

Primary Care Advisory Council (PCAC) Meeting Agenda

March 21, 2022

11 AM to Adjournment

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1. Call to order/Roll call – Staff
2. **Possible Action:** Review and possible approval of minutes from the February 16th, 2022, meeting – Chairperson

PUBLIC COMMENT

3. **Informational Only:** Overview of recent appointment of Dr. Donald Campbell as a representative of the health profession or community being served to Primary Care Advisory Council by the Administrator of the Division of Public and Behavioral Health. – Tarryn Emmerich-Choi, Health Resource Analyst, PCO

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. **Possible Action:** Discussion and possible action to make recommendation to the Administrator for the Division of Public and Behavioral Health regarding a J-1 Physician Visa Waiver Letter of Support for Dr. Devraj Chavda – Tarryn Emmerich-Choi, Health Resource Analyst, PCO

PUBLIC COMMENT

5. **Possible Action:** Discussion and possible action to make recommendation to the Administrator for the Division of Public and Behavioral Health regarding a J-1 Physician Visa Waiver Letter of Support for Dr. Abdulmoshin Ahmadjee – Tarryn Emmerich-Choi, Health Resource Analyst, PCO

PUBLIC COMMENT

6. **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.
7. **Adjournment**

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STATE OF NEVADA
DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH (DPBH)
PRIMARY CARE ADVISORY COUNCIL (PCAC)

DRAFTMINUTES
February 16, 2022
11:00AM 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:

Dr. Susan VanBeuge
Gerald Ackerman
Dr. Amir Qureshi
Nancy Bowen
Jaron Hildebrand
Cody Phinney
Suellen Bacigalupi (designee)

COUNCIL MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Dr. Capurro
Julie Clyde (Sent Designee)

DPBH/DHCFP STAFF PRESENT:

Tarryn Emmerich-Choi, Health Resource Analyst, PCO
Skye Moreland, Management Analyst, PCO
Briza Virgen, Social Services Chief, Medical Programs
Erin Lynch, Social Services Chief, Medical Programs

OTHERS PRESENT:

Shawna Murdock

1. Roll call and confirmation of quorum.

T. Emmerich-Choi read the roll call and stated that there was a quorum present.

2. Approval of minutes:

S. Vanbeuge asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes from the January 18, 2022 meeting. No recommendations were made.

First Motion: Gerald Ackerman moves to pass the approval of minutes

Second Motion: Nancy Bowen seconds

Motion: Passes Unanimously

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. Jeroen Balledux.

Skye Moreland presented summary handout of the completed application.

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Member Comment: none

Public Comment: none

First Motion: Dr. Qureshi makes a motion to approve

Second Motion: Nancy Bowen 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. Ricardo Cedeno Mendoza.

Tarryn Emmerich-Choi presented summary handout of the completed application.

Member Comment: none

Public Comment: none

First Motion: Gerald Ackerman makes a motion to approve

Second Motion: Nancy Bowen seconds

Motion: Passes Unanimously, Dr. Qureshi abstains from voting

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. Mohamed Alibakehiet.

Skye Moreland presented summary handout of the completed application.

Member Comment: none

Public Comment: none

First Motion: Dr. Qureshi makes a motion to approve

Second Motion: Gerald Ackerman seconds

Motion: Passes Unanimously

6. Member or Public Comment

None

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11.14 a.m.

Nevada Conrad 30 J-1 Physician Visa Waiver Program Application Attestation

Complete and check all applicable fields, corresponding boxes and enter all required information:

Candidate's Information:

Candidate's Full Name: Devraj Jaysinh Chavda

Residency Discipline: Pediatrics
Residency Timeframe: July 2016 to June 2018
Location of Residency: State University of New York Downstate Medical Center, New York

Fellowship(s)/Specialty: Pediatric Epilepsy
Fellowship(s) Timeframe1: July 2021 to June 2022
Location of Fellowship(s)1: Columbia University Irving Medical Center, New York

Employer's Information:

Employer's Full Name: Pokroy Medical Group of Nevada Ltd. d/b/a Pediatrix Medical Group of Nevada
Employer's Address: 1301 Concord Terrace, Sunrise, FL 33323

Practice Site #1: Sunrise Children's Hospital
Practice Site #1 Address: 3186 S Maryland Pkwy, Las Vegas, NV 89109
Number of Hours Candidate will practice at site to meet 40 hours per week: 40

Select and input all that apply:

☒ Practice Site #1 HPSA (#1328484648) ☐ Practice Site #1 MUA (#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*: Name of practice site #2
Practice Site #2 Address: Address of practice site #2
Number of Hours Candidate will practice at site to meet 40 hours per week: Number of Hours site#2

Select all that apply:

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

More than two additional practice sites: ☐ Yes ☒ No

If additional practice sites, please copy and add all additional practice locations here or at end of form

Official Legal Representative and Contact Person for Application:

Contact Name: Otieno B. Ombok
Contact Mailing Address: 44 South Broadway, 14th Floor White Plains, NY 10601
Contact e-mail: Otieno.ombok@jacksonlewis.com
Contact telephone: 914-872-6895

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Official Contact Person for Employment Verification and Site Information:

Contact Name: Claire Fair, SVP and Chief Human Resources Officer
Contact Mailing Address: 1301 Concord Terrace Sunrise FL, 33323
Contact e-mail: Claire_fair@mednax.com
Contact telephone: 954-328-0175

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 Candidate's 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;
- ☒ Documentation of employer recruitment efforts for US citizens for two months prior to submission of the application, UNLESS the requirement was waived for a rural employer with emergent needs;
- ☒ Long-range retention plans which 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 Bureau of Criminal Investigation (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;

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- ☒ 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 enter 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 Discipline type: \$FLC Mean Wage/ Contracted wage \$Contracted Base Wage only 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 shortage 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 \$Employer liquidated \$/or N/A/Physician \$Physician liquidated \$/or N/A;
- ☒ 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.

Please note in accordance with NRS Chapter 239, all public records, the contents not otherwise declared by law to be confidential, shall be open for inspection or to obtain copies.

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By signing below, I hereby attest that the above requirements have been met and I hereby agree to abide by all the program policies and rules as described in NRS and NAC and as further required under the Rights and Responsibilities located at the Divisions website at: <http://dpbh.nv.gov/Programs/Conrad30/Conrad30-Home/>.

