



Laurence J. Durante. M.D., M.P.H.
44 Neron Place
New Orleans, Louisiana 70118
504-865-1340

Educational Background

1989 Master of Public Health (MPH), The Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health; Baltimore, MD
1983 Doctor of Medicine (MD), Georgetown University School of Medicine; Washington, D.C.
1979 Master of Science in Physiology, Georgetown University; Washington, D.C.
1976 Bachelor of Arts in Biology, University of Pennsylvania; Philadelphia, PA

Professional Experience

Medical Director, Saint Joseph Hospice and Palliative Care; New Orleans, LA. 10/2002 - present.
Responsible for the coordination and facilitation of hospice and palliative care for hospice patients including home, nursing home, and inpatient visits. Provide liaison to and closely work with attending physicians. Participate in team presentations, discussions, and care planning for hospice patients. Provide professional/community education and outreach about hospice and palliative care.

Medical Director, Odyssey HealthCare of Louisiana; New Orleans, LA. 4/2002 – 10/2002.
Responsible for the coordination and facilitation of hospice and palliative care for hospice patients including home, nursing home, and inpatient visits. Provide liaison to and closely work with attending physicians. Participate in team presentations, discussions, and care planning for hospice patients. Provide professional/community education and outreach about hospice and palliative care.

Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Family and Community Medicine Program in Community Medicine, Tulane University School of Medicine, New Orleans, LA. 1992 - present.
Participate in Preventive and Hospice/Palliative Medicine course development and delivery to medical students, residents, and fellows as well as the coordination of special projects, electives, and externships. Assistant Program Director of Transitional Residency Program 1999-2000; Program Director of Transitional Residency 2000-2001.

Medical Director, Hospice Care of Louisiana in New Orleans; New Orleans, LA. 1999 - 2002.
Responsible for the coordination and facilitation of hospice and palliative care for hospice patients including home visits. Provide liaison to and closely work with attending physicians. Participate in team presentations, discussions, and care planning for hospice patients. Provide professional/community education and outreach about hospice and palliative care.

Medical Director, Hospice of Greater New Orleans, New Orleans, LA. 1995 - 1999.
Responsible for the coordination and facilitation of hospice and palliative care for hospice patients including home visits. Provide liaison to and closely work with attending physicians. Participate in team presentations, discussions, and care planning for hospice patients. Provide professional/community education and outreach about hospice and palliative care.

Medical Director, Employee/Occupational Health Department, Touro Infirmary, New Orleans 1992 - 95.
Responsible for pre-placement physical examinations and the evaluation, treatment and/or referral of work-related injuries of hospital employees and industrial clients on a full-time basis. Provide preventive and occupational medicine education and consultation to hospital departments, staff, and outside contractual clients.

Public Health Officer, Queen Anne's County Health Department, Centreville, MD. 1990 - 1992. Responsible for administration and medical direction of a rural (pop. 35,000) county health department. Oversaw and help develop programs and budgets of Clinical Services, Mental Health, Addictions, Adult Day Care, Health Education, Environmental Health, Dental Health, and Hospice Programs. Served as Hospice Medical Director. Reported to both state and local officials. Direct patient care responsibilities in well-baby, STD, and family planning clinics.

Resident in Preventive Medicine/Public Health, Local and Family Health Administration, Department of Health, State of Maryland, Baltimore, MD. 1988 - 1990.

Engaged in academic and practical training and experience in the design, implementation, and administration of public health programs at the state and local levels. Served as Acting Assistant Health Officer of Queen Anne's County Health Department during second year of residency.

General Medical Officer, Naval Medical Clinic, New Orleans, LA.

Provided sick/well child care as well as adult acute and chronic care. Coordinated quality assurance services including chairing pharmacy and therapeutics committee. Developed criteria for clinic standards of care. Provided substance abuse screening for entire military region. Performed Judge Advocate General's investigations involving quality of care issues. Provided administrative support and classroom instruction/training to staff and military members. 1984-1988.

Rotating Intern, Naval Hospital Bethesda, Bethesda, MD. Post-graduate outpatient and inpatient medical training in Anesthesia, Emergency Room, Intensive Care Unit, Orthopedics, Otolaryngology, Pediatrics, Psychiatry, Surgery, Trauma (ATLS Certification), and Internal Medicine. 1983-1984.

Professional Licenses

Medicine/Surgery: active - Louisiana, Pennsylvania; inactive - Delaware, Maryland

Federal Drug Enforcement Agency Registration - current

Louisiana Controlled Substance Registration Certificate - current

Staff Admitting Privileges

Touro Infirmary, New Orleans, LA.

Tulane University Hospital, New Orleans, LA.

East Jefferson General Hospital, Metairie, LA.

Publications

Durante LJ, Zulty, JC, Israel E, Powers PJ, Russell RG, Qizilbash AH, Morris JG. *Investigation of an Outbreak of Bloody Diarrhea: Association With Endoscopic Cleaning Solution and Demonstration of Lesions in an Animal Model.* AmJMed 1992; 92: 476-80.

Appointments

Louisiana Governor's Committee on Hospice Care; 2002- present

Assistant Clinical Professor, Tulane Department of Community and Family Medicine; 1992-present

Assistant Clinical Professor, Tulane Department of Medicine; 2000-present

Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Environmental Health Sciences, Tulane School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine; 1996-present

Community Service

Annual Giving Campaign, Tower Hill School, Wilmington, DE; 1986 - present.

Lusher Alternative School Volunteer, New Orleans, LA; 1994-present

Carrollton Boosters Volunteer Coach, New Orleans, LA; 1998-present

Professional Presentations

95-02 Hospice and Palliative Medicine, various locations/topics, New Orleans, LA

5/01 EPEC Gaps in End-of Life Care, Tulane Family Medicine Update, New Orleans

5/00 Non-Pain Symptom Control in Terminal Illness, Tulane Family Medicine Update, New Orleans

5/94 Cooperation/Interaction between Larger Hospices and Medical Schools, National Hospice Organization Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA

Professional Affiliations

American Board of Preventive Medicine; Certified, Preventive Medicine/Public Health: '92
Certified, Occupational Medicine, '95
American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine (certified in Hospice and Palliative Medicine; 11/97)
Member of Ethics Committee
American College of Preventive Medicine (Fellow)
American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine
Louisiana State Medical Society
Orleans Parish Medical Society

References

Douglas Swift, MD, MSPH
East Jefferson Hospital Occupational Medicine
3601 Houma Boulevard
Metairie, LA 70001

J. T. Hamrick, MD
Department of Family and Community Medicine
Tulane Univ. School of Medicine
1430 Tulane Avenue
New Orleans, LA 70112

C. Devadason, MD, DPH; Health Officer
Queen Anne's County Health Dept.
206 N. Commerce Street
Centreville, MD 21617

Cookie Sweeney, R.N.; Administrator/DON
Saint Joseph Hospice and Palliative Care
824 Elmwood Park Blvd., Suite 155
New Orleans, LA 70123

Richard T. Hart, PhD; Chairman
Dept. of Biomedical Engineering
Boggs Center, Suite 500
Tulane University
New Orleans, LA 70118

Melissa Brammer, MD
Dept. of Hematology/Oncology
Tulane Medical Center
New Orleans, LA 70112