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I'm a California native, growing up in Santa Barbara and attending public schools. After finishing UC Davis with a physiology major, I later became a member of the UCSF Medical School graduating class of 1980. Following my internship year in the surgery program at the University of Michigan, I returned to UCSF having changed my career focus from pediatric surgery to pediatric anesthesia. After completing a fellowship in pediatric anesthesia at UCSF and CHOP, I joined a private practice group in San Jose, where I have been since 1985. Shortly after that I became a member of the "Volunteer" (now "Adjunct") Faculty at Stanford teaching pediatric anesthesia, and have continued that activity on a monthly basis for almost 20 years. The demographics of my personal anesthesia practice is about 60% pediatric including high risk neonates, and I work in ambulatory as well as hospital settings.

I have served in the CSA since the late '80s, as delegate and director, and several offices and committees. I have represented the CSA at the CMA for the past decade. My ASA activities have included being a delegate to the House and member of several committees. I was a founding member of the Bay Area Pediatric Anesthesia Consortium (BAYPAC) and am chair of the governmental affairs committee of the Society for Pediatric Anesthesia. As a consequence of my involvement on Medical Review committee of the Santa Clara County Medical Association, which provides guidance to the defense council of the NORCAL insurance company, I have worked as an expert for several law firms over the years. I have predominantly worked for defense council, but also for plaintiffs when appropriate.

In addition to my regular job, I have been, for the past 20years, an active volunteer for Interplast, a non-profit organization doing reconstructive surgery in underserved settings worldwide.

My guiding philosophy in representing my fellow anesthesiologists is to foster and defend the professional status of our specialty and to steadfastly advocate for our autonomy as physicians in order to provide the best possible care for our patients.