Authorized Employer:

Medmax
Employer Company/Business Name

Clayte Fair
Employer Representative Name (First/Last)

SVP, CHRO
Title

[Signature]
Employer Signature

12/22/2021
Date

NOTARY PUBLIC:

State of: Florida

County of: Broward

Subscribed and Sworn before me on this 22nd day of December, 2021

[Signature]
Notary Signature

My Commission Expires: 12/14/2023



Candidate/Physician:

DEVRAJ CHAUDA
Candidate Name (First/Last)

M.D.
Title

[Signature]
Candidate Signature

01/10/2022
Date

NOTARY PUBLIC:

State of:

County of:

Subscribed and Sworn before me on this 10 day of January, 2022

[Signature]
Notary Signature

My Commission Expires: 09/03/2023



❖ **Name of the Employer:** Pokroy Medical Group of Nevada, Ltd. d/b/a Pediatrix Medical Group of Nevada

❖ **Practice site name and address** (street address, city and zip code)

(i) **Sunrise Children's Hospital**
3186 S Maryland Pkwy
Las Vegas, NV 89109

❖ **HPSA and/or MUA/P designation number** (HRSA HPSA or MUA/P print out)

Sunrise Children's Hospital
HPSA Primary Care HPSA ID—1328484648
HPSA Score of 16

❖ **Number of hours Dr. Devraj Jaysinh Chavda will practice at the site:** 40 hours/week
(*see enclosed schedule*)

❖ **Employer/Administration Address:**

Pokroy Medical Group of Nevada Ltd. d/b/a Pediatrix Medical Group of Nevada
1301 Concord Terrace
Sunrise, FL 33323



Note: The address you entered is geocoded and then compared against the HPSA and MUA/P data in data.HRSA.gov. Due to geoprocessing limitations, the designation cannot be guaranteed to be 100% accurate and does not constitute an official determination.

[+] More about this address

In a Dental Health HPSA: ☒ Yes

HPSA Name: LI-South Las Vegas Paradise

ID: 6327148874

Designation Type: HPSA Population

Status: Proposed For Withdrawal

Score: 19

Designation Date: 10/27/2017

Last Update Date: 09/10/2021

In a Mental Health HPSA: ☒ Yes

HPSA Name: MHCA Northern Urban Clark

ID: 7321084044

Designation Type: High Needs Geographic HPSA

Status: Proposed For Withdrawal

Score: 16

Designation Date: 11/29/2017

Last Update Date: 09/10/2021

In a Primary Care HPSA: ✓ Yes

HPSA Name: LI-South Las Vegas Paradise

ID: 1328484648

Designation Type: HPSA Population

Status: Proposed For Withdrawal

Score: 16

Designation Date: 10/27/2017

Last Update Date: 09/10/2021

In a MUA/P: ☒ Yes

Service Area Name: Low Income - Paradise Service Area

ID: 07866

Designation Type: Medically Underserved Population

Designation Date: 05/22/2012

Last Update Date: 05/22/2012

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([https://data.hrsa.gov/tools/shortage-](https://data.hrsa.gov/tools/shortage)



January 21, 2022

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

Re: J-1 Visa Waiver Application of Pokroy Medical Group of Nevada Ltd. d/b/a
Pediatrix Medical Group of Nevada
on behalf of Dr. Devraj Jaysinh Chavda

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter is written by Pokroy Medical Group of Nevada Ltd. d/b/a Pediatrix Medical Group of Nevada ("Pediatrix Nevada") in support of the J-1 waiver application on behalf of Dr. Devraj Jaysinh Chavda ("Dr Chavda"). As Pediatrix Nevada's Medical Director responsible for our Pediatric Neurology practice located in Las Vegas, I am asking that the Nevada Division of Public & Behavioral Health act as an interested government agency and recommend a J-1 waiver for Dr. Chavda. Our medical practice provides pediatric neurology care to patients throughout Las Vegas. If the waiver is granted, Dr. Chavda would be employed under a 3-year contract by Pediatrix Nevada and would work in the pediatric neurology office located at 2020 E. Desert Inn, Las Vegas, NV 89169. This practice location is designated as a Health professional Shortage Areas ("HPSA"). Sunrise's HPSA Primary Care HPSA ID is 1328484648, with a HPSA Score of 16.

Pediatrix Nevada is a subsidiary of Pediatrix Medical Group, Inc. ("Pediatrix Medical Group"), which is in turn an operating division of Mednax, Services Inc. ("Mednax"), a national medical group that comprises the broad physician services of Pediatrix Medical Group. Pediatrix Medical Group was founded in 1979 as a neonatal physician group and has expanded to become the nation's largest provider of maternal-fetal-newborn care by remaining focused on one simple belief, taking great care of the patient. It has invested in the clinical, information and management systems necessary for physicians to improve patient outcomes through a series of evidence-based initiatives. As a strong national physician group, Pediatrix Medical Group is built on a foundation that successfully responds to the constant changes taking place in healthcare, and most specifically, the changing needs of patients.

Pediatrix has been providing pediatric subspecialty care throughout the United States for over forty years and specifically in Las Vegas for the past fifteen years. We provide medical care to Medicaid and uninsured patients. Hiring Dr. Chavda will give us the minimum "man-power" to continue to provide pediatric neurology services. As the Medical Director of the pediatric neurology practice and a pediatric neurologist with Pediatrix Nevada in the area, I am very much aware of the significant health needs of our city and state. We turn no patients away.

We currently have 3 Pediatric Neurologists in our practice and need 1 additional Pediatric Neurologist to be at full strength.

Sunrise Children's Hospital and Mountain View Hospital are part of the Sunrise Health System. Sunrise Children's is the largest and most comprehensive children's hospital in Nevada. They provide a full range of services designed especially for kids, from our dedicated pediatric emergency room and inpatient unit to our pediatric neurology program. Mountain View Hospital also provides neonatal and pediatric neurology services. Valley Health System encompasses four hospital facilities providing neonatology, pediatric critical care, pediatric, pediatric emergency, in addition to pediatric neurology services. University Medical Center is the only designated level II pediatric trauma center in Nevada and also provides neonatology, pediatric critical care, pediatric, pediatric emergency, in addition to pediatric neurology services.

