

# Gianna Gehrke, MPAS

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## Education

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### **MASTER'S DEGREE | ROCKY VISTA UNIVERSITY | GRADUATED NOVEMBER 2023**

- Physician Assistant Studies

### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE | UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA | GRADUATED MAY 2019**

- Major: Nutritional Sciences

## Clinical Experience

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### **ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY**

#### *Advanced Orthopedic & Sports Medicine Specialists, Parker, CO | Angelina Waller, PA-C | 4 weeks*

- Performed sterile technique and assisted in 55 orthopedic surgeries including both open and arthroscopic shoulder and knee joint procedures, as well as hand and elbow surgeries.
- Sutured in 43 cases and performed intra-operative shoulder and knee joint injections.
- Adapted quickly to learn different protocols for unique surgical cases.
- Provided informed consent in the pre-operative setting and educated patients on discharge instructions.
- Gathered thorough histories and physical exams for new patients with hand, shoulder, knee, and hip conditions, as well as for patients with osteoporosis in the bone health clinic.

#### *Banner Health Center, Greeley, CO | Dr. Ryan Graves and Paul Kuhlman, PA-C | 4 Weeks*

- Demonstrated appropriate sterile technique and assisted in 27 orthopedic trauma cases including upper and lower extremity fracture fixations and hip arthroplasties.
- Enhanced OR skills including sterile prepping and draping, suturing, wound care, and splinting.
- Performed histories and physical exams for both new and follow-up orthopedic trauma patients and assisted in the development of management plans for unique patient scenarios.

### **GENERAL SURGERY**

#### *Parkview Medical Center, Pueblo, CO | Dr. Neil Banga | 4 Weeks*

- Obtained comprehensive histories and physical exams in the pre-operative setting.
- Rounded on and presented management plans for admitted patients.
- Performed sterile technique and OR procedures such as suturing, retracting, and manipulating laparoscopic cameras in appendectomies, cholecystectomies, and hernia repairs.

### **FAMILY MEDICINE**

#### *Emergi Medical Care Center, Pueblo, CO | Danika Burton, PA-C | 4 Weeks*

- Diagnosed, treated, and educated a diverse patient population in clinic and via telemedicine.
- Administered vaccinations and injections, performed simple sutures, pap smears, and throat swabs.

#### *STRIDE Community Health Center, Aurora, CO | Brenda Larson FNP, MSN | 4 Weeks*

- Assessed and treated a variety of acute and chronic illnesses in a fast-paced convenient care clinic.
- Developed skills to recognize the necessity for escalation of care or referral to other specialties.
- Became proficient in the EPIC EMR.

#### *Dynamic Family Medicine Colorado Springs, CO | Pete Smith, PA-C | 4 Weeks*

- Managed acute and chronic disease, discussed test results, adjusted medications, educated on preventative health measures, and enhanced competence in procedures such as intraarticular and intramuscular injections.

## **INTERNAL MEDICINE**

*Sky Ridge Medical Center, Lone Tree, CO | Brooke Humphrey, FNP | 4 Weeks*

- Rounded on chronically ill patients in the ICU and the medical ward, then developed and presented management plans for unique presentations using evidence-based medicine.

*Porter Primary Care, Denver, CO | Dr. Divya Ramaraju | 4 Weeks*

- Managed complex patients with multiple comorbidities and educated on lifestyle modifications and nutrition.

## **EMERGENCY MEDICINE**

*North Suburban Medical Center, Thornton, CO | David Garcia, PA-C | 4 Weeks*

- Collaborated with the patient care team to triage, assess, and treat patients of varying acuities.
- Enhanced competence in suturing, stapling, splinting, and interpretation of diagnostic studies.

## **PEDIATRICS**

*STRIDE Community Health Center, Aurora, CO | Bryn Montalvo, PA-C | 4 Weeks*

- Communicated effectively with parents and guardians with interpreters for 5+ languages to manage acute illness and perform well-child checks for patients aged newborn through adolescence.

## **WOMEN'S HEALTH**

*STRIDE Community Health Center, Aurora, CO | Jennifer Matera, CNM | 4 Weeks*

- Provided patient-centered care to obstetric, post-partum, and gynecologic patients.
- Performed removals and insertions of Nexplanon devices using local anesthetic and sterile technique.

## **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**

*STRIDE Community Health Center, Aurora, CO | Bethany Feret, LCSW | 4 Weeks*

- Conducted mental health screenings for a highly diverse patient population.

## **Professional Experience**

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- **Patient Care Coordinator** | Physical Therapy of the Rockies | Littleton, CO | 2020 – 2021
- **Clinical Assistant** | ATI Physical Therapy | Tucson, AZ | 2019 – 2020
- **Physical Therapy Technician** | University of Arizona Campus Health Center | 2016 – 2019

## **Leadership**

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- **Chapter President** | Gamma Phi Beta Sorority, University of Arizona | 2017 – 2018

## **Certifications**

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- Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support, Basic Life Support, Pediatric Advanced Life Support

## **Memberships**

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- American Academy of PAs (AAPA)
- Physician Assistants in Orthopaedic Surgery, Inc. (PAOS)

## **References**

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***Banner Health Center, Orthopedic Trauma Surgery, Greeley, CO:***

- Dr. Ryan Graves | Orthopedic Surgeon | ryanbentongraves@mac.com
- Paul Kuhlman, PA-C | phkuhlman@gmail.com

***Advanced Orthopedic & Sports Medicine Specialists, Parker, CO:***

- Dr. Cary Motz | Orthopedic Surgeon | cary.motz@occ-ortho.com
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