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EDUCATION

Doctor of Physical Therapy 2011
The University of Vermont. Burlington, VT

Bachelor of Science, Integrative Physiology 2006
The University of Colorado Boulder. Boulder, CO

LICENSURE

Physical Therapist
Colorado # 0013496

CERTIFICATIONS

Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Clinical Specialist (CCS) 2020
American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties (ABPTS)

Advanced Cardiac Life Support 2019 – 2021
American Heart Association

APTA Level 1 Certified Clinical Instructor 2015
American Physical Therapy Association

EMPLOYMENT / POSITIONS HELD

UCHealth, University of Colorado Hospital 2015 – Present

- Acute & Critical Care
- Physical Therapist III
- Physical Therapist II
- Physical Therapist I

Providence St. Joseph Medical Center 2011 – 2015

- Physical Therapist, Acute & Critical Care

PEER REVIEWED SCIENTIFIC AND PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

OTHER AUTHORS, Quirk J. Removing Mobility Barriers for Patients with Femoral Lines. *American Association of Critical Care Nurses National Teaching Institute Conference*, May 2025.

Hart H, Fuchita M, Knippa S Mickey C, Quirk J. You Want Me to Mobilize What? Rocky Mountain Interprofessional Research & Evidence-based Practice Symposium, Oct 2024.

Hart H, Fuchita M, Knippa S Mickey C, Quirk J. Creation & Implementation of Mobility Pathway for Patients with Femoral Lines- A Multidisciplinary Approach. *UCHealth Rehabilitation Symposium*, April 2024.

Medina R, Kehoe K, Quirk J, Crow M, Post M, Malone D. Relationship between self-reported and performance-based measures of functional capacity in lung transplant candidates. *American Physical Therapy Association Combined Sections Meeting*, Feb 2020.

Medina R, Kehoe K, Quirk J, Crow M, Post M. Assessment of frailty and low functional capacity in lung transplant candidates: a quality improvement program. *American Physical Therapy Association Combined Sections Meeting*, Feb 2020.

Medina R, Elliott J, Buness M, Kyle B, Quirk J. Reversing Frailty: Identification and Intervention in Kidney Transplant Candidates. *UCHealth Rehabilitation Symposium*, April 2018.

CURRENT / ACTIVE RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Feasibility and Safety of Mobilizing Critically Ill Patients with Femoral Lines and Devices in the Cardiothoracic Intensive Care Unit. First author. IRB-approved manuscript submitted May 2026 to Critical Care Nursing Journal. In review.

MEMBERSHIP IN SCIENTIFIC/PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Section, American Physical Therapy Association 2023–2024

CONTINUING EDUCATION

- Clinical Education I Clinical Instructor Development Workshop. University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, Physical Therapy Program. 2026.
- Development of Exercise Programs for the Complex Patient. Ellen Hillegass. MedBridge, April 2026
- University of Colorado Health Annual Rehabilitation Symposium. UCHealth. 2026
- Rehabilitation on ECMO – A Team Approach, Webinar. 2025
- Rocky Mountain Interprofessional Research and Evidence-Based Practice Symposium. 2024
- Academy of Cardiovascular & Pulmonary Physical Therapy Fall Conference, Emory University. 2023
- UCHealth Rehabilitation Symposium. 2023
- Johns Hopkins Critical Care / ICU Rehab Conference. Virtual, Nov 8–11, 2023
- UCHealth Rehabilitation Symposium. 2022
- Clinical Instructor: Utilization of a Blueprint to Advance Clinical Reasoning in the Clinical Setting, APTA CO CareSIG. 2021
- Advanced Clinical Practice in Cardiopulmonary Physical Therapy: Are You Practicing Best Practice? Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Section 2020 Pre-Conference Course. 2020

- Managing the Complex Therapy Patient in the Time of COVID-19: Preparing and Mobilizing Therapists in the ICU / Acute Care and Beyond. 2020

NON-PEER REVIEWED PRESENTATIONS

Quirk J. Activity, Mobility & Rehabilitation Therapy. University of Colorado Hospital, ECMO Program. Invited Lecturer, 2018, 2019, 2024, 2025.

CLINICAL PROGRAMS

Pre-Lung Transplant Program 2019 – Present

- Active contributor to ongoing program content, design, & analysis
- Performs evaluation to assess for frailty in lung transplant candidates
- Provides education regarding exam findings & activity guidelines for lung transplant candidates
- Assists with ongoing data collection to be utilized for future analysis & interpretation

Pre-Lung Transplant QI Project 2019

- Assisted with QI project design & implementation
- Assisted with data base design, data collection, data analysis & interpretation
- Completed & submitted CCS Data Analysis Project to ABPTS (June 2019)
- Presented results on frailty status & physical performance measures to department

Pre-Kidney Transplant Program 2017 – 2018

- Performed evaluation to assess for frailty in kidney transplant candidates
- Assisted with development & implementation of home exercise programs
- Assisted with data collection & analysis
- Attended regular QI meetings

TEACHING, COACHING, MENTORING

Mentoring / Training / Coaching, CTICU, CICU & MICU 2017 – Present
Cardiothoracic, Cardiac, and Medical ICUs, University of Colorado Hospital

Clinical Instructor 2026
University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, DPT Program
1 Student to 1 Clinical Instructor

Clinical Instructor, Integrated Clinical Education II 2025
Regis University, DPT Program
2 Students to 1 Clinical Instructor

Clinical Instructor, Integrated Clinical Education III 2024
Boston University, DPT Program
1 Student to 1 Clinical Instructor

Clinical Instructor, Integrated Clinical Education II 2022 – 2023
University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, DPT Program
4 Students to 1 Clinical Instructor

Clinical Instructor, Integrated Clinical Education II 2021 – 2023

Regis University, DPT Program
2 Students to 1 Clinical Instructor

Clinical Instructor, Integrated Clinical Education III
University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, DPT Program
1 Student to 2 Clinical Instructors
2022

Clinical Instructor, Integrated Clinical Education II
University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, DPT Program
4 Students to 1 Clinical Instructor
2017 – 2020

Left Ventricular Assist Device: Anatomy, Physiology, and Rehab
UCHealth University of Colorado Hospital, Rehabilitation Therapy Dept
2019

Clinical Instructor, Integrated Clinical Education II
Regis University, DPT Program
2 Students to 1 Clinical Instructor
2019

Clinical Instructor, Integrated Clinical Education II
University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, DPT Program
1 Student to 1 Clinical Instructor
2018

Clinical Instructor, Integrated Clinical Education I
Duke University, DPT Program
1 Student to 1 Clinical Instructor
2016