Pediatric provides medical care to Medicare, Medicaid and uninsured patients and use a sliding fee scale discount schedule. No patient gets turned down. Hiring Dr. Chavda will give us the core staff necessary to provide Pediatric neurology services in Las Vegas. If we continue to work at this pace without another Pediatric Neurologist, we run the risk that our service can no longer be provided at the high level of care needed because of professional fatigue and physical limitations of this pace.

I am very much aware of the significant health needs of our city and state, including a shortage of Pediatric Neurologists, and a lack of coverage of the on-call schedules of our practice. I can attest that we definitely need additional pediatric neurologists in the community. Dr. Chavda's expertise is greatly desired and needed. Las Vegas has been a difficult area to recruit Pediatric Neurologists for many reasons. We have been actively recruiting physicians for several years. Contacts were made through the Pediatric corporate recruiter, at national meetings, by advertisements on various websites, including PedJobs.com, MDSearch.com, Society of Pediatric Neurologists and through emails and phone calls. We respectfully submit that permission to employ Dr. Chavda will support our efforts in providing comprehensive medical care to Las Vegas' underserved population and would also enhance our partnerships with the local community in the provision of pediatric neurology services.

In March 2015, the economic modeling and forecasting firm IHS Inc. released a new study, *The Complexities of Physician Supply and Demand: Projections from 2013 to 2025*, at the request of the Association of American Medical Colleges ("AAMC"). The report found that, although physician supply is projected to increase modestly between 2013 and 2025, demand will grow more steeply. It also found that, by 2025, demand for physicians will exceed supply by a range of 46,000 to 90,000. The report concluded that "*Addressing the shortage will require a multi-pronged approach, including innovation in delivery; greater use of technology; improved, efficient use of all health professionals on the care team; and an increase in federal support for residency training. The study's results confirm that no single solution will be sufficient on its own to resolve physician shortages.*"

In a June 2018 Report entitled "Physician Workforce in Nevada 2018" published by the Nevada Health Workforce Research Center provides current data on the supply of physicians,

nurses, and other health care workers in Nevada. The report acknowledges that while the population of Nevada has grown since 2005, its physician-to-patient ratio has remained flat despite efforts to attract more doctors to Nevada. Nevada is mired at 47th nationwide for active physicians and 48th for active primary care doctors per 100,000 residents. The Report states that *“A common feature of licensure trends over the past decade has been substantial growth in the number of licensees for most health professions, yet modest, if little, growth in the number of licensed health professionals per capita. For example, from 2006 to 2016, the number of licensed allopathic physicians (MDs) grew, from 4,062 to 5,092, or by 1,030 (25.4%). However, the number of licensed MDs per 100,000 only increased by 19.1 percent during the same period due to steady population growth. This “treading water” trend typifies medicine and most of the licensure data presented in this section and helps explain why Nevada’s poor health workforce rankings among U.S. states do not change appreciably from year to year, despite the fact that the number of licensees in most fields has grown over the past ten years.”*

Employing Dr. Chavda will support our efforts in providing comprehensive medical care to Las Vegas’s underserved population and would also enhance our partnerships with the local community. The population of Las Vegas is about two million and there is a dire need for local specialist care physicians with special training, experience, and skills in evaluating children who may be affected by any type of neurological disability.

As a Pediatric Neurologist, Dr. Chavda would evaluate patients and formulate diagnosis and treatment plans. More specifically, Dr. Chavda would be responsible for the following duties: (i) integrate medical history and physical examination with medical knowledge for neurological disorders to arrive at diagnosis and plan; (ii) perform or interpret the outcomes of procedures or diagnostic tests; (iii) monitor patients progress on a regular basis to ensure adjustments are made as necessary; and (iv) participate in multiple daily multidisciplinary meetings. Finally, Dr. Chavda would make clinical and academic rounds with the pediatric residents and medical students at the hospital. He will also help with establishing a pediatric epilepsy center in Las Vegas.

Dr. Chavda has the desired combination of talent and compassion to service the needs of the residents of Las Vegas, Nevada. In November 2013, he obtained a Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery (MBBS) degree from M.P. Shah Government Medical College in India. Dr. Chavda completed a Pediatric Neurology program at CHOM, Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan, in January 2016 and a Pediatric Neurology training at SUNY Downstate Medical Center in Brooklyn, New York in June 2021. Currently, Dr. Chavda is pursuing an Epilepsy fellowship at Columbia University Irving Medical Center in New York, New York.

Please note the following additional information regarding our need for Dr. Chavda’s services as a Pediatric Neurologist:

- a) Dr. Chavda would serve an anticipated Medicaid patient population consisting of greater than 70% of all patients seen at our practice;
- b) Dr. Chavda would serve an anticipated uninsured patient population that represents a material percentage of the practice's patient population;

- c) Dr. Chavda will utilize all of the resources available at the practice sites; and
- d) The practice is hospital-based.

Dr. Chavda is very personable and establishes rapport easily with other people and communicates very well. He has specific plans for developing the healthcare of the community in Las Vegas, Nevada, including contributing to our outreach education program, and advancing our research and quality improvement agendas. Dr. Chavda is a dedicated professional who is excited to provide care in this community. With your assistance, Dr. Chavda will be able to help resolve our staffing shortfall in order to meet the needs of the patients in our city.

We respectfully request permission to employ Dr. Chavda who will support our efforts in providing comprehensive medical care to the underserved population in Las Vegas, Nevada and would also enhance our partnerships with the local community in the provision of Pediatric services. I appreciate your consideration of our application for a State Conrad 30 J-1 waiver recommendation of the 3-year foreign residency requirement on behalf of Dr. Chavda. The need for a specialist in pediatric neurology is in the public interest, and we are in need of Dr. Chavda's services.

Sincerely,



Srinivas Halthore, M.D.
Medical Director
Neurology Specialists
Pediatrix Medial Group, Inc.
Office: 702-796-5505
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CANDIDATE INFORMATION

FULL NAME: Devraj Jaysinh CHAVDA

DATE OF BIRTH:

PLACE OF BIRTH:

D.O.S. CASE NUMBER:

RESIDENCY TRAINING: Pediatrics Residency, State University of New York (June 30, 2018)

FELLOWSHIP TRAINING:

- Child Neurology, The State University of New York Downstate Medical Center (July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021)
- Pediatric Epilepsy, Columbia University Irving Medical Center, expect to complete the program in June 2022.

