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- 1. Born: Parma Ohio, 1965.
- 2. Married: former Leslie Kay Temple of Stone Mountain, GA.
- 3. Kids: Caroline, Madeline, John Gordon, Davis.
- 4. High School: Christian High School, El Cajon, CA, 1984.
- 5. College
 - a. Point Loma Nazarene University, San Diego, CA.
 - b. B.S. Biology/Chemistry
 - c. August 1984-May 1988
 - d. Participation in Summer Research and Presentation at West Coast Undergraduate Conference, 1988
- 6. Medical School
 - a. Emory University, Atlanta, GA.
 - b. August 1988-May 1992

- 7. Internship/Residency
 - a. UAB-Pediatrics
 - b. June 1992- June 1995
- 8. Fellowship
 - a. University of Alabama, Birmingham
 - b. Neonatology
 - c. June 1995-June 1998
 - d. Director: Dr. Waldemar Carlo
- 9. Graduate Work
 - a. University of Alabama, Birmingham
 - b. MPH- Perinatal Epidemiology
 - c. June 1996- June 1998
- 10. Continuing Education
 - a. American Association of Physician Leaders
 - i. CPE: Certified Physician Executive program, completed
 June 2018
 - ii. Member since 2010
 - b. Columbus State University
 - i. Tier 3 Leadership Training, completed 2018.
 - c. Institute for Healthcare Improvement
 - i. Chief Quality Officer training program, 6/2019-10/2019.
- 11. Board Certification/MOC- American Board of Pediatrics
 - a. General Pediatrics: 1996, 2002, 2008, 2014
 - b. Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine: 1999, 2006, 2016
- 12. Organization Memberships (past and present)

- a. FAAP, member of the Perinatal Subsection
- b. National Perinatal Association
- c. Mississippi Society of Newborn Medicine
- d. Mississippi Perinatal Association
- e. American Association of Physician Leaders
- f. Georgia Perinatal Quality Collaborative (GAPQC)
- g. Tennessee Perinatal Quality Collaborative (TIPQC)
 - i. Advisor/Medical Director

13. Leadership Positions

- a. Board of Directors, Newborn Associates PA (2010-2012)
- b. President, Mississippi Society of Newborn Medicine: 2002-2008.
- c. Member of Board of Directors, National Perinatal Association, Jan 2007-2009.
- d. Coordinator for Newborn Associates, PA Continuing Education and OI Activities.
 - i. Coordinator for Monthly Journal Club for Nursing Leadership and Neonatologists: 2001-2012, 2014- 2016.
 - ii. Chair, Newborn Associates Group QI Committee: 2011-2012.
- e. Physician Leader for NICU QI Committees (Vermont Oxford Network NICQ):
 - i. Jackson, MS HMA Hospitals:
 - 1. NICQ 2009 (2009-2010): Reduction in NICU

 Nosocomial Infection from 22% to 5% between 2007

 and 2010.
 - ii. St. Dominic's Hospital

- 1. NICQ7 (2011-2012): Reduction in Admission Hypothermia in Preterm Infants from 33% to 5% between 2010 and 2011.
- iii. Mississippi Baptist Medical Center
 - 1. Physician Advisor: Joint Commission Disease Specific Designation for Preterm Infants, 2012.
 - 2. Nominated by Nursing Staff for Hospital's Monthly "Patient First Award" in 2009.
 - 3. NICQ 2007 (2007-2008): Improved Family Centered Care by Establishing Parent Education Module.
- iv. Floyd Medical Center: Medical Director, GA Designated Level III NICU.
 - 1. VON iNICQ NAS Quality Collaborative: Implemented bundle of practices aimed at increasing identification of infants with neonatal abstinence syndrome prior to hospital discharge.
 - 2. GA VHA Poster, 2013: "Golden Hour: Prevention of Admission Hypothermia in VLBW Infants"
 - 3. Implemented Family Centered Care bundle: NICU HCAP scores increased to 97th percentile
- v. Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital Medical Director: GA
 Designated Regional Perinatal Center
 - Medical Director Overseeing NICU Quality Restructuring
 - 2. Mentor to Physician Quality Champion
- f. President, Mississippi Perinatal Association: 2009-2012.
 - i. Annual Perinatal Conference Committee Chairman
 - ii. VON NICQ state collaborative coordinator
- g. Mississippi State Perinatal Quality Collaborative

