

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF DAVIDSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE  
TWENTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT PART IV

KEVIN BURNS, et al.,	)	CAPITAL CASE
	)	EXECUTION DATE:
Plaintiffs,	)	AUGUST 5, 2025
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v.	)	No. 25-0414-IV
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FRANK STRADA, et al.,	)	
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Defendants.	)	

**AMENDED DECLARATION OF JOSEPH F. ANTOGNINI, M.D., M.B.A.**

JOSEPH F. ANTOGNINI, does hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the following is true and correct:

1. My name is Joseph F. Antognini. I am a medical doctor, board-certified in anesthesiology. I received a B.A. degree from the University of California, Berkeley in Economics in 1980. I received my M.D. degree from the University of Southern California in 1984. I also received an M.B.A. from California State University, Sacramento in 2010. I was previously the Director of Peri-operative Services at the University of California, Davis Health System and a Professor of Anesthesiology and Pain Medicine and Professor of Neurobiology, Physiology and Behavior at the University of California, Davis. I am licensed to practice medicine in the States of California and Georgia. I have over 30 years of experience practicing anesthesiology since 1984 when I began my residency at the University of

California, Davis Health System. I am the author or co-author of over 200 publications (papers, abstracts, book chapters, etc.). My area of research has focused on anesthetic mechanisms, specifically related to where anesthetics produce unconsciousness, amnesia and immobility. I currently perform clinical research, and I am Chief Scientific Officer for a small pharmaceutical company that develops new anesthetics. A true and correct copy of my curriculum vitae is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

2. I have reviewed, and am familiar with, the allegations made in the Motion for Preliminary Injunction *Kevin Burns, et al., v. Frank Strada, et al.*, No. 25-0414-IV, dated June 30, 2025, and additional information in the documents described below.

### **Scope of Engagement**

3. I have been asked to render expert opinions in the fields of general medicine and anesthesiology, especially regarding the use, actions and efficacy of pentobarbital, in relation to Tennessee's lethal injection protocol, and the effectiveness of the procedures therein, especially related to Mr. Byron Black. This declaration contains a complete statement of my opinions, and the basis and reasons therefore, including the facts or data I have considered in forming them. I may supplement this declaration as appropriate. The opinions that I do provide are within my field of anesthesiology and such fields as are necessarily related to anesthesiology,

including general medicine, pharmacology and physiology, and fall within the scope of my expertise. All opinions expressed herein are stated to a reasonable degree of medical and scientific certainty.

### **Materials Reviewed**

4. I have conferred with attorneys for Defendants. Among the documents I have relied upon in connection with this declaration are: Tennessee's execution protocol; Plaintiff's Motion (dated June 30, 2025); publications and materials listed in the "References Cited" section; medical records of Byron Black; and the declaration of Dr. Gail Van Norman, dated June 27, 2025.

5. Should additional documents or information be provided to me for review and analysis, I may take those additional materials into account, and modify and/or supplement my opinions accordingly. If I am present at hearings and/or trial in this case, I may take into account any testimony or other evidence to the extent related to my opinions and modify and/or supplement my opinions accordingly. In performing my analysis, I have relied on my professional training, education and experience. The opinions presented in this declaration are my opinions and mine alone. I have reviewed and considered documents and information and identified those materials above. These documents and other information that I reviewed and considered are of a type reasonably relied upon by experts in the field of

anesthesiology, general medicine, physiology and pharmacology in forming opinions or inferences on questions in this area. My fee schedule for this engagement is: \$575/hour for phone consultation, research, declaration preparation; \$675/hour for deposition; \$7000/day for courtroom appearance; \$287/hour for travel time plus travel expenses at cost.

6. I have testified and submitted expert reports in the following cases in the past four years: 1) I have submitted reports and given testimony *In the Matter of the Federal Bureau of Prisons' Execution Protocol Cases* (No. 19-mc-00145-TSC); 2) I have submitted reports and have testified in *Glossip et al. v. Chandler et al.*, Case No. CIV-14-665-F, in the United States District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma; 3) I have submitted reports and have testified in *Bigler Stouffer. v. Scott Crow*, Case No. 21-cv-1000-F, in the United States District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma; 4) I have submitted reports and have been deposed in *Terry Lynn King v. Tony Parker*, Case No. 3:18-cv-01234, in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee; 5) I have submitted reports and testified in *Michael Nance v. Oliver*, Case No. 1:20-CV-107-JPB, in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, Atlanta Division; 6) I have submitted reports and testified in *Kenneth Eugene Smith v John Q. Hamm*, 2:22-cv-00497-RAH, in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Alabama; 7) I have submitted reports and been deposed in *Martin*

