# **BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION**

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# **EDUCATION**

2019-Present MAS (Master of Advanced Study), Clinical Research

University of California San Diego

Thesis Committee: Raphael Cuomo, PhD (chair), Jonathan H. Watanabe PharmD, PhD, MS (co-chair), Mark Bounthavong

PharmD, PhD

Anticipated Matriculation: Spring 2022

2016 PharmD, University of California San Diego, Skaggs School of

Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences

2012 BS, Neuroscience & Physiology, University of California San

Diego

#### POST GRADUATE TRAINING

2016-2018 University of California San Diego, Skaggs School of Pharmacy &

Pharmaceutical Sciences & Millennium Health: Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Health Economics & Outcomes Research in

Pharmacogenomics

Supervisory Committee: Jan D. Hirsch, PhD, BS Pharm (committee chair), Jonathan H. Watanabe, PharmD, PhD, MS,

Rabiya Atayee, PharmD, BCPS, APh, Brookie Best, PharmD, MAS, Charles Daniels, BS Pharm, PhD, Rami Ben-Joseph, PhD

#### **FACULTY POSITIONS HELD**

2021-Present Assistant Professor of Clinical Pharmacy Practice

University of California, Irvine School of Pharmacy and

Pharmaceutical Sciences

2018-Present Affiliate Professor

University of California San Diego, Skaggs School of Pharmacy

and Pharmaceutical Sciences

Course Chair: Managed Care Pharmacy Elective

# **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

2018-2021	Manager, Health Economics & Outcomes Research Becton, Dickinson, & Company (San Diego, CA)
2018-Present	Consultant, Pharmacoeconomic Modelling, UC San Diego Health System (San Diego, CA)
2015-2016	Research Associate, Calcutt Lab, UC San Diego School of Medicine

# **PHARMACIST POSITIONS**

2018 Community Pharmacist, CVS (North County San Diego Area, CA)

**LICENSURES** 

2018-Present California Board of Pharmacy, Registered Pharmacist #75898,

Expiration: Nov 2022

# **OTHER CERTIFICATIONS**

2018-Present Pharmacy-Based Immunization Delivery Certification, American

Pharmacists Association (APhA)

2018-Present Basic Life Support (BLS) Certified CPR, American Heart

Association (AHR)

# **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

2022	American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, Active Member
2021-Present	California Society of Health System Pharmacists, Alternate Delegate
2021-Present	American College of Clinical Pharmacy, Active Member
2019-Present	Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy, Active Member
2019-Present	International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research, Standard
2018-Present	American Society of Health-System Pharmacists, Active Full Member
2016-2018	Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy, Fellow Student Member
2016-2018	International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research, New Professional

# **EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES**

# Courses

2020-Present	Course Chair, SPPS 264A: Managed Care Pharmacy I Elective, University of California San Diego, Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences
2020-Present	Course Chair, SPPS 264B: Managed Care Pharmacy II Elective, University of California San Diego, Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences
2020	<u>Lecturer</u> , "So, you want to do a literature review: A guide on how to navigate the world of published research"  Managed Care Pharmacy Elective, University of California San Diego, Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences
2020	<u>Lecturer</u> , "Antibiotic Stewardship and BD: Industry Insights into Health Policy" Health Policy Course, University of California San Diego, Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences
2019	<u>Lecturer</u> , "Insurance Reimbursement & The Curious Case of Pharmacogenomic Testing" Health Policy Course, University of California San Diego, Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences
2019	<u>Lecturer</u> , "UCSD Health System & Pharmacoeconomics: The Cost-Effectiveness of Retracrit" Pharmacoeconomics Course, University of California San Diego, Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences
2018	<u>Lecturer</u> , "Budget Impact Modelling & Pharmacogenomics" Pharmacoeconomics Course, University of California San Diego, Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences
2017	<u>Lecturer</u> , "Intro to Budget Impact Modelling" Managed Care Pharmacy I Elective, University of California San Diego, Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences

# Exam & Student Group Precepting

2020-Present	Exam Preceptor, SPPS 213C: Advanced Professional Practice I, University of California San Diego, School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences
2020-Present	Exam Preceptor, SPPS 213A: Advanced Professional Practice I, University of California San Diego, School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences

