of: (a) Two pathologists, certified in clinical pathology by the American Board of Pathology; (b) Two medical technologists; (c) One bio analyst who is a laboratory director; (d) One qualified biochemist from the Nevada System of Higher Education; and (e) One licensed physician actively engaged in the practice of clinical medicine in the State. Under NRS 652.170(2)-(3), members are allowed to serve no more than two (2) consecutive three-year terms.

The Bureau of Health Care Quality of Compliance (HCQC) administers the MLAC, which includes overseeing the process of ensuring the MLAC seats are filled. Two statutory positions will be vacant when the terms of the individuals filling them expire in December 2025.

Both of these members, and NVHA staff, confirmed interest and will serve their second term. Therefore, staff request the Board of Health reappoint the MLAC members as follows:

- Kennedy Ukadike, MD, MS, FACR, to the position of a licensed physician in private practice for a second, three-year term to run from 12/6/2025 – 12/6/2028 is requested. (NRS 652.170(4)(b)). First term: 12/06/2022 – 12/06/2025.
- Taylor L. Noyes, MT, serving as a medical technologist for a second, three-year term to run from 12/6/2025–12/6/2028 is requested. (NRS 652.170(4)(b)). First term: 12/06/2022 - 12/06/2025.

The resumes of the individuals listed above are included for your reference.

PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED

None.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Appoint Kennedy Ukadike, MD, MS, FACR and Taylor L. Noyes, MT; to serve a second term on the MLAC.

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08/1999 – 07/2001 AS & AA, General Science & Arts, Piedmont Technical College, Greenwood, SC  
 08/2001 – 12/2003 BS, Biology with Genetics Concentration, Lander University, Greenwood, SC  
 09/2005 – 08/2007 MS, Biotechnology & Bioinformatics, California State University Channel Islands, Camarillo, CA  
 01/2009 – 06/2013 MD, Medicine, Ross University School of Medicine, Portsmouth, Dominica and Miramar, FL

**Postgraduate Training:**

07/2015 – 06/2016 Internship, Internal Medicine, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai at Englewood Hospital & Medical Center, Englewood, NJ  
 07/2016 – 06/2018 Residency, Internal Medicine, Hackensack University Medical Center at Englewood Hospital & Medical Center, Englewood, NJ  
 07/2018 – 06/2021 Fellowship, Rheumatology, Physician-Scientist Track, University of Washington School of Medicine, Seattle, WA

**Licensure & Registration:**

06/2011 – 05/2015 United States Medical Licensing Examination Steps 1, 2 (CK & CS), and 3 Passed  
 08/2013 – present Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) Certification  
 04/2015 – present Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, National Provider Identifier Registration  
 07/2016 – 06/2018 New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners, Physician Training Permit  
 04/2018 – 12/2022 Washington State Department of Health, Physician & Surgeon License  
 05/2018 – present Drug Enforcement Administration, Controlled Substance Registration  
 10/2021 – present Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners, Medical Doctor License  
 12/2021 – present Nevada State Board of Pharmacy, Controlled Substance License

**Board Certifications:**

08/2018 – present Internal Medicine, American Board of Internal Medicine, American Board of Medical Specialties  
 10/2020 – present Rheumatology, American Board of Internal Medicine, American Board of Medical Specialties

**Continuing Medical Education:**

07/2014 – present Basic Life Support (BLS), American Heart Association  
 07/2014 – present Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS), American Heart Association  
 07/2020 – present Internal Medicine CME Activities, American Medical Association PRA Category 1  
 07/2020 – present Rheumatology CME Activities, American Medical Association PRA Category 1  
 09/2023 – present Fellow of the American College of Rheumatology (FACR)

**Academic Appointments:**

08/2013 – 09/2013 Adjunct Instructor, Anatomy & Physiology, Health Sciences Division, North Central State College, Mansfield, OH  
 07/2020 – 06/2021 Senior Fellow/Acting Instructor, Division of Rheumatology, Department of Medicine, University of Washington School of Medicine, Seattle, WA  
 07/2021 – 12/2021 Acting Instructor, Division of Rheumatology, Department of Medicine, University of Washington School of Medicine, Seattle, WA  
 02/2022 – present Assistant Professor of Clinical Internal Medicine, Department of Internal Medicine, University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine, Reno, NV