*v Oliver & Caldwell*, 1:18-cv-4617-MLB in the US District Court, Northern District of Georgia, Atlanta Division; 8) I have submitted a report and been deposed in *Miller v. Marshall et al.* 2:24-cv-197 in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Alabama; 9) I have submitted a report and testified in *Grayson v. Hamm et al.*, 2:24-cv-00376-RAH-KFP in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Alabama; 10) I have been deposed and testified in *Hoffman v. Westcott, et al.*, cv-25-169, in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana.

### **Discussion**

7. The intravenous administration of five (5) grams of pentobarbital causes rapid unconsciousness followed by respiratory arrest, cardiovascular collapse and death. After intravenous injection of 5 grams pentobarbital, concentrations of pentobarbital in the body will far exceed the lethal concentrations—see Table 1, package insert for pentobarbital in References Cited and extrapolating from data of Ehrnebo (1974). Once respiratory depression and respiratory arrest occurs within 1-2 minutes, the unconscious inmate then begins to use up the oxygen stores in his body. Before all the oxygen is used, however, the heart will be affected, will begin to slow and will then have periodic irregular beats. It likely will take several minutes before the heart stops all together. At that point, death is declared. This process, as described, is irrefutable. It is based on the known actions of pentobarbital

and sound pharmacological and physiological principles, and the known effects of these doses of pentobarbital in lethal injection executions.

8. Pentobarbital administered to humans results in unconsciousness in 20-30 sec, on average,<sup>1</sup> and this effect is dose dependent, with greater doses (>5 mg/kg) having onset times in the 20 sec range (Dundee, 1957). In a 100-kg person (about 220 pounds), this dose would be 500 mg, which is only 10% of the dose used in the Tennessee lethal injection protocol. At this point, pulmonary edema, if it occurs at all during the execution (as opposed to post-mortem lung changes), would not set in because it would only result from a much larger dosage (i.e. an overdose).<sup>2</sup> As the additional 4500 mg of pentobarbital is administered, the inmate would have progressive brain depression, with electrical brain silence occurring, followed by cardiovascular collapse, as noted above. Before becoming unconscious, the individual would not feel the sensations of pain, suffocation or air hunger. And the inmate would not feel the sensation of pain, suffocation or air hunger after becoming unconscious.

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<sup>1</sup> It is important to note that the time to unconsciousness depends on the speed with which the drug is administered and when the “clock starts”. For example, my estimate for 20-30 sec is based on when a clinical dose of pentobarbital has actually entered the person, not when the drug begins to enter the IV tubing.

<sup>2</sup> Clinical doses of barbiturates, such as thiopental and pentobarbital, cause unconsciousness, but not pulmonary edema. If clinical doses of these drugs caused pulmonary edema, the drugs would have been abandoned soon after their introduction in the 1930s.

9. These actions of pentobarbital are consistent with data published by Aleman et al., (2015), a study discussed in the recent US Supreme Court case *Bucklew v. Precythe*, No. 17-8151 (decided April 1, 2019). In the Aleman study, horses were administered large, lethal doses of pentobarbital, with a mean time of infusion of 47 seconds, and the horses developed electroencephalographic brain silence (i.e., flat line) at a mean of 53 seconds after the initiation of the infusion, that is, EEG silence occurred on average, 6 seconds after the infusion finished. Because loss of consciousness occurs before EEG silence, these data fit with a time frame of 20-30 seconds for loss of consciousness after the initiation of the pentobarbital infusion.

10. In a similar study (Buhl et al., 2013), the time to collapse (when the horses went from standing to falling to the ground, and which is considered to be the onset of unconsciousness) was about 27 seconds (the average of the means of the four groups studied; see their table 2) after the initiation of the infusions. They also noted that respiratory arrest occurred simultaneously with falling to the ground in most horses (2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph in discussion).

11. These studies cited above collectively lead to the conclusion that intravenous pentobarbital administered at 5 grams would cause rapid onset of unconsciousness, followed by coma, respiratory arrest, circulatory collapse and death.