2020-Present Student Group Facilitator, Biostatistics 1 Journal Club, University of California San Diego, School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences 2020-Present Student Group Facilitator, Biostatistics 2 Journal Club, University of California San Diego, School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences Trainee Supervisory 2022 Rotation Preceptor, Health Economics & Outcomes Research at University of California, Irvine School of Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences Trainee: Eric He, Current Position: 4<sup>th</sup> Year Pharmacy 2021-Present Research Supervisor, UC Irvine School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences • Trainee: Lijie Chen, 4<sup>th</sup> Year Undergraduate Pharmaceutical Sciences Student • Trainee: Jennifer Thulien Nguyen, 4<sup>th</sup> Year Undergraduate Pharmaceutical Sciences Student Trainee: Mary Thuy Nguyen, 4th Year Undergraduate Pharmaceutical Sciences Student 2021 Rotation Preceptor, Health Economics & Outcomes Research at BD, for University of California San Diego, School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Keck Graduate Institute Trainee: Carolyn Saba, Current Position: Post-Doctoral Fellow, Jefferson College of Health Sciences 2020 Rotation Preceptor, Health Economics & Outcomes Research at BD. for Keck Graduate Institute Trainee: Colin Lim, Current Position: 4th Year Pharmacy Student Trainee: Richard Cale, Current Position: Post-doctoral Fellow, Becton Dickinson 2019 Rotation Preceptor, Health Economics & Outcomes Research at BD, for Keck Graduate Institute Trainee: Neda Kermani, Current Position: Regulatory

Affairs Associate, Gilead Sciences

# Other Student Pharmacist Trainees

2020-Present Trainee: Kelly Chan, Current Position: Post-Graduate Doctoral

Fellow, Gilead

Other Trainee Activities

2020-Present AMCP Pharmacy & Therapeutics Competition Advisor, University

of San Diego California, Skaggs School of Pharmacy and

Pharmaceutical Sciences

2021 Faculty supervisor, Immunization Training Course – University of

California, Irvine, School of Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences

2019 AMCP Pharmacy & Therapeutics Competition National Semi-Final

Judge

2019 AMCP Pharmacy & Therapeutics Competition Local Judge,

University of San Diego California, Skaggs School of Pharmacy

and Pharmaceutical Sciences

2018 AMCP Pharmacy & Therapeutics Competition Local Judge.

University of San Diego California, Skaggs School of Pharmacy

and Pharmaceutical Sciences

#### **EDITORIAL RESPONSABILITIES**

2021-Present Reviewer, Journal of Managed Care Pharmacy

2020-Present Reviewer, Annals of Pharmacotherapy

2019 Reviewer, American Journal of Health-System Pharmacy

#### **INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

2022 American Association of College of Pharmacy (AACP):

Nationwide Disparities in Health Literacy Proficiency Among Immigrant and US-Born Racial-Ethnic Minority Groups: A Work in

**Progress** 

2022 UCSD MAS Student Symposium, selected thesis project

presentation: Cost-effectiveness of letermovir for cytomegalovirus

prophylaxis in high-risk hematopoietic stem cell transplant

patients.

2021 Journal Club Presentation: "Statistics History Month: Battle of the

Brains: Pearson v. Fisher"