**Health System Positions:**

07/2020 – 12/2021 Attending Physician, Section of Rheumatology, Univ of Washington Medical Center, Seattle, WA  
 07/2020 – 12/2021 Attending Physician, Section of Rheumatology, Harborview Medical Center, Seattle, WA  
 02/2022 – present Rheumatologist, Renown Rheumatology, Renown Regional Medical Center, Reno, NV

**Board/Committee Appointments:**

- 03/2023 – present     Committee Member, Medical Laboratory Advisory Committee, Nevada State Department of Health and Human Services, Carson City, NV
- 04/2024 – present     Board Member, Board of Directors, Rheumatology Association of Nevada, Las Vegas, NV

### **Initiatives Created/Launched:**

- Revamped protocols for DNA/RNA/Protein Extraction/Quantification, Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assay, Western Blot, and Qualitative/Quantitative Real-Time Polymerase Chain Reaction for translational research in the Division of Rheumatology at University of Washington School of Medicine, Seattle, WA, launched August 2019
- Created an inpatient rheumatology consult/progress note workflow aid for Rheumatology Fellows at University of Washington School of Medicine, Seattle, WA, launched November 2021
- Revamped the rheumatology referral screening algorithm for assessing the appropriateness of referrals at Renown Rheumatology, launched April 2022
- Created a comprehensive rheumatology patient history questionnaire for import from MyChart into Epic note at Renown Rheumatology, launched August 2022
- Started a rheumatology clinical rotation at Renown Rheumatology for Internal Medicine Residents at University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine, launched December 2022
- Created (in collaboration with Renown's IT Department) a Renown Rheumatology health service website for educating patients in the service area community, launched June 2023
- Started a monthly rheumatology educational conference for rheumatology clinical staff, trainees, and practitioners at Renown Rheumatology, launched June 2023
- Created (in collaboration with Renown's IT Department) a Rheumatology E-Consult and Inpatient Consult service order in Epic for Renown practitioners, launched November 2023
- Optimized (in collaboration with Renown's IT Department) the Rheumatology Outpatient Consult order in Epic to include a hard stop requiring input of the reason and clinical question for the consult request, launched January 2024
- Started a monthly rheumatology staff meeting for updates on optimization of clinical workflow at Renown Rheumatology, launched January 2024
- Created (in collaboration with Renown's IT Department) a Rheumatology Workup SmartSet in Epic to guide the referring practitioners on the appropriate tests to order, launched August 2024
- Created (in collaboration with Renown's Clinical Research Department) a rheumatology clinical trials program at Renown Rheumatology, launched August 2024

### **Clinical Research Endeavors:**

1. Sub-Investigator, Bristol Myers Squibb's Deucravacitinib in Lupus Nephritis Study: A Phase 2, Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Study of the Efficacy and Safety of Deucravacitinib in Subjects with Lupus Nephritis on Background Treatment; University of Washington Medical Center, Seattle, WA, October 2020 – December 2021
2. Sub-Investigator, AbbVie's Upadacitinib in Giant Cell Arteritis Study: A Phase 3, Multicenter, Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Study to Evaluate the Safety and Efficacy of Upadacitinib in Subjects with Giant Cell Arteritis; University of Washington Medical Center, Seattle, WA, November 2020 – December 2021
3. Sub-Investigator, Bristol Myers Squibb's Abatacept in Rheumatoid Arthritis Investigator-Initiated Study: A Phase 4 Open-Label Study to Evaluate Biomarkers to Predict the Efficacy of Abatacept in Subjects with Rheumatoid Arthritis; University of Washington Medical Center, Seattle, WA, January 2021 – December 2021
4. Sub-Investigator, UCB's Dapirolizumab Pegol in Systemic Lupus Erythematosus Study: A Phase 3, Multicenter, Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled, Parallel-Group Study to Evaluate the Efficacy and Safety of Dapirolizumab Pegol in Study Participants with Moderately to Severely Active Systemic Lupus Erythematosus; University of Washington Medical Center, Seattle, WA, July 2021 – December 2021
5. Principal Investigator, Amgen's AMG 569 Study: A Randomized, Double-blind, Placebo-controlled Phase 4 Clinical Trial to Evaluate the Long-term Safety and Efficacy of Avacopan in Subjects With Antineutrophil Cytoplasmic Antibody (ANCA)-associated Vasculitis [<https://clinicaltrials.gov/study/NCT06072482>], Renown Regional Medical Center, Reno, NV, August 2024 – present
6. Principal Investigator, Biogen's 230LE303 Study: A Multicenter, Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled, Phase 3 Study to Evaluate the Efficacy and Safety of Litifilimab (BIIB059) in Adult Participants With Active Systemic Lupus Erythematosus Receiving Background Non-Biologic Lupus Standard of Care [<https://clinicaltrials.gov/study/NCT04895241>], Renown Regional Medical Center, Reno, NV, September 2024 – present

