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EDUCATION

Doctor of Health Science in Rehabilitation Science (DHSc)

Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA, June 2020

Master of Arts, International Peace & Conflict Resolution (MA)

Arcadia University, Philadelphia, PA, June 2014

Master of Science, Pediatric Physical Therapy (MS)

MCP Hahnemann University- now Drexel University. Philadelphia, PA, June 2000

Bachelor of Science, Physical Therapy (BSc)

University of Mumbai. India, June 1996

LICENSURE INFORMATION:

Pennsylvania

New York

PT- 012854L

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CERTIFICATIONS:

~~Pediatric Clinical Specialist~~ (PCS)

Credentialed Advanced Clinical Instructor

Credentialed Clinical Instructor

Since May 2010

October 2012

March 2003

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT & POSITIONS HELD:

Associate Professor, July 2024 – present

Assistant Professor, July 2019 to July 2024

Institute for Physical Therapy Education

Widener University, Chester, PA,

Physical Therapist III

Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA, October 2021 – present

Physical Therapist (Early Intervention)

Kutest Kids, Philadelphia, PA, December 2014 – 2019

Physical Therapy Lab Instructor

Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia, PA, Spring semester 2016 and 2017

Inpatient Rehabilitation Team Leader
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA, August 2008 – February 2014

Staff Physical Therapist- level III

Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA, October 2006 – August 2008

Staff Physical Therapist I promoted to PT II in July 2002

Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA, October 2000 – May 2005

Physical Therapist (temporary summer position)

St. Christopher's Hospital for Children, Philadelphia, PA, June 2000 – August 2000

TEACHING

PT 813: Lifespan II – Pediatric Physical Therapy. Course Director. Spring 2020 – present

PT 891: Pediatric Elective. Course Director. Fall 2020 – present

PT 709: The Neuromuscular system. Course Director. Fall 2019 – present

PT 728: Motor Control and Motor Learning. Course Director. Spring 2022 - present

PT 730: Client Management . Lab Instructor. Fall 2019 to 2021

PT 881: Client Management VI- Neuro Rehabilitation. Course Director. Fall 2019 and 2020

Modalities Course. Lab Instructor. Spring 2017 and 2016.

SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS:

1. Felker L, Dholakia K, Wachter-Schutz W, Rourke M.T., Youse K M. Seizures in a healthy 20-year-old woman. JAAPA 38(1);p e9-e12, January 2025.
2. Dholakia K, Audette J, Gamble A, Hartman J. Examining Opportunities Offered Outside of Home Country in Physical Therapy Education: Considering the Colonial History of Global Health. J Phys Ther Educ. June 2024.
3. Hartman, J., Dholakia, K. An Exploratory Study of Physical Therapists From High-Income Countries Practising Outside of Their Scope in Low and Middle-Income Countries. Bioethical Inquiry. September 2023.
4. Campbell, S., Dholakia, K., Sturgill, L., Wellmon, R. Preparing Students for the National Physical Therapist Examination (NPTE): One Program's Experience with Using the Practice Exam and Assessment Tool (PEAT) as a Graduation Requirement. The Internet Journal of Allied Health Sciences and Practice. 21; 21(4), Article 22. September 2023.
5. Dholakia, K; Hartman, J. Transforming Society Through Critical Service-Learning: A Position for a Justice-Based Approach to Experiential Learning in Physical Therapy Education. Journal of Physical Therapy Education 37(4);p 264-270. December 2023.
6. Dholakia, K., Willgens, A., Rubertone, P., Ebaugh, D. Uncovering Ethical Dilemmas in International Service-Learning: A Grounded Theory. Journal of Physical Therapy Education: Volume 35 - Issue 2 - p 128-137. June 2021.
7. Dholakia, K., Migliore, S., Prosser, L. Commentary on "Effects of short-term daily community walk aide use on children with unilateral spastic cerebral palsy" Pediatric Physical Therapy;26:308–317. PMID: 24979084. Fall 2014.

