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EDUCATION

- **Doctor of Physical Therapy, Massachusetts General Hospital** • 2007
- **Master of Physical Therapy, Rutgers/UMDNJ Joint Program** • 1995
- **Bachelor of Arts in English, College of Staten Island** • 1990
- **Bachelor of Science in Business, The Pennsylvania State University** • 1989

CLINICAL PHYSICAL THERAPY WORK EXPERIENCE

- **Independent Physical Therapist** • July 2020 – present
 - Evaluated and treated patients with concussion via telehealth
- **Northwell – Staten Island University Outpatient Department** • May 2008 – April 2020
 - Evaluated and treated outpatients with diagnoses including vestibular, CVA and amputation
- **Select Medical at New Vanderbilt Rehabilitation and Care Center** • April 2006 – May 2008
 - Director of Rehabilitation
 - Responsible for Management of day-to-day issues including scheduling, staffing and hiring
 - Ensured that Select Medical reached its financial goals – produced daily reports
 - Supervised 12 staff members (PT, OT, ST, Techs)
- **Madison - Scott Physical Therapy** • June 14, 2004 – April 2006
 - Director of Vestibular Rehabilitation, Manager Staten Island Office
 - Developed a vestibular rehabilitation program complete with instruction manual, on-line lectures, and forms including evaluation and exercise programs
 - Developed and presented lectures to staff on Vestibular Rehabilitation
 - Supervised the managers of 8 free standing outpatient physical therapy clinics
 - Interviewed potential physical therapy, physical therapy assistant and secretarial personnel
 - Responsible for approving vacations, arranging coverage, managing fluctuating staffing needs
- **JFK Johnson Rehabilitation Institute** • May 30, 1995 – June 8, 2004

CLINICAL PHYSICAL THERAPY WORK EXPERIENCE

- **Supervisor Day Rehabilitation and Pain Management** • [January 2002 – June 2004](#)
 - Supervised 7 team members including 2 PT, 2 OT, psychologist, social worker and administrative assistant
 - Responsible for day-to-day operations including scheduling and insurance verification
- **Prosthetics & Orthotics Clinic** • [2000-2004](#)

Clinic Participation

 - Worked within a team concept with physicians to assist patients
- **Site Supervisor** • [March 2001 – December 2001](#)
 - Opened a new physical therapy practice in Old Bridge
 - Supervised a patient intake representative in scheduling, verifying insurance and registration
 - Responsible for purchasing and developing operational procedures for billing, documentation
- **Balance Clinic for Vestibular Needs** • [1998-2000](#)

Clinic Participation

 - Worked within a team concept with physicians to assist patients
- **Staff Physical Therapist** • [May 1995 – February 2001](#)
 - Rotations Acute Care
 - Inpatient Rehabilitation
 - Outpatient Rehabilitation
 - Brain Trauma Unit
 - Edison Estates Sub-Acute

EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE & RANK

- **Associate Professor with Tenure, College of Staten Island** • [2015 – present](#)
- **Assistant Professor, College of Staten Island/ Graduate Center** • [2008 – 2015](#)
- **Adjunct Professor at Rutgers/UMDNJ Master of Physical Therapy** • [2009, 2011](#)
- **Adjunct Professor at CSI** • [1998 – 2007](#)

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- **Chiacchiero, M**, Rabinovich, Y; Cagliostro, P; DeGenaro, J; Giannina, C. The effects of Motor Imagery in the elderly. Topics in Geriatric Rehabilitation June 2015, Volume 31 Number 2, p 159 - 163
- **Chiacchiero, M**; Hazan, N; Kronenberg, J; Maskaron, J. Lower extremity strength and balance - A comparison of fallers and non-fallers. Topics in Geriatric Rehabilitation. July/September, 2012. Volume 28, Number 3, 182-189

PEER REVIEWED POSTER PRESENTATIONS

- Chiacchiero, M. Accepted Poster @ CSM, Boston, 2024
TITLE: Are High Amplitude Microsaccades a Biomarker for Concussion?
ABSTRACT ID #: 39035
AUTHORS: Michael Chiacchiero
PRESENTER: Michael Chiacchiero
SECTION/SUB CATEGORY: Neurology/Brain Injury SIG
PRESENTATION DATE: February 17, 2024
POSTER NUMBER: 3062