### **Research Laboratory Skills:**

- Molecular Biology & Genetics: Cell Culture & DNA/RNA Extraction, DNA/RNA Spectrophotometry/Densitometry, Recombinant DNA Technology, Qualitative & Quantitative Real-Time Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR), Radionuclide-Incorporation PCR, Agarose Gel Electrophoresis, Single Strand Conformation Polymorphism Electrophoresis, Pulsed Field Gel Electrophoresis, Southern & Northern Blots, Denaturing High Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC), and Bioinformatics for DNA/RNA Sequence/Structure Analysis
- Protein Science & Immunology: Cell Culture & Protein Extraction, Buffer Exchange Dialysis, Osmometry/pH-metry, Colorimetric Protein Assay, Protein Spectrophotometry/Densitometry, Sodium Dodecyl Sulfate-Polyacrylamide Gel Electrophoresis, Western Blot, Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assay, Flow Cytometry, Size-Exclusion/Ion-Exchange/Hydrophobic-Interaction/Reversed-Phase HPLCs, Ion-Exchange Fast Protein Liquid Chromatography, Gravity Column Affinity Chromatography, and Bioinformatics for Protein Sequence/Structure Analysis

#### **Clinical Procedure Skills:**

- Arthrocentesis and Joint Injection
- Synovial Fluid Microscopy
- Musculoskeletal Ultrasound
- Nailfold Capillaroscopy/Dermatoscopy
- Punch Biopsy and Skin Suturing
- Intravenous and Intramuscular Injections
- Venous and Arterial Blood Sampling
- Central/Peripheral/Arterial Line Insertions
- Urinary Catheterization
- Nasogastric Intubation

#### **Grants & Funding:**

- 08/2000 – 07/2001 Greenwood Rotary Club Scholarship Award, Piedmont Technical College, Greenwood, SC
- 04/2006 – 04/2006 Biotechnology Institute Travel Award, Biotechnology Innovation Organization 2006 Convention, Chicago, IL
- 10/2018 – 10/2018 Fellow-In-Training Scholarship Travel Award, American College of Rheumatology Annual Conference, Chicago, IL
- 11/2019 – 10/2019 Fellow-In-Training Scholarship Travel Award, American College of Rheumatology Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA
- 07/2019 – 06/2021 National Institutes of Health T32 Research Training Grant, University of Washington School of Medicine, Seattle, WA
- 03/2020 – 03/2020 Federation of Clinical Immunology Societies Center of Excellence Travel Award, 2020 Advanced Course in Basic and Clinical Immunology, La Jolla, CA
- 07/2021 – 12/2021 Academic Development Scholarship Award, Department of Medicine, University of Washington School of Medicine, Seattle, WA

#### **Honors & Awards:**

- 08/1999 – 07/2001 National Dean's List & College President's/Dean's/Merit Lists, Piedmont Technical College, Greenwood, SC
- 08/2000 – 07/2001 National Scholars Honor Society, Piedmont Technical College, Greenwood, SC
- 08/2000 – 07/2001 Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society Vice President for Communications, Piedmont Technical College, Greenwood, SC
- 08/2000 – 07/2001 Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges, Piedmont Technical College, Greenwood, SC
- 08/2000 – 07/2001 Distinguished Student Award in Associate of Science, Piedmont Technical College, Greenwood, SC
- 08/2001 – 07/2002 Talent Roster of Outstanding Transfer Students from Community Colleges, Piedmont Technical College, Greenwood, SC
- 10/2001 – 10/2001 Featured Community College Student, Index-Journal Newspaper, Greenwood, SC
- 09/2002 – 12/2003 Blue Key National Honor Fraternity Vice President, Lander University, Greenwood, SC
- 10/2006 – 10/2006 Employee of the Month Award, Amgen Inc./Act-1 Staffing, Thousand Oaks, CA
- 04/2008 – 04/2008 Featured Graduate School Alumnus, Bioscope Newsletter Spring Edition, California State University Channel Islands, Camarillo, CA
- 09/2009 – 08/2010 Progressive Academic Education Program Merit, Ross University School of Medicine, Portsmouth, Dominica & Miramar, FL