12. Thiopental and pentobarbital are equipotent (Barron & Dundee, 1961). For example, 100 mg of thiopental has the same effect as 100 mg of pentobarbital, 500 mg of thiopental has the same effect as 500 mg of pentobarbital, and so forth. Thus, studies reporting on the effects of thiopental can be used to infer the effects of pentobarbital. And, Dr. Van Norman has stated that “Pentobarbital and thiopental have been used in medical care and are essentially equivalent in all pharmacological characteristics relevant to lethal injection executions.” (page 18, at bottom, of her report).

13. Both thiopental and pentobarbital cause brain suppression (including suppression of electrical activity in the brain as measured with the electroencephalogram, EEG). The dose at which EEG silence begins to occur is about 17 mg/kg, based on studies utilizing thiopental infused over 10-15 minutes (Buhrer et al., 1992; Hung et al., 1992). But, in the setting of an execution, pentobarbital would be infused more quickly and at a greater dose than that described in Buhrer et al. Five (5) grams (equivalent to 5000 mg) of pentobarbital administered to a 100-kg person (approximately 220-lbs person) is 50 mg/kg, and about 71 mg/kg in a 70 kg person, doses that far exceed 17 mg/kg. Thus, EEG silence would be expected to occur within 60



seconds after initiation of pentobarbital infusion, consistent with the data reported by Aleman et al.

14. Intravenous administration of 5 grams of pentobarbital would cause profound brain depression and unconsciousness well before any lung congestion and pulmonary edema forms.

15. Whether pentobarbital causes pulmonary edema directly, or indirectly as a natural consequence of the dying process, is immaterial because the inmate would be profoundly unconscious, to the point of electrical brain silence. Furthermore, it is unclear how much of the pulmonary edema and lung congestion found at autopsy is due to post-mortem changes.

16. More recent studies in humans using post-mortem computed tomography (PMCT) show that fluid accumulates in the lung over time in the post-mortem period (Shiotani et al., 2011). Shiotani et al. write in their concluding paragraph: “PMCT findings of the lung are not fixed and change with the passage of time after death in accordance with progression of postmortem changes (pulmonary congestion and edema) in the corpse.”

17. Likewise, fluid accumulation in the airways increases during the post-mortem period (Ishida et al. 2014); these authors showed that fluid accumulated in the airways (main bronchi) as the interval between death and PMCT increased. This fluid accumulation is akin to the fluid that has been

found at autopsy in inmates executed by lethal injection.

18. Published data on how post-mortem pulmonary edema and lung congestion occur and progress is based in large part on animal studies.

Durlacher et al. (1950) examined post-mortem changes in rabbit lungs after various causes of death, including pentobarbital overdose. They found that lung weight increased as the time between pentobarbital-induced death and autopsy increased, as shown in their table 2:

TABLE 2  
EFFECT OF INTERVAL AFTER SACRIFICE BY NEMBUTAL (100 MG./KG.) ON LUNG WEIGHT

<i>Interval after sacrifice</i>	<i>Treatment</i>	<i>Number of animals</i>	<i>Lung weight per kilo ± S.E. mean</i>
			Grams
Immediate		5	3.83 ± .27
1 hours	Cannula in trachea	5	5.42 ± .58
2 hours	Cannula in trachea	5	7.09 ± 1.39
3 hours	Cannula in trachea	19	9.46 ± .62
4 hours	Cannula in trachea	5	10.88 ± 1.53
6 hours	Cannula in trachea	5	10.95 ± .74

Note that lung weight increased when comparing lung weight at immediate autopsy to lung weight at 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 hours after death, indicating that lungs can develop edema after death. These researchers (and others<sup>3</sup>) also found that, for a variety of causes of death, lung weight increased as the interval between death and autopsy increased (see table 1 in Durlacher et al., 1950). These data indicate that post-mortem edema formation is a generalized phenomenon and is not specific to drug overdose. Thus, the

<sup>3</sup> See Acta Scandinavica Medica 1964 in References Cited

animal data indicate that all of the pulmonary edema and lung congestion found at autopsy in inmates executed by lethal injection could be generated post-mortem.

19. Frothy fluid and foam are sometimes found in humans and animals after death, and there is evidence that this froth can occur immediately prior to death (in the period from apnea to cardiac death; see Swann 1964) and after death.<sup>4</sup> Thus, the finding of froth in inmates who were executed by lethal injection does not indicate that this froth was generated ante-mortem.