CANDIDATE'S QUALIFICATIONS:

- Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery, M.P. Shah Government Medical College in India.
- General Pediatric Residency Program, State University of New York Downstate Medical Center (July 2016 to June 2018).
- Pediatric Neurology fellowship program, State University of New York Downstate Medical Center (July 2018 to June 2021).
- Pediatric Epilepsy, Columbia University Irving Medical Center, expect to complete the program in June 2022.

JOB DESCRIPTION: responsible for the following duties: (i) integrate medical history and physical examination with medical knowledge for neurological disorders to arrive at diagnosis and plan; (ii) perform or interpret the outcomes of procedures or diagnostic tests; (iii) monitor patients progress on a regular basis to ensure adjustments are made as necessary; and (iv) participate in multiple daily multidisciplinary meetings.

Chavda, Devraj Jaysinh MD

Present Mailing Address

*Current Training (07/2021-06/2022)

Epilepsy fellow at Columbia University Irving Medical Center, NYP, New York.

*Pediatric Neurology Training (07/2016-06/2021)

SUNY Downstate Medical center, Brooklyn, New York. 07/2016-06/2021

*Education

Outcomes Research Track (M.P.H.) Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, NY 08/2015- 04/2016 (Incomplete as residency was started)

*Medical Education

M.P. Shah Government Medical College, India. 08/2006 - 11/2013

*Electives/Externships

Pediatric Neurology -CHOM, Wayne state university, Detroit, Michigan.
12/2015-01/2016

Neonatal ICU -Cleveland Clinic, Ohio. 06/2015 - 06/2015

Pediatric Epilepsy -Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital - CWRU, Ohio.
03/2015 - 05/2015

General Pediatrics -Kaiser Permanente, California.05/2014 - 06/2014

Pediatric Dermatology -Kaiser Permanente, California. 04/2014 - 06/2014

*Epilepsy courses

University Hospitals - CWRU, OH, United States 02/2015 - 04/2015 – 2 months EEG course

AES meeting December 2019- 2 days EEG course

CNS meeting October 2020- 2 days virtual EEG course

Penry epilepsy conference April 2021- 5 days EEG course

*Membership and Honorary/Professional Societies

ANA- American Neurology Association

AES- American Epilepsy society

AINA- Association of Indian Neurologist in America

MCI- Medical Council of India.

CNS- Child Neurology Society as junior member

*Hobbies/Interest

Cooking, CrossFit, Yoga, Horse riding.

*Language

English/Hindi

*Peer Reviewed Journal Articles/Abstracts

1) Chavda D, Agarwal R, Park J. Episodes of nocturnal awakening: More than meets the eye. The Journal of Pediatrics.

2015, Sep; 167(3): 773-773e1.

Pub Status: Published.

*Poster Presentation

1) Bhatt P, Singh D, Olubenga A, Chavda D, Patel A (2015).

Retrospective Cohort Study Comparing the Effect of Obesity in Children with Sickle Cell Disease.

Poster presented at: AAP National Conference and Exhibition; Washington, DC.

2) Patel U, Patel A, Dave M, Savani C, Shah H, Bhesania S, Pathak A, Kapoor A, Chavda D, Lunagariya A, Mehta

Outcomes of Intracranial Hemorrhage among Bone Marrow

Transplantation Hospitalization. Poster presented at: ANA 2015 Annual Meeting; Chicago, IL.

*Current research projects

1) SUDEP study

It is an international, multicenter, prospective, case-control study to identify factors that are associated with an increased or decreased risk of SUDEP.

2) Epilepsy EValuated, Interrogated, And Treated with GEnetics
“ELEVATE Consortium” study

*QI projects

Participated in different QI projects during residency and fellowship.

*Reviewer

Neurology Journal- None so far

AAP journal- Served as reviewer for 3 articles so far.

*School health program in Brooklyn

Education was provided directly via school visit, about healthy diet choices in school age children in Brooklyn, New York.

*Collaboration of Pediatric Neurology grand rounds in Tristate Area

Concept of virtual grand round begins when pandemic hits the world. Fortunately, I was able to turn this into better learning opportunity with help of the child neurology programs in tristate area. Total 4 programs participated (SUNY Downstate, Brooklyn, NY/Northshore LIJ, Long Island, NY/Weil Cornell-NYP, Manhattan, NY/Rutgers NJ). This new bonding turns out to be more than just grand round sharing in very positive way.



TABLE DOCUMENTING NUMBER AND PERCENT OF PATIENT VISITS BILLED FOR EACH CATEGORY OF PAYMENT FOR THE LAST 12-MONTH PERIOD:

Time period of report: (January 2020 to December 2020)		
	Total # of visits for 12 months	% of visits per 12 months
Total # of pt. visits	10,064	100%
Medicare visits	45	4%
Medicaid visits	6317	68.2%
NV Check-up		
Sliding Fee Scale		
Indigent/Charity	4	0.03%
Other - Not listed above	3702	36.8%
Totals		
*For specialists/hospitalists: # of hospital/medical facility admissions for 6 months for the applicant specialty type	Time period of report: January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020	

Total number of providers providing patient services at both practice sites:

# of MDs by FTE	10
# of PAs by FTE	
# of APNs by FTE	2

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Complete and check all applicable fields, corresponding boxes and enter all required information:

Candidate's Information:

Candidate's Full Name: Abdulmoshin Mohamadsiraj B. Ahmadjee

Residency Discipline: Internal Medicine

Residency Timeframe: 07/02/2013 to 06/30/2016

Location of Residency: University of Utah, UT

Fellowship(s)/Specialty: Cardiovascular Medicine (1) and Interventional Cardiology (2)

Fellowship(s) Timeframe1: 06/30/2016 – 06/30/2019 (1) to 06/30/2019 – 06/30/2021 (2)

Location of Fellowship(s)1: Michigan State University, MI (1), University of Pennsylvania, PA (2)

Employer's Information:

Employer's Full Name: Saint Mary's Medical Group, Inc.

