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CURRENT POSITION

1997-Present Specialist in Gastroenterology/Hepatology. Salem Gastroenterology Consultants, Salem, Oregon
Practice includes gastrointestinal and liver diseases, pancreaticobiliary therapeutic endoscopy, advanced endoscopic therapy, and endoscopic ultrasound.

EDUCATION

1996-1997 Therapeutic Endoscopy Fellow, University of Washington, Seattle, WA
1994-1996 Senior Clinical Fellow, Gastroenterology and Hepatology, University of Washington, Seattle, WA
1987-1990 Residency, Internal Medicine, UCLA Medical Center, Los Angeles, CA
1983-1987 Medical School, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA
1982-1983 Biology Graduate Studies, University of California, Los Angeles, CA
1978-1982 Undergraduate degree: BS, Biology, Stanford University, Stanford, CA

STAFF EXPERIENCE

2013-present Chief of Gastroenterology, Salem Hospital
2010-Present Chairman: GI Cancer Services, Salem Cancer Institute
2013-present Serve on Physician Leadership Council, Salem Hospital
2016-present Serve on Quality Operations Committee, Salem Hospital
2005-2014 Medical Director, Salem Endoscopy Center
2014-2016 Medical Director, Salem Gastroenterology Consultants
2014-present Quality Assurance Representative for Gastroenterology, Salem Hospital
2011-Present Board Member, Salem Hospital Foundation Board of Directors
Vice Chair 2012-2014, Board Chairman 2014 to 2107
2002-2006 Volunteered as Clinical Instructor, Division of Gastroenterology, Oregon Health and Science University (Staff Attending in GI Fellows' Clinic)
2004-Present Volunteer teacher in annual medical school GI course at OHSU
2004-2006 Chairman, Department of Medicine, Salem Hospital, Salem, OR
2002-2004 Vice-Chairman, Department of Medicine, Salem Hospital
2002-2004 Director, Medicine Quality Review Committee, Salem Hospital
2000-2002 Member, Medicine Quality Review Committee, Salem Hospital
1990-1994 Staff Internist and Director of Internal Medicine Residency Training Program, Oakland Navy Hospital, Oakland California
1990-1994 Internal Medicine Residency Program Director, Director of Internal Medicine Clinic and Consult Service, Directed Resident Morning Report,

and Residency Teaching Curriculum for Internal Medicine, Oakland Navy Hospital, Oakland, CA

AWARDS

- 2015 Surgical Services Awards from Salem Hospital
Patient Experience Award and Team Spirit Award
- 2006 & 2011 Salem Hospital Service Excellence Award
(Elected by nurses, hospital staff, and fellow physicians)
- 1996-1997 Awarded full **ASGE Therapeutic Endoscopy Scholarship**, University of Washington Medical Center
- 1990-1994 Navy Commendation Medal for teaching and leadership in Internal Medicine Residency at Oakland Navy Hospital
- 1990-1994 Elected as best faculty teacher in Department of Medicine in 1991 and 1994, and as best teacher of any department at Oakland Navy Hospital in 1991
- 1983-1987 Rank of Number 1 in medical school graduating class of 150 at University of Southern California
- 1983-1987 Dean's Award for Excellence: Years I, II, III, and IV of medical school

BOARD CERTIFICATION

- 1997 Board Certified, Gastroenterology and Hepatology (Re-Certified 2007 and 2018)
- 1990 Board Certified, Internal Medicine. (Re-Certified in 2000, in 2011, and 2021)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS/AWARDS

- 1995-Present Fellow, American College of Physicians-FACP
- 2007-Present Fellow, American College of Gastroenterology-FACG
- 2016-Present Fellow, American Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy-FASGE
- 2019-Present Fellow, American Gastroenterology Association-AGAF
- 1986-Present Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society
- 1995-Present Memberships in American College of Gastroenterology, American Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy, and American Gastroenterology Association, also member American Association for Study of Live Diseases
- 1997-Present Marion-Polk County Medical Society, Oregon Medical Assoc.

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

Ponec RJ, Saunders MD, Kimmey M. Neostigmine for the treatment of acute colonic pseudo-obstruction. N Engl J Med 1999;341:137-41.

Ponec RJ, Kimmey MB. Acute colonic pseudo-obstruction. Chapter 35 in Chandrasekhara: Clinical Gastrointestinal Endoscopy. Elsevier Science 2019

Ponec RJ, Hackman RC, McDonald GB. Endoscopic and histologic diagnosis of intestinal graft-versus-host disease after marrow transplantation. *Gastrointest Endosc* 1999;49:612-21.

Ponec RJ, Kimmey MB. Endoscopic therapy of esophageal cancer. *Surgical Clinics of North America* 1997;77:1197-1217.

Ponec RJ, Kowdley KV. Paradoxical cerebral emboli after transjugular intrahepatic portosystemic shunt and coil embolization for treatment of duodenal varices. *Am J Gastroenterol* 1997;92:1372-1373.

Kimmey MB, Ponec RJ. Primary malignant and metastatic tumors of the esophagus. Chapter in *Gastrointestinal Diseases: An Endoscopic Approach*. 2002 Blackwell Science, Inc.