20. Post-mortem froth and foam could be generated by the release of gasses from the lung tissues and interacting with the lung surfactant, a substance that, during life, keeps alveoli (small lung units, or air sacs) open. Related to this issue, Pattle (1955) wrote that “....oedema foam is thus not produced by agitation of the oedema fluid with air during respiration; it can only have been formed by air originally in the fine air spaces of the lung being broken up into bubbles and afterwards expelled into the bronchi and trachea.” Thus, the post-mortem finding of froth in inmates who were executed by lethal

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<sup>4</sup> Animals (rabbits) made uremic (kidney failure) and who subsequently developed pulmonary edema were found to not only have increasing lung weights as the period between death and post-mortem exam increased, but the presence of froth was found in animals that had later post-mortem exams, while none was found upon immediate post-mortem examination. See *Acta Scandinavica Medica* 1964 in References Cited

injection does not conclusively indicate that this froth was generated ante-mortem, or by conscious attempts to breathe.

21. The presence of pulmonary edema at autopsy is a common and non-specific finding and is associated with variety causes of death (Saukko & Knight, 2004; Sogawa et al., 2014).<sup>5</sup>

22. In her declaration Dr. Van Norman states that Mr. Black, because of his medical conditions, particularly his depressed cardiac function (decreased ventricular contractility), will be more sensitive to pentobarbital (see her report, at top of page 16). I agree. Mr. Black's blood pressure and blood flow will decrease more quickly as compared to a person with normal cardiac function.

23. Dr. Van Norman's discussion of awareness during anesthesia, which she attempts to support with studies using the isolated forearm technique (see her references 52, 62-66, among other reports), is misplaced in the setting of execution with pentobarbital. First off, the studies that used the isolated forearm techniques administered light levels of anesthesia, for obvious reasons: if the anesthetic depth was too great the patients would not have responded. She has not produced any evidence that awareness and

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<sup>5</sup> Saukko & Knight: Knight's Forensic Pathology, 3rd Edition, page 356: "Pulmonary oedema is such a common and non-specific phenomenon in a whole range of fatal conditions that it has little diagnostic significance."

responsiveness occur at the doses of pentobarbital that are contemplated in the Tennessee protocol (nor could she, because that evidence is not there). Secondly, she admits that patients in these IFT studies “do not respond with movement to even strong stimuli, such as a surgical incision” (p. 20 of her report). If the patients do not respond to surgical incision, an obvious noxious and painful stimulus, then why would we expect an inmate to respond to a purported noxious stimulus?<sup>6</sup>

24. A third problem with Dr. Van Norman’s opinion regarding awareness is that it flies in the face of well-accepted anesthesia practice. On the one hand, she states that anesthesia awareness is common, and that multitudes of patients are aware of their surgeries (some of which are hours long, with body cavities cut wide open). But if anesthesiologists were really concerned about this issue of patient suffering during general anesthesia then we would stop administering anesthesia to patients. Furthermore, I suspect that Dr. Van Norman has practiced anesthesia at the standard of care, i.e., she administered anesthesia like most anesthesiologists, more-or-less, so she apparently thinks it’s acceptable for her patients to suffer, but that Mr. Black should be spared.

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<sup>6</sup> Just to be clear, my opinion, to a medical and scientific certainty, is that an inmate administered 5 grams of pentobarbital will not be subjected to, nor experience, any significant noxious stimulus.

25. As stated above, pentobarbital would produce profound unconsciousness. In addition, pentobarbital would depress cardiac function so much that the brain would not receive adequate blood flow to maintain proper function. And, as Dr. Van Norman has stated, Mr. Black will have oxygen levels “too low to support cardiac contraction” (her report page 16, D.2), and the low oxygen levels would cause unconsciousness.

26. Thus, Dr. Van Norman expects us to believe that despite 1) the presence of a huge dose of pentobarbital which causes profound brain depression; 2) minimal-to-no blood flow to the brain (or any other part of the body); and 3) very low oxygen levels, Mr. Black will have awareness and will be able to perceive 1) the shocks delivered by the CIED (cardiac implantable electronic device); and 2) pulmonary edema, should any occur ante-mortem (before death). When viewed from that perspective, her opinions can and should be soundly rejected.