**Academic & Professional Organizations:**

09/2001 – 12/2003 Lander Association of Biological Sciences, Lander University, Greenwood, SC  
 09/2009 – 08/2010 Research Review Society, Ross University School of Medicine, Portsmouth, Dominica  
 07/2009 – 06/2013 Student National Medical Association Treasurer, Ross University School of Medicine  
 07/2009 – 06/2013 American Medical Student Association, Ross University School of Medicine  
 07/2012 – 06/2017 American College of Medical Genetics & Genomics, Student/Resident Member  
 03/2017 – 06/2018 Society of Hospital Medicine, Resident Member  
 03/2012 – present American College of Physicians, Student/Resident/Fellow/Attending Member  
 02/2016 – present American College of Rheumatology, Resident/Fellow/Attending Member  
 01/2020 – 06/2021 Federation of Clinical Immunology Societies, Fellow/Attending Member  
 03/2024 – present Rheumatology Association of Nevada, Attending Member

**Extracurricular & Volunteer Activities:**

08/2000 – 07/2001 International Student Club Vice President, Piedmont Technical College, Greenwood, SC  
 09/2001 – 12/2003 International Student Organization Member, Lander University, Greenwood, SC  
 10/2000 – 10/2000 Voter Registration Drive Coordinator, Piedmont Technical College, Greenwood, SC  
 10/2002 – 10/2002 Habitat for Humanity House Building Project for Disaster Displaced Families, Greenwood, SC  
 08/2002 – 03/2003 United Way Fundraising Activities and Day of Caring Event for Girls Scout, Greenwood, SC  
 04/2005 – 04/2005 March of Dimes Walk America Fundraising Activities, Greenwood Genetic Center, Greenwood, SC  
 01/2006 – 06/2006 Many Mansions Organization Fundraising and Food Share Program, Thousand Oaks, CA  
 06/2006 – 06/2006 Red Cross of Ventura County at US Navy Base Seabees Days Event, Port Hueneme, CA  
 05/2009 – 08/2010 Organization of African Students Community Outreach, Ross University, Portsmouth, Dominica  
 05/2009 – 08/2010 Intramural Soccer & Basketball Team Player, Ross University, Portsmouth, Dominica  
 07/2009 – 08/2010 Student National Medical Association Body Tracker Monthly Wellness Clinic, Ross University, Portsmouth, Dominica  
 08/2011 – 09/2011 Mar Vista Health Center for Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Los Angeles, CA  
 10/2013 – 07/2014 Helping Hands Health & Wellness Center for Uninsured Patients, Columbus, OH  
 05/2014 – 07/2014 Mount Carmel West Hospital Inpatient Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Columbus, OH  
 08/2014 – 09/2014 Greater Miami Health Education & Training Center Post-Graduate Clerkship in Community Medicine & Women's Health, Miami, FL  
 09/2014 – 05/2015 Basic Sciences Tutoring to Medical Students from Lincoln Memorial University-DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine, Harrogate, TN  
 07/2016 – 06/2018 Residency Program Evaluation Committee PGY-2 & PGY-3 Resident Class Representative, Englewood Hospital & Medical Center, Englewood, NJ  
 07/2017 – 06/2018 Patient & Family Advisory Council PGY-3 Resident Class Representative, Englewood Hospital & Medical Center, Englewood, NJ  
 09/2018 – 06/2020 House Staff Association Member, University of Washington, Seattle, WA  
 09/2019 – 06/2020 Network of Underrepresented Residents & Fellows, University of Washington, Seattle, WA  
 10/2019 – 10/2019 Network of Underrepresented Residents & Fellows, University of Washington, Doctor for a Day Event at Chase Lake Elementary School, Edmonds, WA  
 06/2020 – 06/2020 Network of Underrepresented Residents & Fellows Speed Mentoring Program, Virtual Event, University of Washington, Seattle, WA  
 07/2020 – 07/2020 Center for Health Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Summer Health Professions Education Program, Virtual Event, University of Washington, Seattle, WA  
 11/2024 – 11/2024 Medical Student Research Day Judge, University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine, Reno, NV

