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EDUCATION:

Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley, Doctoral Program in Health Services and Policy Analysis, Spring, 2003. Emphasis on applied health economics, workers' compensation and rehabilitation policy. Title of dissertation, "Administrative delay and secondary disability following acute occupational low back injury".

MPH, University of California, Berkeley, School of Public Health, Health Policy and Administration Division, Spring 1997.

BS and Certificate in Physical Therapy, University of California, San Francisco, Curriculum in Physical Therapy, 1976.

BA, San Francisco State University, pre-physical therapy, 1975.

License:

California physical therapist, licensed since 1977.

PRINCIPAL POSITIONS HELD:

July, 2005 – Present: Health Economist, Health Economics Resource Center (HERC), VA Palo Alto Health Care System, Palo Alto, CA.

July, 2003 – June, 2005: Senior Manager, Quality Measurement and Improvement, Pacific Business Group on Health, San Francisco, CA.

April, 1994 – Sept. 2002: Health care consultant: Patsi Sinnott & Associates, San Francisco, CA. Part-time while in graduate school. Clients included the State Compensation Insurance Fund (CA), CIGNA IntegratedCare, Bloomfield, CT and CIGNA Healthcare, Oakland, CA.

September, 2001 – April, 2002: Staff Research Associate IV, Labor and Occupational Health Program, University of California, Berkeley, and Center for Occupational and Environmental Medicine, University of California, San Francisco. Various projects.

March 2000 – June, 2001: Staff Research Associate III, Institute for Health and Aging, School of Nursing, University of California, San Francisco. Cost of Osteoporosis in California.

February, 1999 - July, 1999: Graduate Student Researcher, University of California, Berkeley, Center for Mental Health Services. "Temporal variation in psychiatric emergency admissions."

August 1996 - June, 1997: Graduate Student Researcher, University of California, Berkeley, UC Data, Survey Research Center.

Physical Therapy Experience:

April, 1992 – March, 1994: N. California Regional Manager, Physiotherapy Associates, Memphis, TN.

November, 1982 – March, 1992: President, principal and practicing therapist, Patsi Sinnott and Associates, Physical Therapy, Inc., THE CENTER for Physical Therapy and Fitness, San Francisco, CA.

November, 1979 – October, 1982: Partner, Donna Winters-Patsi Sinnott, Physical Therapy, Inc., San Francisco, CA.

June, 1978 - January, 1979, Research Associate, Shriner's Hospital Gait Lab, San Francisco, CA.

November, 1977 – November, 1978, and February, 1979 - July 1979: Lecturer, School of Medicine, University of California, San Francisco, Division of Ambulatory and Community Medicine.

Other Positions Held Concurrently:

- October, 2006 – Present: Assistant Clinical Professor, without salary, University of California San Francisco, Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science
- October, 2006 – Present: Member, Methodology Committee of the Evidence Based Clinical Practice Guidelines Committee, American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine
- February, 2006 – June, 2006: Content Expert, California Health Benefits Review Program, University of California, San Francisco for review of CA Assembly Bill 2012.
- August, 2005 – Present: Associate, Center for Health Policy/Center for Primary Care and Outcomes Research, Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA.
- September 30, 1986 – December, 2005: Clinical Instructor without salary and Lecturer, The Graduate Program in Physical Therapy, University of California, San Francisco/San Francisco State University – on leave during graduate school 1995 – 2003.
- 1998 – 2003: Physical Therapist Member, State of California: Industrial Medical Council, Department of Industrial Relations, Division of Workers' Compensation, Secretary, 2000 – 2002.

Academic Honors and Awards:

University of California, Berkeley:

- Promotion of Doctoral Opportunities for Clinicians and Scholars PODS II Scholarship, Foundation for Physical Therapy, Sept. 1999 - Aug. 2000.
- Pre-doctoral Training Fellow, National Research Service Awards, Economics of Aging and Health Services, 1997- 1998.
- Regents Fellowship for graduate study in Public Health, University of California, Berkeley, 1996-1997.
- Wellness Scholarship, School of Public Health and Health Services and Analysis Group, University of California, Berkeley, 1996 – 1997.

San Francisco State University:

- Dean's list three semesters.

Keywords: physical therapy; economics of physical therapy; cost-effectiveness analysis; provider performance measurement; workers compensation.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Memberships:

- Academy Health
- American Physical Therapy Association

Service to Professional Organizations:

American Physical Therapy Association (APTA):

- Invited Speaker, APTA Section on Health Policy and Administration, 2006 LAMP Institute.
- Member, Task Force to Develop Health Policy Questions, May 2005 – Present.
- Member, Reference Committee, House of Delegates, Sept. 2001 – June 2004.
- Member, Reimbursement Advisory Panel, 2002 – 2004.
- Member Consultant, Consensus Conference on Transition to DPT Competencies, Jan. 2001.
- Reviewer, National Safety Council Standards and various ergonomic standard proposals.
- Member, APTA task force to develop a vision statement, 1998 – 2000.
- APTA Liaison, National Leadership Coalition for Healthcare Reform, 1993-94.
- Chair, APTA Task Force on Referral for Profit, 1991.

