
Clara Richards

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M.D. PURSUING RESIDENCY IN FAMILY PRACTICE MEDICINE

EDUCATION

Doctor of Medicine, 2000, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY
Bachelor of Science, Biology, *magna cum laude*, Bachelor of Arts, Philosophy, 1996
New York University, New York, NY

HONORS AND AWARDS

Primary Care Leadership Award, Syracuse University, 1999
Bridge Award, Achievement in Bridging Arts and Sciences, New York University, 1994
For honors thesis on contemporary ethics and medicine
Dean's List, New York University, 7 semesters

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 1997 **Syracuse University School of Medicine:** Teaching Assistant, Cell Biology
- Cited by professor as “best assistant” he has worked with in 12-year career.
 - Weekly lecture; office hours.
- 1996 **New York University:** Teaching Assistant, Genetics
- Counseled junior to overcome insecurity about science and pursue interest in medicine; student is now completing pre-med science courses in a post-baccalaureate program.
 - 100% of students passed course.
 - Weekly lecture; office hours.
- 1996 **Greater Hospital of New York:** Research Assistant, Department of Genetics (summer)
- Performed cDNA sequencing in Gene Prediction Program.
 - Edited program director’s paper on the program for publication in *Medical Genetics*.
- 1995 **Lesser Hospital of New York:** Patient Account Representative (summers, breaks, part-time during year)
- Proposed systematic process for negotiating with insurance companies that is less time-consuming and achieves 5% higher returns.
 - 100% customer satisfaction from patients in helping to determine their needs regarding insurance claims and processing.
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VOLUNTEER SERVICE

- 1997 **Family Medical Care Center,** Massapequa, NY: Medical Assistant (summer)

- After one month, was training new staff on numerous administrative and clinical procedures.

- Most frequently requested support staff member for assisting physicians with examinations and minor surgery, earning feedback from physicians such as “fastest learner I’ve ever seen” and “absolutely the best with patients.”
- Performed sonograms; requested individually by returning sonogram patients.

1994-5 **Greater Hospital of New York:** Emergency Room Volunteer

- Proposed improvement to patient tracking system that eliminated redundancies in tracking while preventing errors.
- Assigned by doctors and nurses to care for those patients in acute distress and/or pain.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

American Academy of Primary Care and Family Physicians 1998 to present
New York Association of Family Physicians 1998 to present
American Medical Association 1998 to present

PUBLICATIONS

- “Do Up-Staters Need to Worry about Lyme Disease?” *Syracuse Standard*, April 10, 1999.
- “Questioning Patients about Family Relationships and Home Environment,” *Journal of Family Practice*, September 1999.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Upstate Choral Singers
Soprano and Soloist, 1997 to present
Member of the Board of Directors, 1999 to present
- Avid skier

Fluent in Spanish