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Education and Professional Experience:

Northwestern University, B.A. (Biology), 1976
University of Oklahoma College of Medicine, Tulsa (OUCM,T), M.D., 1980
OUCM,T, Internal Medicine residency, 1983
OUCM,T, Chief Resident, Internal Medicine, 1984

Faculty Positions:

OUCM,T, 1984-present
Department of Internal Medicine (IM), 1984-present
Assistant Dean for Academic Services (30%FTE), 2003-present

Recent Teaching Responsibilities:

Director of Student Programs, Department of IM, 1992-present
Clerkship Director, Department of IM, 1992-present
Chief, IM inpatient teaching service, St. John Medical Center, 1996-2003
Teaching and supervision, inpt and outpt general medicine service, 4-6 months per year, 1984-present
Faculty Coordinator, Medical Student Academic Afternoon, 1998-present
Faculty Coordinator, Medical Student Longitudinal Clinic, 1993-present

Scholarly Interest :

My passion for teaching has focused my energies toward clinical education of students and residents. My contributions in curriculum development have included multidisciplinary innovations such as MS3 Academic Afternoon (required weekly curriculum for all MS3's), Advanced Interviewing Curriculum (curriculum and faculty development program in communication skills), and MS Longitudinal Clinic (unique twice monthly model for students within faculty practice).

My scholarly work has mirrored my teaching interests, with publications on ambulatory medicine issues, medical education and learning theory, and innovative teaching resources. Leadership in faculty development has been a constant focus, especially in areas of doctor-patient communication and clinical teaching. Recently, I've lead an effort to create a web-based text on basic medical interviewing and am currently Chief Editor for a web-based comprehensive learning resource in physician-patient communication.

Personal Background:

Although born and raised in Tulsa, I never imagined living a lifetime here. In following my passions for teaching (professional) and family (personal), I have discovered remarkable opportunities right here at home. A mid-life crisis upon turning 40 prompted giving up neckties and for my 50th birthday (Aug 04), we rode the biggest roller coasters in Texas for family vacation. I have a strong commitment to daily exercise, an enthusiastic passion for downhill skiing, and a love for reading popular fiction. My wife, Mary Jo, and children, Abby (12) and Jeff (9), share my interests in physical activity, skiing, sports, and, of course, roller coasters. I'd be remiss if I failed to mention three other important members of our family-our dogs Sugar, Blackie, and Biscuit. My wife and I are active in the independent school attended by our kids, where I've just completed four years as chairman of the board of directors.