27. Patients with abnormal cardiac rhythms (such as atrial fibrillation or atrial flutter) often require cardioversion (delivery of electrical shocks). Anesthesia is used for these procedures, and often several shocks are required to convert the heart rhythm (Gallagher et al., 2001; Karthikeyan et al., 2002). Patients tolerate cardioversion without difficulty. If patients were suffering from this procedure, then it would have been abandoned, or at the

very least, restricted in its use. The amount of anesthesia administered for cardioversion is much less than the doses of pentobarbital used in executions. And thiopental (which, as both Dr. Van Norman and I agree, is equivalent to pentobarbital) has been used successfully for anesthesia for cardioversion (Gupta et al., 1990). So, it makes no sense that an inmate who receives five grams of pentobarbital would experience the shock from a CIED when many patients undergo cardioversion daily without difficulty.<sup>7</sup>

28. Regarding claims that the presence of the CIED would prolong the dying process, while the CIED might deliver shocks in a futile attempt to restore cardiac function, for all intents and purposes, the inmate would be clinically dead. Usually, and according to normal medical practice, a person is not declared dead until the physician has examined the patient for signs of life (heart sounds, pulses, breathing, etc.). Thus, even if a person has lost all cardiac function for five minutes, ten minutes or even much longer prior to the determination of death, the time of death will be when the physician determines from the physical examination that no signs of life are present. While it might appear that death has been prolonged, this does not mean that the person (inmate) was clinically alive immediately before the physical examination and declaration of the time of death. It is important to

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<sup>7</sup> I have personally been cardioverted twice because of atrial fibrillation and I did not experience any pain or suffering. Obviously, I received non-lethal doses of anesthesia for these procedures.

remember that during this time when there is no cardiac output and blood flow, the brain is not getting blood and oxygen (which of course by itself would cause unconsciousness) and the massive amount of pentobarbital that has entered the brain remains there because there is no blood flow to remove it.

29. I agree that electrical shocks delivered by the CIED could result in some muscle movement, but this type of movement is reflexive in nature. And while these shocks can be alarming and painful in the conscious patient, as mentioned above, the combination of lethal doses of pentobarbital, no cardiac function (with no blood flow to the brain) and low oxygen levels guarantee that the inmate will not perceive these shocks. Furthermore, I would expect pentobarbital to lessen the amount of movement that occurs with these shocks, because the spinal reflexes that subserve the movements would be profoundly depressed by pentobarbital. After all, pentobarbital is an anesthetic capable of depressing (profoundly so) movement responses to stimuli, including noxious stimuli.

30. Nothing in this report should be construed as endorsement or approval, or disapproval, of the Tennessee protocol or providing instructions, advice or assistance to the State of Tennessee or any other entity to carry out a legal judicial execution. Furthermore, I do not express any opinions on whether the



protocol would result in a humane or inhumane death, as that is for others to decide.

### **Conclusion**

31. It is my opinion, to a reasonable degree of medical and scientific certainty, that 1) the inmate would become unconscious within 20-30 sec after pentobarbital first enters the inmate, which would be followed by respiratory arrest, cardiovascular collapse and death; 2) injection of massive doses (5 grams) of pentobarbital would not inflict mild, moderate or severe pain; 3) pulmonary edema, if it occurs ante-mortem, would not be perceived by the inmate because of the profound brain suppression caused by pentobarbital; 4) the presence of a CIED will not increase the risk of pain and suffering of the inmate.

32. Should additional information become available I reserve the opportunity to amend my statements herein.

Date: July 14, 2025



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# EXHIBIT A

## CURRICULUM VITAE Joseph F. Antognini, M.D., M.B.A.

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### EDUCATION:

1980	University of California, Berkeley (B.A., Economics)
1984	University of Southern California (M.D., Medicine)
2010	California State University, Sacramento (M.B.A., Business)

### INTERNSHIP/RESIDENCY:

1984-1987	Anesthesiology, UC Davis Medical Center
1986-1987	Chief Resident

### PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:

6/24-present	Chief Scientific Officer/Interim Chief Medical Officer Expanesthetics, Inc Davis, CA
7/25-present	Principal Investigator, Sub-Investigator Kinetic Clinical Research, LLC <sup>8</sup> West Covina, CA
1/22-7/25	Principal Investigator Next Level Clinical Trials, LLC West Covina, CA
1/22-7/25	Sub-Investigator SmartCures Clinical Research, LLC Anaheim, CA

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<sup>8</sup> Not a change in employment, but reflects the legal merger of the three clinics for which I work.