Employer's Address: 235 West 6th Street, Reno, NV 89503

Practice Site #1: Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center

Practice Site #1 Address: 235 West 6th Street, Reno, NV 89503

Number of Hours Candidate will practice at site to meet 40 hours per week: 20

Select and input all that apply:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Practice Site #1 HPSA (#1323717372) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Practice Site #1 MUA (#02096) | <input type="checkbox"/> Flex spot |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) | <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal Health Center | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rural Health Clinic (RHC) | <input type="checkbox"/> Primary Care Clinic for a Rural Hospital | |

Practice Site #2*: Saint Mary's Center for Pulmonary Services

Practice Site #2 Address: 645 North Arlington Avenue, Reno, NV 89503

Number of Hours Candidate will practice at site to meet 40 hours per week: 20

Select all that apply:

- | | | |
|---|---|------------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Practice Site #2 HPSA (#1323717372) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Practice Site #2 MUA (#02096) | <input type="checkbox"/> Flex spot |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) | <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal Health Center | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rural Health Clinic (RHC) | <input type="checkbox"/> Primary Care Clinic for a Rural Hospital | |

More than two additional practice sites: ☐ Yes ☒ No

If additional practice sites, please copy and add all additional practice locations here or at end of form

Official Legal Representative and Contact Person for Application:

Contact Name: Sid Chary

Contact Mailing Address: 175 Kent Avenue, #416 Brooklyn, NY 11249

Contact e-mail: sid@charyl原因.com

Contact telephone: 212-960-8365

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Official Contact Person for Employment Verification and Site Information:

Contact Name: Jennifer Townsend
Contact Mailing Address: 411 West 6th Street Reno NV, 89503
Contact e-mail: jtownsend1@primehealthcare.com
Contact telephone: 775-770-7349

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 Candidate's 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;
- ☒ Documentation of employer recruitment efforts for US citizens for two months prior to submission of the application, UNLESS the requirement was waived for a rural employer with emergent needs;
- ☒ Long-range retention plans which 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 Bureau of Criminal Investigation (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;

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- ☒ 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 enter 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 Physicians Surgeons, All Others: \$208,000/ Contracted wage \$575,000 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 shortage 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 \$5,000/Physician \$10,000;
- ☒ 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; and
- ☒ A statement that the physician agrees to meet the requirements set forth in section 214(l) of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

Please note in accordance with NRS Chapter 239, all public records, the contents not otherwise declared by law to be confidential, shall be open for inspection or to obtain copies.

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By signing below, I hereby attest that the above requirements have been met and I hereby agree to abide by all the program policies and rules as described in NRS and NAC and as further required under the Rights and Responsibilities located at the Divisions website at: <http://dpbh.nv.gov/Programs/Conrad30/Conrad30-Home/>.

Authorized Employer:

Saint Mary's Medical Group, Inc.

Employer Company/Business Name

Jennifer Townsend

Executive Director

Employer Representative Name (First/Last)

Title

Employer Signature

Date

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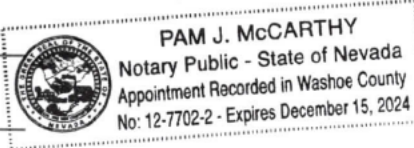
State of:

County of:

Subscribed and Sworn before me on this 15th day of February, 20 22

Notary Signature

My Commission Expires: 12/15/2024



Candidate/Physician:

Abdalmohsin Ahmadjee

Abdalmohsin Ahmadjee

MD

Candidate Name (First/Last)

Title

02/06/2022

Candidate Signature

Date

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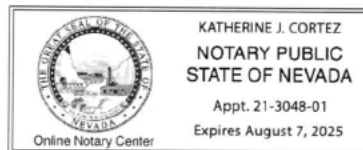
State of:

County of: Nevada

Subscribed and Sworn before me on this 6th day of February, 20 22

Notary Signature

My Commission Expires: 08/07/2025



Notarial Act performed by Audio-Video Communication

TAB A

2. OFFICIAL CONTACT FOR CANDIDATE

- Abdulmoshin Mohamadsiraj B. Ahmadjee
- Phone:
- Email: _____

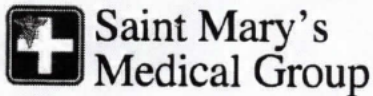
TAB A

EMPLOYER ATTESTATION – ACCEPT ALL PATIENTS

Attestation that each practice site must accept all patients regardless of ability to pay, accept Medicaid, Nevada Check-Up and Medicare on assignment, and use a sliding-fee scale based on federal poverty guidelines to discount services to low-income uninsured persons.


Jennifer Townsend

2/7/2022
Date



It is the mission of Saint Mary's Medical Group to provide affordable medical services for the community without regard to a person's ability to pay.

Insurance:

Saint Mary's Medical Group accepts a wide range of medical insurances. Patients with insurance plan(s) are expected to pay the co-payment amount that has been established by their insurance company at the time of service. Saint Mary's Medical Group will bill a patient's insurance for all services; patients may be responsible for additional expenses not covered by their insurance company. Patients may also be eligible for our sliding fee discount that can be applied to the outstanding balance as long as doing so is not prohibited by our contract with the insurance carrier. We will make every attempt to help patients understand their coverage, charges, and discounts available to them.

Sliding Fee Discount:

All patients are eligible for our sliding fee scale. A sliding fee scale means that fees charged to you for services provided may be discounted based upon household income and family size. These discounts are available to patients based on the guidelines provided annually by the federal government. To apply and qualify for the sliding fee scale we will need (one) of the following listed below for each applicable member of the household:

- 30 Days of Paystubs
- Official Documentation of Child Support
- Official Unemployment Documentation
- Official Documentation of Alimony
- State Aid Approval Letter (must include amount of income)
- Notarized Letter from the Patients Employer in the case of Contract Work
- Social Security Benefit Form

Please provide these documents within 30 days of receiving a statement. If you find that you are unable to pay for your care we want to help. There are multiple options available to help you.

Please contact our billing office at 775-770-7600 if you would like to find out more.

You will not be refused care based on your ability to pay for services.

