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## QUALIFICATIONS SUMMARY

Board-certified forensic pathologist and board-certified pediatrician offering dual expertise in autopsy pathology and pediatric clinical medicine. This combination is held by very few physicians in the United States. Dual certification enables expert opinions on both cause and manner of death and pediatric standards of care within a single engagement, eliminating the need for separate experts in cases involving pediatric, neonatal, and infant deaths. Experience includes medicolegal autopsies across the full spectrum of manner of death, service as an elected parish coroner in Louisiana, and over a decade of clinical pediatric practice encompassing primary care, hospital medicine, and emergency medicine. Currently serving as the forensic pathologist for Hawaii County. Available to both plaintiff and defense.

## AREAS OF EXPERTISE

**Cause and Manner of Death Determination**  
**Pediatric Death Investigation**  
**Child Abuse and Non-Accidental Trauma**  
**Homicide and Violent Death**

**Wound Analysis and Injury Interpretation**  
**Forensic Anthropology and Skeletal Analysis**  
**Death Certification and Medicolegal Standards**  
**Pediatric Standard of Care**

## BOARD CERTIFICATIONS

- **Forensic Pathology** – American Board of Pathology
- **Anatomic Pathology** – American Board of Pathology
- **Pediatrics** – American Board of Pediatrics

## MEDICAL LICENSURE

Hawaii | California | Florida | Oklahoma

## FORENSIC PATHOLOGY EXPERIENCE

### **Pan Pacific Pathologists, Inc.**

Aug 2025 – Present

*Forensic Pathologist* | Hilo, HI

- Perform forensic autopsies and death investigations for Hawaii County (Big Island of Hawaii)
- Providing medicolegal death determinations for the county
- Collaborate with law enforcement, prosecutors, and defense counsel in death investigation matters

### **Oklahoma Office of the Chief Medical Examiner**

Jul 2024 – Jun 2025

*Forensic Pathology Fellow* | Tulsa, OK

- Completed ACGME-accredited fellowship in forensic pathology
- Performed autopsies across the full spectrum of medicolegal death investigation including homicide, suicide, accident, natural, and undetermined manner cases

**Natchitoches Parish, State of Louisiana** Aug 2013 – May 2014*Elected Coroner* | Natchitoches, LA

- Elected parish coroner with statutory authority over death investigation, involuntary commitment, and sexual assault examination protocols
- Investigated deaths, determined need for autopsy, signed death certificates, and coordinated with law enforcement

**CLINICAL PEDIATRIC EXPERIENCE****Paniolo Pediatric and Family Medicine, INC / Paniolo Pediatrics, LLC** Jul 2015 – Present*Physician Owner and President* | Kamuela, HI

- Owner and operator of a community family medicine and pediatric practice serving rural Hawaii County

*Practicing Pediatrician* | Kamuela, HI

Jul 2015 – Jun 2021

- Provided comprehensive outpatient and inpatient pediatric care including well-child examinations, immunizations, developmental screening, and management of acute and chronic conditions
- Attended high-risk deliveries for neonatal resuscitation and provided newborn nursery coverage
- Evaluated and managed cases of suspected child abuse and neglect, including documentation of injuries and mandatory reporting to child protective services

**Paniolo Country Pediatrics, LLC**

Jun 2014 – Jun 2015

*Community Pediatrician and Hospitalist* | Kamuela, HI

- Full scope of outpatient and inpatient pediatric practice as described above

**Natchitoches Regional Medical Center**

Dec 2012 – Apr 2014

*Pediatric Primary Care Clinic Physician and Hospitalist* | Natchitoches, LA

- Full scope of outpatient and inpatient pediatric practice as described above

**Natchitoches Parish School-Based Health Clinics**

Aug 2013 – Jun 2014

*Medical Director* | Natchitoches, LA

- Oversaw school-based health services for a parish-wide network of clinics
- Supervised clinical staff and established protocols for student health assessment, behavioral health screening, and chronic disease management

**Emergency Physicians Medical Group**

Oct 2011 – Nov 2012

*Pediatric Emergency Physician* | Ann Arbor & Wyandotte, MI

- Provided pediatric emergency medicine coverage at community hospitals
- Evaluated and treated the full spectrum of pediatric emergencies including trauma, respiratory distress, seizures, ingestions, and febrile illness
- Performed assessment and documentation of suspected non-accidental trauma in the emergency department setting

**University Pediatricians Group / Wayne State University**

Sep 2011 – Nov 2012

*Part-Time Pediatric Hospitalist* | Detroit, MI

- Provided inpatient pediatric hospitalist coverage at a tertiary academic medical center, managing complex pediatric admissions

**EDUCATION****Michigan State University College of Human Medicine**

Aug 2004 – May 2008

Doctor of Medicine – Specialization in Rural and International Medicine

**University of Michigan**

Aug 2000 – May 2004

Bachelor of Science – Cell &amp; Molecular Biology and Anthropology/Zoology

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## POSTGRADUATE TRAINING

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<b>Forensic Pathology Fellowship</b> Oklahoma Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, Tulsa, OK	Jul 2024 – Jun 2025
<b>Anatomic Pathology Residency</b> Wake Forest School of Medicine, Winston-Salem, NC	Jul 2021 – Jun 2024
<b>Pediatric Residency</b> Children’s Hospital of Michigan, Detroit, MI <i>Specialization in Rural and International Medicine</i>	Jul 2008 – Jun 2011

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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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Volunteer Assistant Clinical Professor, Dept. of Pediatrics University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine, Honolulu, HI	Jul 2016 – Jun 2021
Adjunct Physician Instructor, Dept. of Emergency Medicine University of Michigan Medical School, Ann Arbor, MI	Apr 2012 – Nov 2012
Volunteer Clinical Instructor, Dept. of Pediatrics Wayne State University School of Medicine, Detroit, MI	Sep 2011 – Nov 2012

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## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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College of American Pathologists (CAP) – Member	Oct 2025 – Present
National Association of Medical Examiners (NAME) – Member	Apr 2022 – Present
American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP) – Member	Jul 2021 – Present
American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) – Member	Jul 2011 – Present

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## RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

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- Ferguson B, Obando P. *Health Care Disparity in Pain Medication Prescribing Practices*. Oral presentation at: Synergy Research Day; May 2007; Saginaw, MI.
- Ferguson B, Greenfield M, Mhyre J, Polley L. *Characteristics of Women Having C-Section Under General Anesthesia*. Poster presented at: Midwest Anesthesia Residents Conference; Apr 2006; Chicago, IL.

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## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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Board Member, West Hawaii Independent Physicians Organization	Dec 2020 – Dec 2021
Board Member, Queens Akoakoa Physician Organization	Jan 2017 – Dec 2021
Vice Chair, Dept. of Women’s & Children’s Services North Hawaii Community Hospital	Mar 2016 – May 2020
Board Member, Dept. of Women’s & Children’s Services North Hawaii Community Hospital	Jun 2014 – Feb 2016
Board Member, Five Mountain Healthcare Associates	Jan 2016 – Dec 2016

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## ADDITIONAL CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

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<b>Pediatric Locum Tenens Physician</b> Facilities included Choctaw Nation Healthcare Center (OK), Acadian Medical Center (LA), Capital Regional Medical Center (FL), McLaren Bay Region Pediatrics (MI), and U.S. Military Entrance Processing Station, Lansing, MI	2012 – 2014
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