**Rheumatology Mentoring Activities:**

Nishitha Shekhar, DO – Matched into Rheumatology Fellowship at University of California, Irvine, 7/2024 – 6/2026  
 Su Hyun Jeong, MD – Matched into Rheumatology Fellowship at University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, 7/2025 – 6/2027

**Non-Medical Employment History:**

04/2000 – 06/2001 Shipping & Receiving Associate, Piedmont Technical College, Greenwood, SC  
 09/2000 – 04/2001 Math & Physics Tutor, Piedmont Technical College, Greenwood, SC  
 09/2001 – 04/2002 Math & Physics Tutor, Lander University, Greenwood, SC

06/2002 – 09/2002	Sales Associate & Cashier, K-Mart Store, Greenwood, SC
06/2002 – 12/2003	Research Intern, Molecular Genetics, J.C. Self Research Institute of Human Genetics, Greenwood Genetic Center, Greenwood, SC
02/2003 – 05/2003	Lab Assistant, Microbiology & Immunology, Department of Biological Sciences, Lander University, Greenwood, SC
03/2003 – 02/2004	Registered Pharmacy Technician, CVS Pharmacy, Greenwood, SC
02/2004 – 08/2005	Research Technologist, Molecular Genetics, J.C. Self Research Institute of Human Genetics, Greenwood Genetic Center, Greenwood, SC
02/2006 – 04/2006	Research Intern, Biologic Molecule Pre-formulation Research, Integrity Biosolutions Inc., Camarillo, CA
04/2006 – 10/2006	Contract Research Associate, Small Molecule Process Development, Amgen Inc./Act-1 Personnel Services, Thousand Oaks, CA
03/2007 – 07/2008	Research Associate, Protein Biochemistry, Transplant Diagnostics, One Lambda Inc./Thermo Fisher Scientific, Canoga Park, CA
09/2013 – 07/2014	Research Associate, Protein Biochemistry, Biologic Molecule Pre-formulation Research, Applied Biomolecular Technologies Inc., Columbus, OH

### Research & Scholarly Work:

1. Ukadike KC and Srivastava AK. Identification of RAI1 gene defects in patients with Smith-Magenis syndrome and mental retardation (July 2002 – Feb 2004). JC Self Research Institute at Greenwood Genetic Center. Presented at Genetics Research Seminar for BS Biology with Genetics Emphasis at Lander University, Greenwood, SC, Nov 2003
2. Ukadike KC and Srivastava AK. Breakpoint mapping for mutation and expression analyses of vicinal genes affected by three chromosome translocations [ZCCHC7 on chromosome 9p in t(3;9)(q12;p11.2), PKIB on chromosome 6q in t(6;11)(q22.2;q22.2), and unknown genes on chromosomes 2p and 11q in t(2;11)(p21;q23)] respectively in three unrelated patients with multiple congenital anomalies. JC Self Research Institute at Greenwood Genetic Center, Greenwood, SC, Feb 2004 – Aug 2005
3. Ukadike KC and Gillespie B. Protein expression profiling of E. coli using heat shock and nutrient induction to examine molecular chaperone and lac operon activities, respectively. Techniques in Genomics & Proteomics Course for MS Biotechnology & Bioinformatics at California State University Channel Islands, Camarillo, CA, June 2006 – July 2006
4. Ukadike KC and Gillespie B. Overexpression, extraction, purification, quantification, and characterization of recombinant lactate dehydrogenase-A (LDH-A) based on chicken LDH-A structure. Techniques in Genomics & Proteomics Course for MS Biotechnology & Bioinformatics at California State University Channel Islands, Camarillo, CA, June 2006 – July 2006
5. Ukadike KC and Osslund TD. Protein X-ray crystallography of small molecule-inhibited cyclin-dependent kinase-2 (CDK-2) to demonstrate rational drug design for antineoplastic therapy. Molecular Structure Course for MS Biotechnology & Bioinformatics at California State University Channel Islands, Camarillo, CA, Sep 2006 – Dec 2006
6. Ukadike KC, Dyas GL, Cornett CR, and Wang CH. Development of a molecular and structural biology laboratory for the expression and characterization of proteins (Jan 2007 – May 2007). Presented at Capstone Project Course Colloquium for MS Biotechnology & Bioinformatics at California State University Channel Islands, Camarillo, CA, Apr 2007
7. Bazi L, Ukadike KC, and Gottdiener AH. Therapeutic Hypothermia in Post-Cardiac/Respiratory Arrest Care: A Patient Safety Project (Jan 2016 – Mar 2016). Presented at Grand Rounds at Englewood Hospital & Medical Center, Englewood, NJ, Mar 2016
8. Ukadike KC, Serhan M, Hanson H, Hakeem H, Williams KD, and Barnes T. Transition of Care from the ICU to the Ward: A Quality Improvement Project (July 2016 – June 2017). Presented at Grand Rounds at Englewood Hospital & Medical Center, Englewood, NJ, June 2017
9. Ukadike KC and Gottdiener AH. Prevention of Aspiration-Induced Respiratory Failure on PEG Tube: A Patient Safety Project (May 2017 – July 2017). Presented at Grand Rounds at Englewood Hospital & Medical Center, Englewood, NJ, July 2017
10. Ukadike KC and Mustelin T. The Role of LINE-1 in IFN-Mediated SLE Pathogenesis (July 2019 – Dec 2021). Presented at Division of Rheumatology Works-In-Progress Conference at University of Washington, Seattle, WA, May 2019, Oct 2019, Feb 2020, May 2020, June 2020, Oct 2020, Jan 2021, Apr 2021, and Dec 2021
11. Ni K, Smith S, Yacoub M, Ukadike KC, Whitmore L, Laine A, Wang X, Gale M, and Mustelin T. Expression of full-length endogenous retroviruses K102 and K108 in immune cells from patients with rheumatoid arthritis. Division of Rheumatology, University of Washington, Seattle, WA, July 2020 – December 2021