- i. Steering committee member, 2014-2016.
- ii. NICU Golden Hour Collaborative co-chair, 2014-2016.
- h. NICU Medical Director, Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital, Albany, GA. 8/1/2016-5/31/2022.
 - Multidisciplinary implementation of a comprehensive quality structure, including 8 dyad-led continuous improvement teams generated sustained improvement of multiple outcome metrics in the VLBW population: Mortality, Severe ROP, NEC, Secondary Bacterial Infections, Severe IVH from 2015-2022.
 - ii. GAPQC Advisory Board
 - iii. Georgia AAP Committee of the Fetus and Newborn Advisory Board, 2021-2022.
- i. Chief Medical Quality Officer, Phoebe Physician Group. 11/1/2017-6/1/2021.
- j. Chief Medical Quality Officer, Phoebe Putney Health System. 6/1/2018-6/1/2021.
 - i. Phoebe-MCG COVID-19 Research Collaborative Co-Director, 2020-2022, (see publications below).
- k. East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, TN
 - i. Professor and Division Director of Neonatology
 - ii. June 1, 2022- current
- l. Niswonger Children's Hospital at Ballad Health, Johnson City, TN
 - i. NICU Medical Director
 - ii. Co-chairman of Woman's and Children's Health Care Committee
 - iii. June 1, 2022- current
- m. Advisory Board for TIPQC and Tennessee Perinatal Advisory Committee.

14. Publications

- a. "Restriction endonuclease and genetic mapping studies indicate that the vegetative genome of the temperate, Salmonellaspecific bacteriophage, epsilon 15, is circularly-permuted", McConnell, M, et. al., including Owens, JD. Archives of Virology, 1992.
- b. "Improved Neonatal Mortality in the 90's is Not Associated with Increased Postponement of Death into the Post-Neonatal Period" (abstract), Jack D Owens, Mark E Tompkins & Greg R Alexander, Pediatric Research volume 43, page 225 (1998)
- c. "Mississippi's Tiniest Babies Do Well", Journal of the Mississippi State Medical Association, September 2005.
- d. "Assessing Need and Distribution of Neonatal Intensive Care Beds in Mississippi", Journal of the Mississippi State Medical Association, June 2008.
- e. "Multi-Hospital Community NICU Quality Improvement Improves Survival of ELBW Infants", Journal of the Mississippi State Medical Association, August 2015.
- f. "Characteristics and Clinical Outcomes of Adult Patients Hospitalized with COVID-19- Georgia, March 2020. Gold JAW, et. al., including Owens, JD. MMWR Morb Mortal Wkly Rep. 2020. (CDC publication)
- g. "Demographics, comorbidities and outcomes in hospitalized COVID-19 patients in rural southwest Georgia", Shah, P, et. al., including Owens, JD. Ann Med. 2020.
- h. "Predictors at admission of mechanical ventilation and death in an observational cohort of adults hospitalized with COVID-19", Jackson BR, et. al., including Owens, JD. Clin Infect Dis. 2020. (CDC publication)
- i. "COVID-19 Clinical Phenotypes: Presentation of Disease in a Cohort of Hospitalized Adults in Georgia, United States", da Silva, JF, et. al., including Owens, JD. Open Forum Infect Dis. 2020. (CDC publication).