7/22-7/25	Sub-Investigator Long Beach Clinical Trials, LLC Long Beach, CA
7/17-present	Director Emeritus University of California, Davis
2015-present	Clinical Advisory Board Expanesthetics, Davis, CA
9/21-7/23	Surgical Wound Specialist Advantage Surgical and Wound Care El Segundo, CA
1/20-12/22	Adjunct Faculty Los Medanos College Pittsburg, CA
1/20-5/20	Adjunct Faculty Holy Names University Oakland, CA
9/16-11/19	Physician Surveyor The Joint Commission Oakbrook Terrace, IL
2011-2020	Clinical Professor of Anesthesiology and Pain Medicine (Volunteer Clinical Faculty appointment) University of California, Davis—School of Medicine
11/10-6/16	Director of Peri-operative Services UC Davis Health System
7/00-7/11	Professor of Anesthesiology and Pain Medicine <sup>9</sup> (with tenure) Department of Anesthesiology and Pain Medicine

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<sup>9</sup> My research publications place me in the top 1.5% of scientists worldwide based on number of citations of my papers ([October 2023 data-update for "Updated science-wide author databases of standardized citation indicators" - Elsevier BV \(digitalcommonsdata.com\)](#) accessed 5-17-2024). Also, I am in the category of “outstanding scientist” based on the h-index (h-index = 41 as of 7-9-25, with >5600 citations according to Google Scholar). The h-index is a measure of how often a person’s work is cited. See: Hirsch JE. An index to quantify an individual’s scientific output. PNAS 2005; 103:16569-572

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12/02-7/11	Professor of Neurobiology, Physiology and Behavior (with tenure; WOS appointment) College of Biological Sciences University of California, Davis
11/98-7/10	Vice Chairman, Director of Research
11/98-3/02	Director of Malignant Hyperthermia Diagnostic Laboratory Department of Anesthesiology
7/96-7/00	Associate Professor (with tenure) Department of Anesthesiology University of California, Davis—School of Medicine
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7/87-9/91	Staff Anesthesiologist (Private Practice) American River Hospital Department of Anesthesiology Carmichael, CA
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#### **LICENSURE & CERTIFICATIONS:**

State of California #G55662 (expires 7-31-2025)  
 State of Georgia #100252 (expires 7-31-2025)  
 DEA certificate BA0948870 (expires 6-30-2027)  
 Diplomate, National Board of Medical Examiners (1985)  
 Diplomate, American Board of Anesthesiology (1989; Life-time, not time limited)  
 Certificate of Recertification, American Board of Anesthesiology (1999, 2009)  
 Certified Yellow Belt, 2017

#### **PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES AND RECOGNITION:**

American Society of Anesthesiologists 1987--present  
 California Society of Anesthesiologists 1987—present  
 Fellow of the American Society of Anesthesiologists 2018—present

#### **ADVOCACY**

ASA Grassroots Network (ASA Team 535) 2018

ASAPAC Donor—2018  
FAER Donor—1999-2022

### **RESEARCH INTERESTS:**

Mechanisms of anesthesia; factors influencing anesthetic requirements; OR efficiency

### **AWARDS AND HONORS**

Dean's Mentoring Award, UC Davis School of Medicine, 2006  
Associated Students of UC Davis "Excellence in Education Award" College of Biological Sciences, 2007  
Associated Students of UC Davis "Excellence in Education Award" Outstanding Educator, 2007  
Foundation for Anesthesia Education and Research, Mentor Academy, 2008  
Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, 2010