Family Size	Level 1 (100% FPL)		Level 2 (125% FPL)		Level 3 (150%FPL)		Level 4 (175% FPL)	
1	\$	12,880.00	\$	16,100.00	\$	19,320.00	\$	22,540.00
2	\$	17,420.00	\$	21,775.00	\$	26,130.00	\$	30,485.00
3	\$	21,690.00	\$	27,112.50	\$	32,535.00	\$	37,957.50
4	\$	26,500.00	\$	33,125.00	\$	39,750.00	\$	46,375.00
5	\$	31,040.00	\$	38,800.00	\$	46,560.00	\$	54,320.00
6	\$	35,580.00	\$	44,475.00	\$	53,370.00	\$	62,265.00
7	\$	40,120.00	\$	50,150.00	\$	60,180.00	\$	70,210.00
8	\$	44,660.00	\$	55,825.00	\$	66,990.00	\$	78,155.00

Primary Care	Patient Pays/Visit	
Level 1	\$	25.00
Level 2	\$	35.00
Level 3	\$	45.00
Level 4	\$	55.00

Specialty Care	Patient pays/Visit	
Level 1	\$	45.00
Level 2	\$	55.00
Level 3	\$	65.00
Level 4	\$	75.00

LAB	
Level 1	\$ 8 / Test
Level 2	\$ 10 / Test
Level 3	\$ 12 / Test
Level 4	\$ 14 / Test

Vaccines	
Adult Vaccines	
Child Vaccines	
Flu Vaccines	



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TAB B – LETTER FROM EMPLOYER

February 15, 2022

Nevada Primary Care Office Division of Public & Behavioral Health
Primary Care Office
4150 Technology Way, Suite 300
Carson City, NV 89706-2009

Dear Primary Care Office:

Our organization, Saint Mary's Medical Group, Inc., requests that DPBH act as an Interested Government Agency to recommend a waiver for Dr. Abdulmoshin Mohamadsiraj B. Ahmadjee (J-1 physician). We have included the following information as requested:

- Name of employment site 1: Saint Mary's Medical Group Cardiology
- Name of employment site 2: Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center
- Name and title of contact person: Jennifer Townsend, Executive Director – Saint Mary's Medical Group
- Employment site mailing address 1: 411 West 6th Street, Reno, NV 89503
- Employment site physical address 1: 235 West 6th Street, Reno, NV 89503
- Employment site mailing address 2: 411 West 6th Street, Reno, NV 89503
- Employment site physical address 2: 645 North Arlington Ave., Reno, NV 89503
- HPSA or MUA/P identification number: 1323717372 (Both Sites)
- Telephone number: 775-770-7349
- Fax number: N/A
- E-mail address for contact person: jtownsend@primehealthcare.com
- Brief description of how the proposed candidate will satisfy important unmet health care needs within the designated shortage area:

Dr. Ahmadjee has completed his fellowship in interventional cardiology in 2021, he has completed prior fellowship in cardiovascular medicine in 2019 and his residency in internal medicine was complete in 2016. He is currently residing in Saudi Arabia and we would like to bring him back to the US to work with our organization to complete his J-1 visa waiver requirements. Interventional cardiology is a branch of cardiology that deals specifically with the catheter-based treatment of structural heart diseases.

Saint Mary's Medical Group is a fully-integrated Medical Group which offers a robust line of services including primary care, urgent care, and specialty care including the Center for Neurovascular and Stroke Care, the Center for Cardiovascular Care. Designed to unite a team of board-certified physicians, specialists and nurse practitioners, the Medical Group is focused on preventive care. Saint Mary's Medical Group includes physicians who specialize in family practice, osteopathic physicians, physician assistants and nurse practitioners. As a long-standing community partner, Saint Mary's Medical Group is dedicated to ensuring the health and wellness of northern Nevada remains strong. Saint Mary's Pulmonary and Critical Care specializes in treating a wide variety

of respiratory and sleep disorders. These include chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), interstitial lung disease/lung fibrosis, pulmonary vascular disease, respiratory infections, lung nodules, lung cancer and more.

A physician shortage continues to be a problem in Nevada and is hindering patient care access hardest in rural regions, according to a recent report focusing on health care workforce trends. According to the latest data published in the report, "Physician Workforce in Nevada: A Chartbook - January 2020," demand for physicians in Nevada continues to exceed the current supply. While the number of licensed physicians in the state has increased over a decade, Nevada ranks 45th for active physicians per 100,000 population, 48th for primary care physicians per 100,000 population.

In addition to gaps in care for certain specialties, the report data points to several obstacles to developing a stronger physician workforce in Nevada, "A key obstacle is underdeveloped fellowship and subspecialty training opportunities for physicians completing residencies in Nevada. If physicians leave the state for additional training, they don't necessarily come back," said the report's lead author Tabor Griswold, Ph.D., health services research analyst for UNR Med's Office of Statewide Initiatives. "Another obstacle is that we are surrounded by other western states with equally severe shortages that create strong regional competition for physicians."

According to The Washington Post, COVID-19 and cardiovascular diseases are inextricably linked, "A large-scale scientific study found that coronavirus patients were at "substantial" risk of heart disease one year after their illness, increasing the odds of clots, arrhythmias, heart failure and related conditions. The risk of heart diseases grew progressively depending on the severity of the covid illness, according to researchers who analyzed health records from more than 153,000 U.S. veterans who had covid. The results were published in Nature Medicine this week."

In another article published by NBC News (citing Nature Medicine) states, "Indeed, it appears the coronavirus can leave patients at risk for heart problems for at least one year following infection, according to one of the largest analyses of post-Covid health effects to date. The study, published last week in Nature Medicine, found that the illness increased the possibility of heart rhythm irregularities, as well as potentially deadly blood clots in the legs and lungs, in the year after an acute infection. Covid also increased the risk for heart failure by 72 percent, heart attack by 63 percent and stroke by 52 percent — even among those, like Wilson, whose original illnesses were mild." (Source: <https://www.nbcnews.com/health/health-news/covid-risks-heart-problems-remain-elevated-year-rcna15608>).

Interventional cardiologists are cardiology subspecialists who are trained to place stents in clogged arteries to allow blood to flow properly and reduce risk of stroke or heart attack, as well as to repair holes in the heart or place special devices in the heart to help it function properly. While the COVID-19 pandemic may or may not be subsiding, one thing is for certain – there are and will be short- and long-term side effects. Granting a waiver to Dr. Ahmadjee will help Washoe county's population deal with these side effects.

Department of Health and Human Services Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) has their own Nevada Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention and Control Program. Some of the more important facts listed are as follows:

- 13,000 Nevadans were hospitalized for coronary heart disease and stroke (primary diagnosis) in 2012.5
- Heart disease and stroke account for nearly 1 out of 3 deaths in Nevada.



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- Heart disease has been the leading cause of death in Nevada accounting for 4,999 (24.8%) of deaths followed by stroke at fifth place, accounting for 867 (4.3%) of deaths.