- j. "Baseline use of angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor/AT1 blocker and outcomes in hospitalized coronavirus disease 2019 African-American patients.", Shah, P, et. al., including Owens, JD. J Hypertension, 2020.
- k. "Altered mental status is an independent predictor of mortality in hospitalized COVID-19 patients.", Kenerly, MJ, et. al., including Owens, JD. Ir J Med Sci. 2021.
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- m. VON NICQ Improvement Stories and MOC Projects
 - i. NICQ 2009: "Jackson, MS HMA Hospitals: Preventing Nosocomial Infection"
 - ii. VON NICQ7 Improvement Story: "St. Dominic's Hospital: The Golden Hour"

15. Quality Projects Led or Co-Led

- a. VON NICQ 2005-07: Improved Preterm Infant Developmental Care at Baptist Medical Center, Jackson, MS.
- b. VON NICQ 2007-09: Improved Family Centered at Baptist Medical Center, Jackson, MS.
- c. VON NICQ 2009-11: Improvement in Nosocomial Infection Rate in VLBW Infants: River Oaks Hospital, Woman's Hospital, and Central Mississippi Medical Center, Jackson, MS.
- d. VON iNICQ 2012-14: Improved Identification and Management of NAS.
- e. VON iNICQ 2016-18: NICU Antibiotic Stewardship- Reduced Antibiotic Utilization Rate to best VON Quartile.
- f. VON NICQ 2018-current: Improvement of Management of the ELBW Infant.

- g. Restructuring of NICU Leadership Model around Quality: Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital (GA Regional Perinatal Center)
 - i. Reduction in NEC in VLBW Babies from 7.2% (2013-2016) to 4.4% (2017-2020).
 - ii. Reduction in VLBW Infants Requiring ROP Surgery from average 7.8% (2013-2016) to average 0.8% (2017-2020).
 - iii. Reduced "Any Late Infection" in VLBW Infants from 15-17% to 4% between 2017-2020.
 - iv. Reduced Ventilator and Central Line Utilization. Improved Breast Feeding, Growth and Nutrition, Family Integrated Care.
- h. Initiation of Physician Burnout Initiative, Phoebe Physician Group, Phoebe Putney Health System: 2018-2021.
- i. Initiation of Mortality Reduction Initiative by Structuring System Quality Improvement Teams to Create Clinical Care Pathways for CHF, COPD, and Surgical Complications (PSI4): 2018-2021.
- j. Physician Champion for Phoebe Putney Health System CLABSI Reduction Team.
- k. Led System Quality Steering Committee with Senior Leaders Advising on System Restructuring for Quality (reporting to CMO): 2018-2020.

16. Job History

- a. Assistant Professor, Emory University; Neonatologist, Floyd Medical Center of Rome, GA: June 1998- June 2000.
- b. Neonatologist, Newborn Associates PA. Jackson, MS: June 2000-June 2012.
- c. Locums Tenens Physician at Le Bonheur Children's Medical Center 2007-2009, and Parkridge East Medical Center, Chattanooga, TN, 2012 through Linde Healthcare.
- d. NICU Medical Director, Floyd Medical Center, Rome, GA: June 2012-June 2014. GA State Designated Level III NICU.

- e. Neonatologist, Newborn Associates, PA in Jackson, MS, and Medical Director, Wesley Medical Center in Hattiesburg, MS: June 2014-July 2016.
- f. Neonatologist and Medical Director, Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital, Albany, GA. August 2016-May 2022. Georgia Regional Perinatal Center.
- g. Chief Medical Quality Director, Phoebe Physician Group, Albany, GA. 11/1/2017-8/1/2021.
- h. Chief Quality Officer, Phoebe Putney Health System, Albany, GA. June 2018-August 2021.
- i. Neonatology Division Chief and Professor, June 2022-current.
 - i. ETSU Department of PediatricsPO Box 70578Johnson City, TN 37604
- j. NICU Medical Director
 - Niswonger Children's Hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit 400 N State of Franklin Road Johnson City, TN 37604

17. Clinical Interests

- a. Team-Based Hospital and Health System Process Improvement
- b. Predictive Analytics
- c. Perinatal Population Health
- d. Physician Burnout Prevention
- e. Family and Patient Centered Care
- f. Breast Feeding Advocacy
- g. Respiratory Care
- h. Delivery Room Management of the VLBW Infant