**Abstracts & Posters:**

1. Ukadike KC, Breitbart SI, and Williams KD. Case Report: CHF-like fluid overload from treatment of sickle cell disease acute pain crisis. Society of Hospital Medicine North Jersey Chapter Annual Conference, Hackensack, NJ, Dec 2016
2. Carter B, Ukadike KC, and Galumyan Y. Case Report: A rare fistulating cardiac anomaly with atrial fibrillation and heart failure. American College of Physicians Annual Conference, San Diego, CA, Mar 2017
3. Ukadike KC, Jan LC, and Williams KD. Case Report: Double-positive anti-PR3 and anti-GBM antibodies in an overlap pulmonary-renal syndrome. Society of Hospital Medicine Annual Conference, Las Vegas, NV, May 2017
4. Ukadike KC, Andron RI, and Williams KD. Case Report: Pseudomalignant granulomas in ANCA-negative granulomatosis with polyangiitis. Society of Hospital Medicine Annual Conference, Las Vegas, NV, May 2017
5. Ukadike KC, Dhillon R, Katz J, and Williams KD. Case Report: High IgG4 Antibody Levels in Tissues with Normal Circulating Levels in Serum: A Paradox of IgG4-related Disease. Society of Hospital Medicine Annual Conference, Orlando, FL, Apr 2018
6. Ukadike KC, Aguasvivas MG, Jan LC, and Zelkowitz MS. Case Report: Bilateral Giant Cell Arteritis with Renal ANCA-Associated Vasculitis. American College of Physicians Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA, Apr 2018
7. Ukadike KC, Edo-Osagie E, and Andron RI. Correlation of ESR and CRP with Maintenance Dose Biologics and Disease Activity in Rheumatoid Arthritis: A Retrospective Clinical Utility Study. Annual Research Day at Englewood Hospital & Medical Center, Englewood, NJ, May 2018
8. Ukadike KC, Carter V, LaCava J, Taylor MS, Bengtsson A, Lood C, and Mustelin T. High prevalence and disease correlation of autoantibodies against p40 encoded by long interspersed nuclear elements (LINE-1) in systemic lupus erythematosus. American College of Rheumatology Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA, Nov 2019
9. Ukadike KC, Ni K, Wang X, Taylor MS, LaCava J, Pachman LM, Eckert M, Stevens AM, Lood C, and Mustelin T. IgG and IgA autoantibodies against L1 ORF1p expressed in granulocytes correlate with granulocyte consumption and disease activity in pediatric systemic lupus erythematosus. American College of Rheumatology Annual Convergence, Virtual Event, Nov 2020

