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Summary of Expertise

Dr. Kohler is a residency trained, board certified emergency physician currently in his 26th year of clinical practice at a high volume, high acuity medical center in San Diego, CA. He was appointed and has served as both Assistant Chief and Chief of his emergency department as well as serving as the hospital Emergency Management Chair and ED delegate to the hospital Bioethics Committee. After many years of reviewing cases for the Emergency Department, Hospital Peer Review and Quality Improvement committees, he was appointed as founding core faculty to establish an Emergency Medicine Residency Program at his medical center. Among other duties, he was tasked with creating the Quality Improvement, Patient Satisfaction and Risk Management curricula for the residency program, which included a novel collaboration with University of San Diego School of Law to integrate medical malpractice didactics between emergency medicine residents and law students. He is listed as an expert medical reviewer for the Medical Board of California. He is an expert public speaker, having delivered lectures on multiple topics as part of his clinical and administrative roles. He currently serves as an expert for a variety of emergency medicine malpractice cases, including generation of reports, notarized affidavits, and deposition and mediation testimony.

Professional

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| 2021-Present | Emeritus Partner Physician
Southern California Permanente Medical Group
Department of Emergency Medicine
Kaiser Permanente San Diego Medical Center |
| 2021-Present | Expert Medical Reviewer, Medical Board of CA |
| 1998-2021 | Partner Physician
Southern California Permanente Medical Group
Department of Emergency Medicine
Kaiser Permanente San Diego Medical Center |

- 2018-2021 **Physician Ambassador, KP San Diego**
- Physician marketing and clinical consultant liaison between medical group and health plan client organizations
 - Managed ten corporate accounts
- 2015-2018 **KP San Diego Bioethics Committee, ED delegate**
- 2011-2015 **Founding Core Faculty**
Kaiser Emergency Medicine Residency Program
Kaiser San Diego Medical Center
- 2009-2019 **Oral Board Examiner, AAEM “Pearls of Wisdom”**
Emergency Medicine Oral Board Review Course
- 2008-2009 **Chief of Service**
Department of Emergency Medicine
Kaiser Permanente San Diego Medical Center
- Annual census >150,000
 - Managed operations at 3 facilities, 70 physicians, 10 physician extenders
 - Oversaw implementation of first ED and hospital-wide electronic medical record system
 - Established and managed 24-bed observation unit
 - Supervised department quality improvement and process improvement initiatives
 - Voting member of hospital medical executive committee
- 2007 **Assistant Chief of Service**
Department of Emergency Medicine
Kaiser Permanente San Diego Medical Center
- 2005-2007 **Co-Chair Emergency Management Committee**
Kaiser Permanente San Diego Service Area
- Coordinated emergency/disaster preparedness efforts for medical service area of 800 physicians, 16 clinics, and 400-bed tertiary care medical center
 - Organized disaster drills
 - Attended national symposia
 - Lectured on emergency preparedness topics

1999-2001

**Primary Care-Emergency Department Interaction
Committee; ED representative**

- Collaborated with primary care colleagues regarding appropriate use of referrals to ED and clinic followup care

Certifications/Memberships

Diplomate, American Board of Emergency Medicine

- Board Certification, 1999
- Re-certified 2009, 2019; current through 2029

Fellow, American Academy of Emergency Medicine, since 2005

Medical Board of California physician licensure, since 1996

Federal DEA licensure since 1996

Member, San Diego County Medical Society since 1998

Florida Medical Board Medical Expert Certificate #MEEW9862

Education/Training

1997-1998

Chief Resident, Emergency Medicine
University of Arizona College of Medicine
Tucson, AZ

1995-1997

Resident physician, Emergency Medicine,
University of Arizona College of Medicine
Tucson, AZ

1991-1995

Medical Doctorate
Eastern Virginia Medical School
Norfolk, VA.

1982-1985

Bachelor of Science, Biochemistry
University of California, Davis

1981-1982

Undergraduate studies
University of California, San Diego

Honors and Awards

- 6-time recipient of annual emergency medicine “Top Doc” award from San Diego County Medical Society, elected by peers in community
- Elected to Partnership, Southern CA Permanente Medical Group, 2001
- Patient Satisfaction Merit Awards, annually from 7/98-Present, including multiple “top 10%“ awards
- Goodman Award; selected by peers from Eastern Virginia Medical School Class of 1995, “*For Academic Excellence and Unselfish Concern for Others*”; included monetary scholarship
- Member, Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) Medical Honor Society, one of 3 students out of class of over 100 elected in junior year; AOA Chapter president, senior year

Professional Experience Prior to Medical School

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| 1986-1991 | Senior Research Associate
Stratagene, Inc.
La Jolla, CA <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Molecular biology research, including all aspects of recombinant DNA technology• Supervised lab of 5 scientists, managed animal vivarium• Presented at multiple international symposia• Published original research in peer reviewed journals (see bibliography) |
| 1986 | Research Associate in Molecular Biology
Department of Basic and Clinical Research
Research Institute of Scripps Clinic
La Jolla, CA |

Medical Volunteer Activities

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| 2010 | Volunteered in free medical clinic, Tijuana, BC, Mexico |
| 2001-2008 | Medical Tent Physician/coordinator
Challenged Athletes Foundation (CAF) Triathlon
La Jolla, CA |

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2. Matthew Silver, MD and **Steven Kohler MD** (2013). Evolution of a Round Pneumonia. *West-J-Emerg-Med* 14(6) 643-644.
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