### **GRANTS**

1. UC Davis Faculty Research Grant 1991-92—The effect of intrathecal aspirin on anesthetic requirements in rabbits, \$2500
2. UC Davis Faculty Research Grant 1993-94—Validation of a preferentially anesthetized goat brain model, \$1500
3. Foundation for Anesthesia Education and Research 1994—Determination of gross anatomic sites of anesthetic action, \$25,000 (\$25,000 matching departmental funds)
4. UC Davis Faculty Research Grant 1994-95—The effects of general anesthesia on cerebral blood flow patterns as assessed by functional magnetic resonance imaging, \$1500
5. UC Davis Faculty Research Grant 1996-97—The effect of differential isoflurane delivery to brain and spinal cord on inhibitory and excitatory output from the brain, \$10,000
6. Foundation for Anesthesia Education and Research 1997-99—The effect of differential isoflurane delivery to brain and spinal cord on inhibitory and excitatory output from the brain, \$70,000 (\$70,000 matching departmental funds)
7. NIH R01 GM57970 Brain and Spinal Cord Contributions to Anesthetic Action 8/98-4/02 (Priority Score 120, Percentile 1.0). Total costs \$713,026
8. NIH R01 GM61283 Anesthetic Effects on Sensorimotor Integration 2/01-2/06 (Priority Score 194, Percentile 16.9). Total costs \$672,791
9. U.C. Davis Faculty Research Grant. Indirect effect of isoflurane and lidocaine on EEG activation. 7/1/01-6/30/02, \$4,000
10. NIH R01 GM57970-4A1 Brain and Spinal Cord Contributions to Anesthetic Action 4/02-12/05 (Priority Score 197, Percentile 20). Total costs \$1,284,689
11. NIH 3R01GM057970-05S1 Brain and Spinal Cord Contributions to Anesthetic Action. Minority Supplement grant. 7/03-7/04. Total costs \$55,932
12. NIH P01 GM47818 Anesthetic Effects on Spinal Nociceptive Processing 8/04-7/09 (Priority Score 185). Total costs \$804,325

13. NIH R01 GM61283A1 Anesthetic Effects on Sensorimotor Integration 12/05-12/9 (Priority Score 158, Percentile 9). Total costs \$748,432

## TEACHING

### Post-Graduate:

1. Resident lectures on neuroanesthesia, anesthetic mechanisms, malignant hyperthermia, neuromuscular blocking drugs, volatile anesthetics, anesthesia research. 1991-2019
2. Anesthesiology Department Journal Club 2013-2016
3. UCSF Changing Practice of Anesthesia—Faculty. September 2014: Peri-operative Medicine and Healthcare Reform: Challenges and Opportunities for Anesthesiology

### Graduate:

Guest lecturer for NPB 219 (E. Carstens, Instructor). 1998-2003

Guest lecturer for NPB 112 (E. Carstens, Instructor). 2001-2008

Guest lecturer for first year medical students—pain physiology 2002-2003

Facilitator, Application of Medical Principles 2002-2008

Guest Lecturer, 210B (Systemic Physiology) January 2006

Instructor of Record, Applied Physiology and Pharmacology 2007, 2008

### Undergraduate:

NPB 10—Elementary Human Physiology (4 units). 2001-2009

Freshman Seminar: The Supreme Court and You. (2 units) 1998-2010

Human Physiology (Los Medanos College) 2020

Biology of Health (Los Medanos College) 2020-22

Epidemiology (Holy Names University) 2020

## MENTORED STUDENTS, RESIDENTS AND POST-DOCTORAL SCHOLARS

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|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| 1. Kevin Schwartz, M.D. | Resident              | 1993      |
| 2. Michael Borges, M.D. | Resident              | 1994      |
| 3. Agi Melton, M.D.     | Resident              | 1994      |
| 4. Etsuo Tabo, M.D.     | Post-Doctoral Scholar | 1997      |
| 5. Steven Jinks         | Graduate Student      | 1998-2001 |
| 6. Chris Simons         | Graduate Student      | 1998      |
| 7. Xiao Wei Wang, M.D.  | Post-Doctoral Scholar | 1999      |