**Peer-Reviewed Publications:**

1. Vervoort VS, Holden KR, Ukadike KC, Collins JS, Saul RA, and Srivastava AK. POMGnT1 Gene Alterations in a Family with Neurological Abnormalities. *Annals of Neurology*. 2004 July; 56(1):143-148. PMID: 15236414 [[PubMed \(nih.gov\)](#)]
2. Guzauskas GF, Ukadike KC, Rimsky L, and Srivastava AK. tSNP-based identification of allelic loss of gene expression in a patient with a balanced chromosomal rearrangement. *Genomics*. 2007 Apr; 89(4):562-565. PMID: 17241765 [[PubMed \(nih.gov\)](#)]
3. Vincent JB, Choufani S, Horike S, Stachowiak B, Li M, Dill FJ, Marshall C, Hrynychak M, Pewsey E, Ukadike KC, Friedman JM, Srivastava AK, and Scherer SW. A translocation t(6;7)(p11-p12;q22) associated with autism and mental retardation: localization and identification of candidate genes at the breakpoints. *Psychiatric Genetics*. 2008 June; 18(3):101-109. PMID: 18496206 [[PubMed \(nih.gov\)](#)]
4. Hefton A, Liang SY, Ni K, Carter V, Ukadike KC, Lood C, and Mustelin T. Autoantibodies against citrullinated serum albumin in patients with rheumatoid arthritis. *Journal of Translational Autoimmunity*. 2019 Nov 11; 2:100023. PMID: 32743509 [[PubMed \(nih.gov\)](#)]
5. Carter V, LaCava J, Taylor MS, Liang SY, Mustelin C, Ukadike KC, Bengtsson A, Lood C, and Mustelin T. High Prevalence and Disease Correlation of Autoantibodies Against p40 Encoded by Long Interspersed Nuclear Elements in Systemic Lupus Erythematosus. *Arthritis & Rheumatology*. 2020 Jan; 72(1):89-99. PMID: 31342656 [[PubMed \(nih.gov\)](#)]
6. Mustelin T, Ukadike KC, LaCava J, and Taylor M. Reply to the Editor on High Prevalence and Disease Correlation of Autoantibodies Against p40 Encoded by Long Interspersed Nuclear Elements in Systemic Lupus Erythematosus. *Arthritis & Rheumatology*. 2020 Feb; 72(2):376-377. PMID: 31513363 [[PubMed \(nih.gov\)](#)]
7. Mustelin T and Ukadike KC. How Retroviruses and Retrotransposons in Our Genome May Contribute to Autoimmunity in Rheumatological Conditions. *Frontiers in Immunology*. 2020 Nov 13; 11:593891. PMID: 33281822 [[PubMed \(nih.gov\)](#)]
8. Ukadike KC and Mustelin T. Implications of Endogenous Retroelements in the Etiopathogenesis of Systemic Lupus Erythematosus. *Journal of Clinical Medicine*. 2021 Feb 19; 10(4):856. PMID: 33669709 [[PubMed \(nih.gov\)](#)]
9. Ukadike KC, Ni K, Wang X, Taylor MS, LaCava J, Pachman LM, Eckert M, Stevens A, Lood CL, and Mustelin T. IgG and IgA autoantibodies against L1 ORF1p expressed in granulocytes correlate with granulocyte consumption and



- disease activity in pediatric systemic lupus erythematosus. *Arthritis Research & Therapy*. 2021 May 29; 23(1):153. PMID: 34051843 [[PubMed \(nih.gov\)](#)]
10. Wang X, Ni K, Hefton A, Ukadike KC, Bowen MA, Eckert M, Stevens A, Lood C, and Mustelin T. Autoantibodies against unmodified and citrullinated human endogenous retrovirus K envelope protein in patients with rheumatoid arthritis. *The Journal of Rheumatology*. 2021 Aug 1. PMID: 34334364 [[PubMed \(nih.gov\)](#)]
  11. Khadjinova AI, Wang X, Laine A, Ukadike KC, Eckert M, Stevens A, Pachman LM, Bengtsson A, Lood C, and Mustelin T. Autoantibodies against the envelope proteins of endogenous retroviruses K102 and K108 in patients with systemic lupus erythematosus correlate with active disease. *Clinical and Experimental Rheumatology*. 2021 Oct 13. PMID: 34665695 [[PubMed \(nih.gov\)](#)]
  12. Moadab F, Wang X, Najjar R, Ukadike KC, Hu S, Hulett T, Bengtsson AA, Lood C, and Mustelin T. Argonaute, vault, and ribosomal proteins targeted by autoantibodies in systemic lupus erythematosus. *Journal of Rheumatology*. 2023 May 1. PMID: 37127324 [[PubMed \(nih.gov\)](#)]
  13. Ukadike KC, Najjar R, Ni K, Laine A, Wang X, Bays A, Taylor MS, LaCava J, and Mustelin T. Expression of L1 retrotransposons in granulocytes from patients with active systemic lupus erythematosus. *Mobile DNA*. 2023 May 10. PMID: 37165451 [[PubMed \(nih.gov\)](#)]
  14. Ukadike KC, Colyer AN, Duvvuri B, Bengtsson AA, Taylor MS, LaCava J, Lood C, and Mustelin T. Multiple RNA-binding proteins associated with long interspersed element-1 encoded ORF1p are targeted by the autoimmune response in systemic lupus erythematosus. *Journal of Cellular and Molecular Immunology*. 2023;2(1):35-44 [[ProBiologists \(probiologists.com\)](#)]