(Source: [https://dpbh.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/dpbhnavgov/content/Programs/Heart/Docs/CDPHP-CVD%20White%20Paper%20FINAL\(1\).pdf](https://dpbh.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/dpbhnavgov/content/Programs/Heart/Docs/CDPHP-CVD%20White%20Paper%20FINAL(1).pdf))

Heart health is clearly a priority around the country and specifically in the state of Nevada, we believe granting a waiver to Dr. Ahmadjee would greatly benefit Washoe county.

The unmet healthcare needs for a physician with the skills of Dr. Ahmadjee are clear according to the statistics provided above. Furthermore, Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center will accept all patients, this is another important factor to consider. Due to the current situation and the future of Washoe County, it is clear to see that recommending a waiver from DPBH would be greatly beneficially to the citizens of Nevada and the patient group that visits our medical center locations.

Should you have any further questions, please feel free to reach out to me or contact our immigration counsel. We look forward to assisting the surrounding population with their healthcare needs, regardless of their insurance or income status.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Townsend
Executive Director
Saint Mary's Medical Group, Inc.

TAB C – CANDIDATE INFORMATION

- Full Name: Abdulmoshin Mohamadsiraj B. Ahmadjee
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- Residency Training: Internal Medicine, 07/02/2013 – 06/13/2016
- Specialty Training (1): Cardiovascular Medicine, 06/30/2016 – 06/30/2019
- Specialty Training (2): Interventional Cardiology, 06/30/2019 – 06/30/2021

Dr. Ahmadjee completed his residency in internal medicine and then went on to complete two fellowships, one in cardiovascular medicine and another in interventional cardiology. Dr. Ahmadjee is an exceptionally bright clinician with over 1600 diagnostic heart catheterizations, several publications, research projects, and is board certified in Internal Medicine.

Generally, interventional cardiologists are required to successfully complete a total of six years of post-medical school training in internal medicine and a general cardiology fellowship, followed by two to three additional years of training in interventional cardiology, for a total of eight to nine years of postgraduate training — similar to the most advanced surgical subspecialties in medicine.

General cardiologists specialize in the diagnosis and care of patients with conditions such as hypertension, high cholesterol, and elevated risk of heart attack or stroke. They conduct and order many types of tests and procedures related to cardiovascular concerns — heart-rhythm disorders, for example — but they do not perform traditional “open” surgeries or endoscopic procedures. General cardiologists may follow up on subspecialist care and/or see patients long-term for cardiovascular concerns.

Interventional cardiology is the subspecialty of cardiology that uses specialized catheter-based techniques to diagnose and treat coronary artery disease, vascular disease, structural heart disease, and congenital heart defects. Interventional cardiologists use various diagnostic tools and imaging techniques to measure cardiovascular functions such as blood pressure and blood flow in major arteries throughout the body and within the different chambers of the heart. Interventional cardiologists do not perform traditional “open” heart surgeries. Interventional cardiologists are cardiology subspecialists who are trained to place stents in clogged arteries to allow blood to flow properly and reduce risk of stroke or heart attack, as well as to repair holes in the heart or place special devices in the heart to help it function properly.

Using cutting-edge technology and the newest techniques and complex advancements in this field of medicine — such as cardiac catheterization, transcatheter aortic valve replacement (TAVR), and mitral valve replacement and repairs — interventional cardiologists perform delicate life-saving and life-enhancing procedures to treat patients with heart disease, valve defects, or structural abnormalities. Interventional cardiologists usually are not an ongoing part of a patient’s medical team, but rather a one-time or occasional care provider, when their specific expertise is required for a certain procedure.

- Resume Attached.

Abdalmohsin Ahmadjee

EDUCATION

- 2019 - 2021 **Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, Department Cardiology, Philadelphia, PA**
Fellow in Interventional Cardiology, Structural and Coronary Interventions
- 2016 - 2019 **Michigan State University, Department Cardiology, Lansing, MI**
Fellow in Cardiovascular Medicine
- 2013 - 2016 **University of Utah, Department of Medicine, Salt Lake City, UT**
Resident in Internal Medicine
- 2012 - 2013 **University of Toledo, Toledo, OH**
Research Fellowship
- 2002 - 2009 **King Abdulaziz University, School of Medicine, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia**
M.B.B.S.

INTERVENTIONAL TRAINING

- Diagnostic Coronary Angiography and Percutaneous Coronary Intervention* More than 1600 diagnostic left and right heart catheterizations, and more than 350 percutaneous coronary interventions with significant experience with both femoral and radial access techniques. Experience and comfort with the following: left main coronary artery interventions, complex bifurcation stenting techniques, saphenous vein graft interventions with embolic protection, intravascular ultrasound, optical coherence tomography, fractional flow reserve, instantaneous wave-free ratio, rotational atherectomy, orbital atherectomy, laser atherectomy, intra-aortic balloon pump placement, Impella-assisted PCI, pericardiocentesis, endomyocardial biopsy, transvenous pacemaker placement, and vascular closure devices.
- Structural Heart Intervention* More than 100 transcatheter aortic valve replacements (including the following valves: Edwards Sapien S3, Medtronic EvolutR, EvolutPro). Comfort level with ultrasound-guided access, preclose technique, large bore access, and management of peripheral vascular complications. Extensive experience in patent foramen ovale and atrial septal defect closure (Gore and Amplatzer), percutaneous mitral balloon valvuloplasty, percutaneous mitral valve repair (MitraClip and Pascal) and left atrial appendage closure devices. Also experience in alcohol septal ablation and paravalvular leak closure (aortic and mitral).
- Interventional Therapies for Pulmonary Embolism* Participated in Pulmonary Embolism Response Team for acute medical and interventional management of pulmonary embolism. Experience with systemic lysis, catheter-directed lysis, percutaneous pulmonary embolectomy (Inari Flowtrier) and IVC filter placement.

SPECIALTY CERTIFICATION

- 2019 American Board of Internal Medicine, Cardiovascular Disease
- 2019 National Board of Echocardiography (Adult Echocardiography – Level III diploma)
- 2018 National Board of Nuclear Cardiology (diploma)
- 2016 American Board of Internal Medicine

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- 2018 - Member, Society of Cardiovascular Angiography and Interventions
- 2016 - Member, American College of Cardiology
- 2016 - Member, American Heart Association

LICENSURE

- 2019 Full Medical License, Pennsylvania

SKILLS

- Technical** Photography, Adobe In Design, Image J
- Personal** Interests include Travelling, puzzles, Soccer and cooking.

