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Medical writer specializing in clear, accurate educational content for professional and lay audiences. Translates high-level sources into easily readable language in exceptionally edited, detail-oriented products.

Medical Writing Experience

FREELANCE MEDICAL WRITER

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- Experienced in medical conference coverage. Past clients include the American Neurological Association, American Pediatric Association, American Society of Nephrology, American College of Rheumatology, and others.
- Regular writer of in-depth feature pieces for medical society physician magazines, including *The Rheumatologist*, *Kidney News Nephrology Newsmagazine*, and *ENTtoday*.
- Skilled in working with busy clinicians who desire support in clearly expressing their ideas.
- Can provide targeted educational content for physicians. Current clients include the American College of Emergency Physicians and the American Laryngological, Rhinological, and Otological Society.
- Practiced at summarizing key points of medical meetings, such as for the American Society of Clinical Oncology.
- Experienced working with institutions to provide long-term content. Past client, Charles Drew University, Los Angeles, CA.
- Expert in approachable, straightforward pieces for non-professionals. Topics cross the biomedical spectrum, but have included those relevant to rheumatology, psychiatry, neurology, pediatrics, dermatology, immunology, cardiology, nephrology, women's health, and more. Projects have included standard patient education articles as well as video scripts and other formats. Current clients include Verywell.com.
- Well-qualified to write educational materials for health-professional students. Past client, McGraw Hill.
- Can write approachable, readable, and interesting content for young audiences. Author of *Going Through Puberty: A Girl's Manual for Body, Mind & Health* and *Going Through Puberty: A Boy's Manual for Body, Mind & Health*, Lesson Ladder, Melrose MA.

Education

MD	INDIANA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE	Indianapolis, IN	2011
	Graduated with honors in neurology, rheumatology, psychiatry, microbiology and infectious diseases, biomedical literature and critical thinking, and narrative medicine.		
BA	KENYON COLLEGE	Gambier, OH	2001
	Philosophy, summa cum laude.		

Related Work Experience

Research background: Graduate Research Associate: The Ohio State University; 2005-2006. Worked on several different projects: *Gender Differences in Autoimmunity in a Mouse Model of Multiple Sclerosis*; *Analysis of promoters for the IL-1 gene*; *Congenital Differences in Smooth Muscle Development Leading to Obstructive Uropathy in a Mouse Model*; *Role of Nitric Oxide in Long-term Memory Formation in a Mouse Model*. Coordinator of Clinical Research Programs: University of Illinois Chicago, Neuroscience Dept, lab of Dr. John Larson. 2003-2005. Worked primarily on Fragile X syndrome.

Teaching: Course Instructor for Kaplan: Anatomy and Physiology, Organic Chemistry, General Chemistry, Physics, and Verbal Section; 2011-2013, New Orleans, LA.

References available upon request.