### Scholarly Presentations:

1. Ukadike KC. Chemokine Receptor 5 in HIV Infection. Molecular Cell Biology Course for MS Biotechnology & Bioinformatics at California State University Channel Islands, Camarillo, CA, Dec 2005
2. Ukadike KC. Beyond Gene Expression: Microarray Technologies and Applications in Disease Research and in Research and Development of Human Therapeutics. Special Topics Course for MS Biotechnology & Bioinformatics at California State University Channel Islands, Camarillo, CA, Dec 2006
3. Ukadike KC and Kalanzi J. T Cell Receptor Maturation and Response. Advanced Immunology Course for MS Biotechnology & Bioinformatics at California State University Channel Islands, Camarillo, CA, June 2007
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11. Ukadike KC. Obstetric Ultrasonography: Principles and Practice. Community Medicine & Women's Health Training at Greater Miami Health Education & Training Center, Miami, FL, Sep 2014
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Thank you,

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# Application for Appointment to Position of Trust

Information submitted on this form may be subjected to public disclosure under NRS Chapter 239, Public Records. Note: All fields are required fields. If a field doesn't apply to you please enter N/A.

**Applying for (Name of Board, Commission, Committee, Authority, General Area of Interest, or Specific Position of Trust):**

Medical Lab Advisory Committee

**Please specify which position on the board/commission you qualify for:**

General Supervisor

# Biographical Information

**Legal Last Name:**

Noyes

**Legal First Name:**

Taylor

**Legal Middle Name:**

Leigh

**Preferred Name:**

Taylor

**Date of Birth:**

09/01/1982

**Place of Birth:**

Omaha, NE

**Ethnicity:**

Caucasian

**Are you U.S. Citizen:**

Yes

**If "No" explain:**

NOT ANSWERED

**If you are a naturalized citizen, date of naturalization:**

NOT ANSWERED

**If "Yes", list place of birth:**

NOT ANSWERED

**Are you a Veteran:**

No

**Residence Address:**

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**Email:**

[REDACTED]

**Phone:**

[REDACTED]

**County:**

Carson City

**Since what year have you been a continuous resident of Nevada?**

2011

**Number of years at current residence?**

7

**If less than 5 years, list the city you resided during the last 5 years:**

NOT ANSWERED

## Professional Information

**Present Employer (Company/Business Name):**

Renown Health

**Business Address:**

1155 Mill St

Reno, NV 89502

**Job Title/Responsibilities:**

Clinical Lab Manager

## Educational History

**Specify school attended, year of graduation and type of degree received.**

University of Nebraska Med Center, 2006, BS In Clinical Laboratory Science

**High school or high school equivalence (G.E.D.):**

Millard South

**Undergraduate:**

BS in Biology and BS in Clinical Laboratory Science

**Graduate:**

N/A

## Background Information

If you answer "yes" to any question below, please mail explanations with the documents to be downloaded, printed and mailed in the section below.

**1. Have you ever had a grievance or complaint filed with any board that regulates your professional license(s), or had a professional license suspended, revoked or modified?**

No

**2. Are you or any organization that employs you a recipient of any state grant monies?**

No

**3. Is there anything in your past about which you think the Department of Health and Human Services should know?**

No

**If yes, please explain:**

NOT ANSWERED

**4. Are you aware of any conflict of interest that might result from your appointment?**

No

**5. Do you serve on any local or state board, commission, council, authority, or in any elected office?.**

No

**If yes, please list:**

NOT ANSWERED

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