PUBLICATIONS

PEER REVIEWED MANUSCRIPTS

1. **Abdalmohsin Ahmadjee** A, Olson D, Assaly R.. Empyema Due to Severe Pasteurella Multocida Treated with Quinolone: a case report. American Journal of Therapeutics. 2014, Nov; 2014, Nov(12(6)): 204-206.
2. Austin B. Rupp, **Abdalmohsin Ahmadjee**, Jack H. Morshedzadeh, and Ravi Ranjan. Carcinoid Syndrome-Induced Ventricular Tachycardia. Case Reports in Cardiology. 2016, Mar; 2016(9142598): 3.
3. **Abdalmohsin Ahmadjee**, Saidi A1, Selzman CH, Al-Sarie M, Snow GL, Wever-Pinzon O, Alharethi RA, Reid B, Stehlik J, Kfoury AG, Bader F.. Favorable Effects on Pulmonary Vascular Hemodynamics with Continuous-Flow Left Ventricular Assist Devices Are Sustained 5 Years After Heart Transplantation.. American Society for Artificial Internal Organs (ASAIO). 2017, Jun; 2017 Jun 15.(10.1097): 1058-2916.
4. Worringer E, Schroeder K, Oh E, **Ahmadjee A**, Siddiqui NS, Safi F, Assaly R. "Lipoid Pneumonia". American Journal of Medical Science. 2015, Jan; 2015, Jan;(72(1)): 43

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1. **Ahmadjee A**, Rahdhawa M, Karve M.. Case report "Catheter-Directed Thrombolysis for Acute Renal Artery Thrombosis". Case report in Cardiology. 2017, Nov; Pub Status: Submitted.
2. Madhab Lamichhane MD, **Abdalmohsin Ahmadjee** MD, George S. Abela MD, MSc. Pathology of Arterial Thrombosis: Characteristics and Thrombus Types. Book Chapter. 2017, Sep; Pub Status: In-Press.
3. Abdulmoein E. Al-Agha, FRCP, **Abdalmohsin M.S. Ahmadjee**, MBBS, Bruce H. Bennetts, MD, Albert K. Chan, MD, and Kim, F. Donaghue.. "Genotype at the Aldose Reductase Locus Affects Retinopathy-Free Survival in Type I Diabetes". Journal of King Abdulaziz University - Medical Sciences. 2008, Jan; 2008, Jan; 15(4)(15(4)): 19- 29.

Book Chapter:

1. Madhab Lamichhane MD, **Abdalmohsin Ahmadjee** MD, George S. Abela MD, MSc. Pathology of Arterial Thrombosis: Characteristics and Thrombus Types. Book Chapter. 2017, Sep; Pub Status: In-Press.

Poster Presentation:

1. **Abdalmohsin Ahmadjee**, George Abela.. (October, 2017). *Classical and Reverse Takotsubo Cardiomyopathy Presenting in the Same Patient Resulting in Permanent Left Ventricular Dysfunction* Poster presented at: ACC Michigan; Dearborn, MI, USA.
2. **Abdalmohsin Ahmadjee**, Mohamed R Labedi, Mathias Koopman, Nassir Marrouche, Brent Wilson, Nazem Akoum. (November, 2015). *Atrial Fibrosis is Associated With Higher DC Cardioversion Failure Rates in Persistent Atrial Fibrillation* Poster presented at: American Heart Association (AHA); Orlando, FL, USA.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2014 **"Improvement in Pulmonary Vascular Hemodynamics in Patients Supported with Left Ventricular Assist Devices is Sustained After Heart Transplantation"**
University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT, United States Investigator, Josef Stehlik, Edward Gilbert
- 2006 **"The prevalence of vitamin D deficiency and insufficiency in children visiting King Abdul-Aziz University"**
King Abdulaziz University,, Saudi Arabia Research Assistant,, Abdulmoin Alagha.
- 2006 **"The prevalence of Autoimmune thyroid disease in patients with type 1 diabetes mellitus in Saudi Arabia"**
King Abdulaziz University, Saudi Arabia Research Assistant,, Abdulmoin Alaga

Tab D:

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.

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Time period of report:		
10/1/2020 - 9/30/2021	Total # of visits for 12 months	% of visits per 12 months
Medicare visits	202,098	56.04%
Medicaid visits	14,051	3.90%
NV Check-up	0	0%
Sliding Fee Scale	0	0%
Indigent/Charity	150	.04%
Other - Not listed above	144,349	40.02%
Totals	360,648	100%
*For specialists/hospitalists:		
*Time period of report:		4/1/2021 - 9/30/2021
*# of hospital/medical facility admissions for 6 months for the applicant specialty type		17



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

# of MDs by FTE	9
# of PAs by FTE	4
# of APNs by FTE	2



Specialists and hospitalists are regular participants in our program and are required to submit additional documentation as outlined below. An application for medical specialists and/or hospitalists must include documentation to justify that there is a critical need for this service in a designated Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA), Medically Underserved Area or Population (MUA/P) or Flex slot. Information to support critical need should include, but is not limited to, the following:

- Letter of support from hospital/medical facility that outlines the number of vacancies in the specialty/hospitalist positions. Include the total number of specialists that have hospital privileges at the facility.
- For hospitalist positions, please provide documentation of the current physician to patient ratio at the facility where the candidate will work and the optimum physician to patient ratio.
- For specialist physicians: approximate distance and travel time patients would need to travel to obtain the same services at the next closest facility or other access issues noted.



Saint Mary's
Medical Group

Tab D
Letter of Support

February 9, 2022

Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health
Primary Care Office
4150 Technology Way, Suite 300
Carson City, Nevada 89706-2009

Dear J-1 Visa Waiver Coordinator,

Saint Mary's Medical Group currently employs nine Cardiologist and six APPs (Advanced Practice Providers). Two Cardiologist are resigning from full time employment the end of March 2022. We have a total of four vacancies, two Cardiologist and two APPs.

Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center has a total of fourteen Cardiologist and five APPs that have hospital privileges. Our Medical Staff department received a letter on behalf of the four Cardiologist from another hospital, stating that they will no longer be providing call coverage to our hospital effective April 1, 2022.

The closest hospital is approximately two miles from Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center and takes approximately 10 minutes.

Should you have any further questions, please feel free to contact our immigration counsel.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Townsend, MBA
Executive Director