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## **Work Experience**

Jan. 2010 - present    PARK VENTURA ENDOSCOPY CENTER  
Director  
2004 - present        DIGESTIVE HEALTH ASSOCIATES OF TEXAS  
Gastroenterologist  
2001 - 2004            UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER  
Fellowship in Gastroenterology and Hepatology  
1998 - 2001            UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER  
Residency in Internal Medicine

## **Education**

1994 - 1998            UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA MEDICAL CENTER  
M.D. May 1998  
1989 - 1993            DANA COLLEGE  
Blair Nebraska B.A. Spanish & Biology

## **Certification**

2004 - 2014            Board Certification Gastroenterology  
2001 - 2010            Board Certification Internal Medicine  
2000 - Present         Licensed in state of Texas

## Honors and Awards

2009	Voted as “D Magazine” top Gastroenterologists 2009
2008	Voted as “D Magazine” top Gastroenterologists 2008
2007	Co-Chair Texas Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy Meeting
2005	Chairman of Gastroenterology section TexMed 2005
2000	Outstanding Resident Award
2000	Award of Excellence in Outpatient Clinical Care
1999	John A Hartford Award for Excellence in Clinical Geriatrics
1999	Award of Excellence in Outpatient Clinical Care
1999	Selected as Representative for Residency Selection Committee
1997	Chosen as Ambassador to Hospital Italiano in Argentina to establish exchange program between UNMC and Hospital Italiano
1994	Rubie Jensen Memorial Scholarship

## Research/Presentations

Principal Investigator, A Phase 3, Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled, Multicenter Study To Assess The Efficacy And Safety Of Budesonide Foam (2mg/25mL BID For 2 Weeks, Followed By 2mg/25mL QD For 4 Weeks) Versus Placebo In Subjects With Active Mild To Moderate Ulcerative Proctitis (UP) Or Proctosigmoiditis (UPS). *Ongoing*

Principal Investigator, A Randomized, Double-Blind, Multi-Center, 12 Month Extension Study To Evaluate The Safety and Efficacy of Daily Budesonide MMX™ 6 mg Versus Placebo In The Maintenance of Remission In Subjects With Ulcerative Colitis. *Ongoing*

Principal Investigator, Efficacy and Safety of New Oral Budesonide MMX 6mg and 9mg Extended Release Tablet Formulations in Patients with Mild or Moderate, Active Ulcerative Colitis. A Multicentre, Randomized, Double Blind, Double Dummy, Comparative Study Versus Placebo, with An Additional Reference Arm Evaluating Asacol 2400 mg.

Principal Investigator, A Multi-Center, Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled, Dose-Ranging Study of COLAL-PRED® in the Treatment of Patients with Moderate to Severe Ulcerative Colitis.

Principal Investigator, A Phase 3, Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled, Multicenter Study to Assess The Efficacy and Safety of Rifaximin 550 mg TID In The Treatment of Subjects With Non-Constipation Irritable Bowel Syndrome.

Sub-Investigator, A Multi-Center, Investigator-Blinded, Randomized, 12 Month Parallel-Group, Non-Inferiority Study to Compare the Efficacy of 1.6 to 2.4 Asacol Therapy QD Versus Divided Dose (BID) In the Maintenance of Remission of Ulcerative Colitis.

“The Effect of Pioglitazone in Patients Diagnosed with NASH, and Insulin Resistance: A Double Blind Placebo Controlled Trial” *New England Journal of Medicine* v 355 Nov 2006

“Safety and Efficacy of Metallic Stents in the Management of Colorectal Obstruction” *Journal of the Society of Laparoscopic Surgeons*. 2005 Oct – Dec 9(4) 454-9

“Affect of Zegerid on 4 day Bravo Ph study in Trauma Victim” Poster Presentation Las Vegas American College of Gastroenterology Meeting

“Understanding the Implications of Polyps” TexMed Presentation 2005

“Underlying Liver Disease in the Pregnant Patient” Grand Rounds University of Texas Health Science Center 2004.

“Endoscopic Treatment of Gastroesophageal Reflux” Grand Rounds University of Texas Health Science Center 2002.

“Effect of Inducing Pyrimidine Dimers through UV Irradiation on *B.cereus* and *E.coli*”

## **Professional Affiliations**

American Gastroenterological Association  
American College of Gastroenterology  
American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy  
Collin County Medical Society  
American Medical Association

## **Work Experience**

2000 – 2001	Established and Supervised Minor ER San Antonio Texas
2000 – 2001	Staff Physician for Diabetes and Research Center
1999 – 2001	Staff Physician NIX Hospital Supervising after hours ER physician
1999 – 2001	Internal Medicine Consultant Mission Vista Hospital
1999 – 2001	Internal Medicine Consultant NIX Psychiatric Hospital
1995 – 1999	Developed and assisted teaching of Medical Spanish class
1994 – 1996	Medical Interpreter with Methodist Health System Omaha, NE