8. Xiaoguang Chen, M.D.	Post-Doctoral Scholar	2000
9. Makoto Sudo, M.D.	Post-Doctoral Scholar	2000
10. Satoko Sudo, M.D.	Post-Doctoral Scholar	2000
11. Alison Fitzgerald	Undergraduate Student	2000-2001
12. Andrew Hall	Undergraduate Student	2001
13. John Martin, M.D.	Resident	2001
14. Steve Jinks, PhD.	Post-Doctoral Scholar	2001-2004
15. Jason Cuellar, BS	Graduate Student	2003-2004
16. Linda Barter, MsVM	Graduate Student	2004-2007
17. Mashawn Orth	Graduate Student	2004-2005
18. Carmen Dominguez, MD	Assistant Professor	2003-2005
19. Lauire Mark	Undergraduate Student	2005-2006
20. Matthew LeDuc	Medical Student	2005
21. Toshi Mitsuyo, M.D.	Post-Doctoral Scholar	2004-2005
22. Kevin Ng, M.D.	Resident	2005-2006
23. JongBun Kim, M.D.	Post-Doctoral Scholar	2006
24. Sean Shargh	Undergraduate Student	2006-2007
25. Aubrey Yao, M.D.	Resident	2006-2007
26. Alana Sulger	Undergraduate Student	2006-2007
27. Gudrun Kungys, M.D.	Resident	2007-2008
28. Jason Talavera	Medical student	2007
29. Onkar Judge	Medical student	2008
30. Andrew Cunningham	Undergraduate Student	2008
31. Lauren Boudewyn	Undergraduate Student	2008
32. Austin Kim	Undergraduate Student	2008
33. Jason Andrada	Graduate Student	2009-2010
34. Jun Ye	Graduate Student	2014-2015
35. Reihaneh Forghany	Resident/Faculty	2018-2021

### **SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:**

Staff Anesthesiologist, American River Hospital, 1987-1992

Medical Advisor, CMT International (Charcot-Marie-Tooth), 1991-2000

Director, Case Conferences, Department of Anesthesiology, April-June, 1992

Proctor, Medical Board of California, 1992

Staff Membership, Sutter Davis Hospital, Davis, CA, 1992-1995

Consultant, Malignant Hyperthermia Hotline, Malignant Hyperthermia Association of the United States (MHAUS), 1992-2002

Associate, UC Davis Diagnostic Malignant Hyperthermia Laboratory, 1992-2010

Member, Subcommittee on Experimental Neuroscience and Biochemistry, American Society of Anesthesiologists, 1996

Finance and Executive Committees, UC Davis Department of Anesthesiology, 1996-2002  
Quality Assurance Committee, U.C. Davis Department of Anesthesiology, 1998-2004

Course Director, Annual U.C. Davis Anesthesiology Update (CME meeting), 1996-2003  
California Society of Anesthesiologists: Educational Programs Committee, 1998-2000

Coordinator, Grand Rounds, Department of Anesthesiology, 1996

Professional Billing Workgroup, U.C. Davis, 1996-98

Question Writer, American Board of Anesthesiology, 1998-2001

Member, UC Davis Animal Care Committee, 2000-2003

Member, UC Davis School of Medicine Personnel Committee, 2003—2007; Chair 2007

Member, UCD Committee on Academic Personnel (Appellate Sub-committee) 2009-11

Management Advisory Committee, Department of Anesthesiology, 2007

Ad Hoc Reviewer for *Anesthesiology*, *Hospital Topics*, *Journal of Clinical Anesthesia*, *Journal of Comparative Neurology*, *Regional Anesthesia and Pain Medicine*, *Pain*, *Brain Research*, *Journal of Neuroscience*, *Anesthesia and Analgesia*, *British Journal of Anaesthesia*, *Neuroscience*, *Cephalgia*, *Neuroscience Letters*, *Journal of Chromatography*, *Basic & Clinical Pharmacology & Toxicology*, *Therapeutics and Clinical Risk Management*.

Member, VA Merit Review Subcommittee, Alcohol and Drug Dependence, 2002-2005

Editor, American Board of Anesthesiology/ American Society of Anesthesiologists In-Training Examination 2003-2008

Associate Editor, *Anesthesiology* 2005—2011

Faculty Executive Committee, School of Medicine 2009-2010

Chair, Faculty Executive Committee, School of Medicine 2010-2011

Member of various hospital committees 2011-2016: Medical Staff Executive Committee, Quality Safety Committee, OR Committee, Surgical Services Steering Committee, Hospital Billing Group

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9. Antognini JF. Splanchnic release of potassium after hemorrhage and succinylcholine in rabbits. Anesthesia and Analgesia 1994; 78:687-690.

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12. Antognini JF, BK Lewis and JA Reitan. Hypothermia minimally decreases nitrous oxide anesthetic requirements. *Anesthesia and Analgesia* 1994; 79:980-982.
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14. Antognini JF and ND Kien. Potency (minimum alveolar anesthetic concentration) of isoflurane is independent of peripheral anesthetic effects. *Anesthesia and Analgesia* 1995; 81:69-72.
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