8. Glanzman, A., Flickinger, J., Dholakia, K., Bönnemann, CG., Finkel, R. (2011). Serial Casting for the Management of Ankle Contracture in Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. *Pediatric Physical Therapy: Volume 23 - Issue 3* – p. 275–279. Fall 2011.
9. Gocho, V., Murphy, D., Dholakia, K., and Hess, A. (1999): Child Maltreatment: Our responsibilities as healthcare professionals. *Pediatric Physical Therapy*. 11(3), p. 133-139.

BOOK CHAPTER:

Marchese, V., Dholakia, K., Brake, L. (2011). *Handbook of Pediatric Chronic Pain*. Springer Publication. Chapter 17 - Physical Therapy – p. 273-291.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS:

1. Booyesen N, Dholakia K., Joshi S, Raponi F, with contributions from Aguila B and Kosakowski H. Internationally Educated PTs Face Barriers to Obtaining US Licensure. Viewpoints article. *APTA Magazine*. February 2022.
2. Featured in: Tepper D. Internationally Educated PTs in the United States: A World of Experience. Feature Article in *APTA Magazine*. November 2020.

PEER REVIEWED SCIENTIFIC & PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS:

1. Pinckney A, Dholakia K., Sturgill L, Black J, Paterson M, Cummings E, & Pavlovsky J. Access, Belonging, Compassion and More: The Ethical ABCs of Student-Run Pro Bono Clinics. Session presented at APTA Combined Sections Meeting, February 2024.
2. Hartman J & Dholakia K. Practicing beyond one's scope while working in low- and middle-income countries. Poster presentation at the World Physiotherapy Congress, Dubai, June 2023.
3. Dholakia K., Gamble A, Hartman J & Rowthorn V., Global health through a legal and justice centered lens. Session presented at APTA Combined Sections Meeting, February 2023.
4. Hartman J & Dholakia K. Practicing beyond one's scope while working in low- and middle-income countries. Poster presentation at the University of Madison-Wisconsin's 2022 Global Health Symposium. April 2022.
5. Hartman J & Dholakia K. Practicing beyond one's scope while working in low- and middle-income countries: Social responsibility is not enough. We must be held accountable. Hot Topics & Current Debates in Global Health Education. Education Committee Virtual Satellite Session. Annual Conference of the Consortium of Universities for Global Health. March 2022.
6. Dholakia K., Nwobu C, Trevino H, Sanchez J and Rogers M. Disabilities in the Global South: A Call to Action. Concurrent Session Presentation. Annual Conference of the Consortium of Universities for Global Health. March 2022.
7. Aguila M, Aguila B, Booyesen N, Dholakia K., John E, Joshi S, Kapadia V, and Shahi A. Transforming Multicultural Society: Global Physical Therapists Utilizing the Acculturation Model in Advancing Cultural Competency. Session presented at APTA Combined Sections Meeting, February 2022.
8. Aguila M, Dholakia K., Joshi S. Caring for children in immigrant families (CIF) by understanding acculturation: How internationally trained physical therapists can inform pediatric physical therapy. Poster presented at Academy of Pediatric Physical Therapy Conference. 2021.
9. Dholakia K. Uncovering Ethical Dilemmas in International Service-Learning. Platform presentation at APTA Combined Sections Meeting, February 2021.

10. Campbell S, Dholakia K, Sturgill L, Wellmon R. Transitioning to the Practice Exam and Assessment Tool (PEAT) As a Comprehensive Examination: Lessons Learned. Platform presentation at APTA Combined Sections Meeting, February 2021.
11. Dholakia K, Caviston S. Transition into the community for the medically complex patient. Invited presentation at Pennsylvania PT Annual Conference. October 2012.
12. Brake, L. Dholakia, K, Giordano, L. Poster Presentation. A treatment approach to chronic amplified Musculoskeletal Pain in Pediatrics. Annual APTA Combined Sections Meeting. February 2005.
13. Dholakia K, Konieczny T. Trauma Case Presentation – The Journey to Recovery: The Road Less Traveled. Invited presentation. Second Annual Topics Explored: Pediatric Surgical and Trauma Nursing. Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia. October 2004.
14. Logan D. Dholakia K. Establishing and achieving joint physical and psychological goals in patients with chronic pain. Invited Presentation. Psychology Seminar Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia. October 2002.