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- **INVITED LECTURES: For CEU Credit**
 - Vestibular Rehabilitation and Concussion. 2-day lecture given to Physical Therapists in Saskatoon, Canada. October 29-29 2017; repeated November 18-19, 2017
 - Vestibular Rehabilitation Based on Videonystagmography Results. 2-day Lecture October 19-20, 2013 (11.0 credits) at the College of Staten Island (repeated March 29-30 2014 and September 7, 2014, June 13-14, 2015, April 2-3; 2016, Sept 23, 2019; August 19, 2022
 - Falls Prevention and Interventions for the Patient with Vestibular Dysfunction. April 7, 2013. Brooklyn / Staten Island American Physical Therapy Association District Symposium.
- **Other publications**
 - Chiacchiero M, Cirelli M, Fettner B, Ismaili L, Jordan D. Motor Imagery and Action Observation as an alternative gait training intervention for older adults. Gerinotes. Jan 2015 22(1):17-22

FUNDED/IN REVIEW GRANT ACTIVITY

- Technology Mini-Grant – (2016) How does biofeedback impact student physical therapists' accuracy in grading mobilizations? \$2400
- Doctoral Student Research Grant – (2015) The Efficacy of Motor Imagery Training on Range of Motion, Pain and Function of Patients after Total Knee Replacement. \$300
- CSI Dean's Research Scholarship – (2014) The Efficacy of Motor Imagery Training on Range of Motion, Pain and Function of Patients after Total Knee Replacement. \$2000
- PSC-CUNY Award # 66028-00 44. Control # TRADA-44-48 (2013) Implications of muscle activation patterns on balance in the elderly. \$3452.18
- Doctoral Student Research Grant: The effects of Motor Imagery in the elderly. (2012) with DPT Students: Rabinovich, Y; Cagliostro, P; DeGenaro, J; Giannina, C \$300
- PSC-CUNY TRADE-42-103. (2011) Which therapeutic interventions best improve balance in elderly fallers? \$3318.08
- Doctoral Student Research Grant: (2011) Lower extremity strength and balance - A comparison of fallers and non-fallers. PI with DPT Students: Hazan, N; Kronenberg, J; Maskaron, J. \$20
- PSC-CUNY Control #: PSCREG-41-223. (2010) Neuronal organization of epidural stimulation induced responses in humans co-PI with Maria Knikou: \$4300

MEMBERSHIP IN SCIENTIFIC/PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- **The American Physical Therapy Association (APTA)** • 1995- present

SERVICES TO THE UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE/SCHOOL ON COMMITTEES/COUNCILS/COMMISSIONS

→ College-wide

- Faculty Personnel Policy Committee – Subcommittee of Faculty Senate - 2022
- Web Governance Committee – 2016 – present
- Presentation to Verrazano and Macauley students, “How to improve your chances of being accepted into a Physical Therapy Program.” April 11, 2013 (repeated each Spring)
- Search Committee: Multiple Search committees for Nursing Department 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022
- Search Committee: Director for Physician Assistant Program –2012, 2013
- Search Committee: Coordinator for Physician Assistant Program –2012, 2013
- Middle States Substantive Change Committee Fall 2012
- Faculty Senate 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2017 (alternate)
- Verrazano Faculty Advisory Committee 2008 – present
- Search Committee: Health Educator for Health and Wellness Services – 2009
- Coordinator: Admissions Committee: 2010 – present (member since 2008)
- Curriculum Committee 2010 - present
- Coordinated the modification of the Physical Therapy Curriculum from a 3.5 year to a 3 year course of study.
- Faculty Search Committee: 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013
- Faculty representative for College of Staten Island Open Houses, 2008 – present

CURRENT TEACHING RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE ENTRY-LEVEL PROGRAM

- PHT 703 - Foundations of Patient Care – Fall, Year 1
- PHT 750 – Modalities – Spring Year 1
- PHT 808- Differential Diagnosis in Neurological Evaluation – Summer Year 2
- PHT 795 - The Integumentary System – Summer Year 2
- PHT 810 – Neurological Interventions I Fall Year 2
- PHT 808 - Prosthetics & Orthotics – Spring Year 2
- PHT 887 - Clinical Decision Making – Fall Year 3



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