California Chapter APTA (CCAPTA):

- President, 1991- 1994.
- Vice-President and Speaker of the Assembly 1988- 1989 and 2002 – 2003.
- Chair, Task Force to Review Vision Statement, 2000.
- Member, Task Force on Diagnosis, 1999 – 2000.
- Chair, Task Force to Develop Vision 2010, 1993-94
- Various committee appointments, 1985 – present.

Service Awards and Honors:

California Chapter American Physical Therapy Association:

- Charles Magistro Award “for consistent, valuable and exceptional service”, 1996.
- James B. McKillip Leadership Award, 1995.

Service to Professional Publications:

Reviewer for:

- Industrial Relations: A Journal of Economy and Society, 2004, 2005.
- Workers’ Compensation Research Institute (WCRI) Patterns and Costs of Physical Medicine: Comparison of Chiropractic and Physician-Directed Care, December, 2002. Reviewer and consultant.
- California Workers’ Compensation Institute, white paper, Provider Experience and Volume Based Outcomes in California Workers’ Compensation: Does “Practice Make Perfect?” February 2003.
- Milliman & Robertson, Surgical Care Guidelines, 1995.

Presenter/Invited Speaker:

- Poster presentation, Academy Health Annual Research Meeting, June, 2006.
- Invited presentation, California Division of Workers’ Compensation, May, 2006.
- Presenter, Rapid Oral Presentations of Posters, CDC-NIOSH “*NORA 2006: Research Makes a Difference Symposium*”, April, 2006.
- Invited panelist, Wolverine Biosciences Forum, University of Michigan Stephen M. Ross School of Business and School of Public Health Department of Health Management and Policy, Oct. 2004.
- Invited presentation, Lumetra Corporate Management Team, March, 2004.
- Invited speaker, California Workers Compensation Institute, Medical Advisory Committee, July, 2003.
- Invited speaker, California Research on Workers’ Compensation Medical Benefit Delivery and Return to Work, State of California Commission on Health and Safety and Workers’ Compensation, May 1-2, 2003.
- Invited Presenter, Workers’ Compensation Research Group Meeting, April 2003.
- Appointed member, Academic Advisory Panel, Commission on Health and Safety and Workers Compensation and Labor and Occupational Health Program, University of California, Berkeley project, “Policies and Practical Strategies to Return Injured Workers to Sustained Employment,” Spring, 2001.

Expert Witness consultation:

- California Department of Insurance, San Joaquin Valley District Attorney, et al, vs. XXXXXXXX Corp. 2004, 2005, 2006.
- United States Postal Inspection Service, 2002 and 2003.
- United States Attorney vs. Peter Mackby, 1999.
- Various Workers’ Compensation Appeals Board administrative hearings in San Francisco, Oakland and Walnut Creek, California, 1994 - 2000.

Teaching:

- 2006 – Present, Assistant Clinical Professor w/out salary, University of California San Francisco, Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science, health policy and evidence-based medicine
- 2004 – 2005, Lecturer, UCSF/SFSU Graduate Program in Physical Therapy, Doctorate in Physical Therapy (DPT) Program, sections on health policy and in evidence based medicine course.
- 1986 – 1995, Clinical Instructor, w/o salary, UCSF Graduate Program in Physical Therapy, various classes in healthcare administration, business management and use of isokinetic testing equipment.

RESEARCH AND CREATIVE ACTIVITIES:

Peer Reviewed Publications.

Max, W., **Sinnott, P.**, Kao, C., Sung, H., Rice, D. (2002). The Burden of Osteoporosis in California, 1998. *Osteoporosis International*. Vol. 13 No. 6.

Byl, N.N., **Sinnott, P.L.**, (1991) Variations in Balance and Body Sway in Middle Aged Adults. *Spine*. Vol. 16, Number 3.

Other publications:

Damberg, C., Grazier, K., Greenfield, S., Hopkins, D., Kaplan, S., Lee, P., Milstein, A., Roski, J and **Sinnott, P.L.**, Advancing Physician Performance Measurement, Using Administrative Data to Assess Physician Quality and Efficiency. A report produced for The Commonwealth Fund and The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, September, 2005

Hopkins, D.S.P., **Sinnott, P.L.**, Valente, E., Cave, D.G., (2003) Report to the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality; Physician Performance Measurement: A Proof of Concept Study of an Efficiency Measurement Methodology.

Krause, N., Lee, P.T., Scherzer, T., Rugulies, R., **Sinnott, P. L.**, Baker, R. L., (2002) Health and Working Conditions of Hotel Guest Room Attendants in Las Vegas. Prepared for the Culinary Workers' Union, Local 226, Las Vegas.