# **OTHER SERVICE ACTIVITIES**

2021-Present Reviewer & Interviewer – Applicants and Prospective students for

the University of California, Irvine School of Pharmacy &

Pharmaceutical Sciences

2021-Present Member, Education Committee: University of California, Irvine

School of Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences

2021-Present Member, Volunteer Faculty Committee: University of California,

Irvine School of Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences

#### **BIBLOGRAPHY**

#### Publications in Peer-Reviewed Journals

- 1. Chan K, **Sepassi A**, Saunders IM, Goodman A, Watanabe JH. Effects of financial toxicity on prescription drug use and mental well-being in cancer patients. *Exploratory Research in Clinical and Social Pharmacy*. 2022; doi.org/10.1016/j.rcsop.2022.100136
- 2. **Feature Article: Sepassi A,** Bounthavong M, Singh RF, Heyman M, Beizai K, Watanabe JH. Risk of Negative Health Outcomes and High Costs for People with Diabetes and Unmet Psychological Needs in the United States. *Diabetes Spectrum*. Ds210019.
- 3. Bounthavong M, Suh K, Spoutz P, Stottlemyer B, **Sepassi A**. Trends in Healthcare Expenditure and Resource Utilization Among A Nationally Representative Population of Narcotic Users in the United States, 2008 to 2017. *Subst Abuse Treat Prev Policy*. 2021;16(80): doi:10.1186/s13011-021-00415-5
  - Role: Statistical analysis plan propensity score matching procedures & interpretation of results
- Sepassi A, Bounthavong M, Singh RF, Heyman M, Beizai K, Watanabe JH. Risk of Negative Health Outcomes and High Costs for People with Diabetes and Psychological Distress in the United States. *Diabetes Spectrum, Accepted for Publication* [original work]
- 5. Chan K, **Sepassi A**, Saunders IM, Goodman A, Watanabe JH. Effects of financial toxicity on prescription drug use and mental well-being in cancer patients. *JAPhA*, *In Review* [original work]
  - Role: Study design, statistical analysis plan, and interpretation of results
- Puzniak L, Finelli L, Yu K, Bauer K, Moise P, De Anda C, Vankeepuram L, Sepassi A, Gupta V. A multicenter analysis of the clinical microbiology and antimicrobial usage in hospitalized patients in the US with or without COVID-19. BMC Infect Dis. 2021;21(1):227.
  - Role: Developed statistical analysis plan, executed data analysis, reported results to team
- 7. **Sepassi A**, Watanabe JH. Emergency Department Visits for Psychotropic-Related Adverse Drug Events in Older Adults with Alzheimer's Disease, 2013-2014. Ann Pharmacother. 2019;53(12):1173-1183 [original work]

8. **Sepassi A**, Chingcuanco F, Gordon R, Meier A, Divino V, DeKoven M, Ben-Joseph R. Resource utilization and charges of patients with and without diagnosed venous thromboembolism during primary hospitalization and after elective inpatient surgery: a retrospective study. J Med Econ. 2018;21(6):595-602 [original work]

# Manuscripts in Progress

- 9. **Sepassi A**, Saunders I, Bounthavong M, Watanabe JH. Cost-effectiveness of Letermovir for the use of Cytomegalovirus Prophylaxis in High-Risk Hematopoietic Stem-Cell Transplant Patients. [In development]
- 10. **Sepassi A,** Saunders I, Bounthavong M, Taplitz R, Logan C, Watanabe JH. Real-world effectiveness of letermovir for cytomegalovirus prophylaxis in high-risk hematopoietic stem-cell transplant patients: a global systematic literature review. [In development].

# Abstracts & Conference Poster Presentations

- Sepassi A, Saunders IM, Bounthavong M, Taplitz RA, Logan C, Watanabe JH.
   Effectiveness of Letermovir Prophylaxis Against Cytomegalovirus in Seropositive
   Allogeneic Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplant Recipients: A Global Review. Accepted
   At: International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research (ISPOR)
   Annual Meeting, 2022; Washington DC.
- 2. **Sepassi A**, Saunders I, Bounthavong M, Watanabe JH. Cost-Effectiveness of Letermovir for Cytomegalovirus Prophylaxis in Seropositive Allogeneic Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplant Patients in the United States. Presented at: Academic of Managed Care Pharmacy Annual Meeting, 2022; Chicago, IL.
- 3. Bounthavong M, Suh K, Spoutz P, Stottlemyer B, **Sepassi A**. Trends in Healthcare Expenditure and Resource Utilization Among A Nationally Representative Population of Narcotic Users in the United States, 2008 to 2017. Presented at: International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research (ISPOR) Annual Meeting, 2021; Virtual
- 4. Gresler C, Dumitru D, **Sepassi A**. Impact of a pharmacy inventory analytics tool on labor and medication availability. Presented at: American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) Midyear Meeting; 2020 December 6-10; Virtual
- 5. **Sepassi A**, Ringwala S. Cost-effectiveness of continuous capnography monitoring with PCA pause functionality in the US acute care setting. Presented at: American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) Summer Meeting; June 8-12; Boston, MA
- 6. **Sepassi A**, Callahan P. Economic drug shortage management burden as modelled for an acute-care hospital system. Presented at: International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research (ISPOR) Annual Meeting; May 8-12; New Orleans, LA
- 7. **Sepassi A**, Callahan P. Medication inventory and management efficiencies modelled with a health-system's affiliated outpatient clinics. Presented at: International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research (ISPOR) Annual Meeting; May 8-12; New Orleans, LA

- 8. Ringwala S, **Sepassi A**, Callahan P. A framework for estimating the economic burden of medication errors with US acute care facilities. Presented at: International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research (ISPOR) Annual Meeting; May 8-12; New Orleans, LA
- 9. **Sepassi A**, Chingcuanco F, Gordon R, Meier A, Divino V, DeKoven M, Ben-Joseph R. A retrospective identification of venous thromboembolism events perioperatively using claims-based data. Presented at: Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy (AMCP) Annual Meeting; March 27-30; Denver, CO.