OTHER PRESENTATIONS:

1. Invited to co-chair a networking session on “Sustainable global development initiatives based on equal Partnerships” at World Physiotherapy Congress, Tokyo, June 2025.
2. Moderator for APTA’s Live event: Challenges of Licensure by Endorsement for Internationally Educated Physical Therapists. October 2020.

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES & MANUSCRIPT DEVELOPMENT:

2022-present Manuscript accepted and awaiting publication in the Journal of the American Academy of Physician Assistants (JAAPA). ‘Seizures in a Healthy 20-year-old Female: A Case Report.’ Submitted with an interprofessional faculty: Dr. Lori Felker, Dr. Katheen Youse, Dr. Mary Rourke, and, Dr. Wendy Wachter-Schutz.

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:

Contributing Scholar to the Consortium of Universities for Global Health (CUGH) Competency Sub-Committee (2022). *CUGH Global Health Education Competencies Tool Kit* (3rd. edition), Washington, DC: Author. <https://www.cugh.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/95/2024/04/Global-Health-Competencies-Tool-Kit-3rd-Ed.pdf>

SERVICE:

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION, INSTITUTE, UNIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY

- Co-Director HVO PT Rwanda, Health Volunteer Overseas. July 2023 - present
- Secretary, Global Health Special Interest Group, Academy of Leadership and Innovation American Physical Therapy Association. February 2023 - present
- Member, Global Health Competency sub-committee, Consortium of Universities for Global Health (CUGH). May 2022 - present
- Volunteer, Academy of Pediatric Physical Therapy. Clinical reasoning theatre. June 2022 - present
- University Committee on International and Community Engagement; Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee; Representative at Large to Faculty Affairs.

- College Committees on Academic Affairs; Diversity, Equity and Inclusion; Promotion Tenure and Academic Freedom Committee.
- Institute Committee on Student Retention and Success; Promotion, Tenure and Academic Freedom;
- Volunteer, Chester Bike Rodeo. November 2022
- Volunteer, Sun Valley Playground build, Chester. September, 2022
- Volunteer, Rite Aid Vaccination Drive, Widener University. January 2022
- Volunteer for Special Olympics FunFitness. June 2021 & 2023
- Member of APTA workgroup of Internationally Educated Physical Therapists since June 2020.
- Reviewer of poster and platform session proposals for the APTA, PA. 2021 & 2023
- Reviewer of education session proposals for the Academy of Pediatric Physical Therapy Annual Conference (APPTAC) 2021& 2019
- Reviewer of posters for APTA's Academy of Leadership, 2025 Combined Sections Meeting
- Reviewer of posters for APTA's Global Health Special Interest Group, 2019 Combined Sections Meeting
- Participant in the Academy of Pediatric Physical Therapy Knowledge Broker Network (KBNet) for 2019
- Volunteer PT in Haiti with CRUDEM Foundation. June 2010
- Volunteer PT in Jamaica. 2003

MEMBERSHIP IN SCIENTIFIC/PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

- American Physical Therapy Association (APTA)
- Consortium of Universities for Global Health (CUGH)
- World Physiotherapy
- Health Volunteers Overseas (HVO)
- ADAPT (Physiotherapists for Global Health), U.K.

HONORS AND AWARDS:

- Fulbright Teaching Scholar to Rwanda 2024-2025.
- Ranked second in Mumbai University's BSc. P.T examination.