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Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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I, Mike DeWine, Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby appoint Pradeesh M. George, from Spring Valley, Greene County, Ohio, as a Member of the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services for a term beginning May 31, 2024 and ending at the close of business November 12, 2024, replacing Richard L. George, whose term expired.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of the State of Ohio to be affixed, at Columbus, this 31st day of May in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty Four.

Mike DeWine

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Governor

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Profile:

Board-certified Trauma/Critical Care/Acute Care Surgeon with over 10 years' experience and an MBA in the Business of Medicine, bringing a unique blend of clinical acumen and business insights. As a Trauma Medical Director, I've been instrumental in strategic initiatives that optimize quality of care, promote efficient utilization management, and facilitate effective care coordination. This dual focus on patient wellbeing and operational efficiency is the cornerstone of my approach to healthcare leadership.

In my previous role, I've managed large-scale strategic initiatives to promote performance improvement in care management and utilization, aligning operational processes with value-based care principles. I have been deeply involved in Clinical Risk Adjustment, focusing on improving patient outcomes while optimizing resource use. I have consistently led multidisciplinary teams in developing and implementing programs that focus on population health and improved quality metrics.

As an advocate for evidence-based medicine, I try to leverage my experience in technology, and data analytics to make data-driven decisions, inform care choices, and drive continuous improvement. My leadership style fosters collaboration, encourages innovation, and instills a sense of shared responsibility for patient outcomes.

I bring a history of excelling in mentorship roles, creating learning environments for surgeons and ancillary staff that encourage professional growth and competency development. My experience extends to tele-consultation with non-surgeon physicians in rural facilities, underlining my ability to deliver optimal patient care across diverse settings.

In my pursuit of excellence in healthcare, I am committed to exceeding target goals for quality, operational efficiency, and financial stewardship. With my comprehensive patient care management experience, skills in program and hospital quality improvement, and passion for care delivery redesign, I am well-equipped to thrive as a leader in your organization's strategic health initiatives and programs.

As an exceptional communicator, teacher, and mentor, I have a track record of excellence in trauma accreditation. I am passionate about healthcare and driven by a mission to improve patient outcomes, quality, and value of care. I eagerly anticipate the opportunity to bring my clinical and business acumen to bear in an environment focused on improving health outcomes at a population and personal level.

PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

28 Sept 2020-Current- Trauma Medical Director, Upper Valley Medical Center, Troy, OH.

- *Obtained Successful Ohio State Level III trauma center designation for new trauma program (September 2021).*
- *Obtained initial ACS Level III verification with excellent review and no deficiencies or weakness. (February 2023)*
- *Established and refined Trauma Clinical Practice Guidelines/policies/procedures, engineer implement safety process to facilitate transformational change in the institutional culture in order to achieve ACS verification and improve quality within the hospital.*
- *Expanded EMS and Community outreach/education programs to a 5-county core geographic region leading to year over year increase of 64% in trauma registry volumes over the previous year.*
- *Assist in developing and implementing a brand recondition campaign and service line visibility projects to grow trauma referrals and establish recognition awards for EMS and Staff for the exceptional care of Trauma patients.*
- *Help coordinate and establish trauma clinical practices guidelines for all in network Level III trauma centers (3) and collaboratively establish nursing process ensure optimal care of the injured patient in with in the network.*
- *Consistently meets stretch goals for at risk metrics.*

28 Sept 2020-Current-Staff Trauma Surgeon. Miami Valley Hospital, Dayton, OH

- *Level I Trauma Center and Teaching hospital of Wright State University-School of Medicine.*
- *Trauma/Acute Care/Surgical Critical Care Call coverage at Miami Valley Hospital. ACS Level I Trauma center with Trauma volume >4000 patients.*
- *Manage High Acuity Trauma Patients and Acute Care Surgery patients in a teaching environment while teaching surgical residents and surgical fellows.*

1 April 2020-30 Sept 2022- Attending Trauma Surgeon, Envision Health Care, Terre Haute, IN.

-Provide clinical coverage for Trauma/Acute Care/ Critical Care at Terre Haute Regional Hospital on a PRN basis.

1 Nov 2017 – 17 Feb 2020–Trauma Medical Director, Lutheran Hospital of Indiana, Ft. Wayne, IN.

-Established an Acute Care Service, recruited 5 Trauma/Critical Care Trained, Board Certified surgeons in 10 months.

-Guided Lutheran Hospital Trauma Program through an ACS Level 2 Verification with no deficiencies and with all prior issues corrected.

-Expanded EMS and Community outreach/education programs to a geographic region encompassing 1.5 million persons.

-Started Trauma Financial PI process to increase charge capture and facilitate an 8% increase PCR totaling and 11.5 million dollars increase in Trauma Revenue.

-Developed a branding campaign and service line visibility projects which maintained trauma referrals in an environment of overall decreasing market share.

-Created and managed a Locums Plastics Surgery Service Line and increased plastics and reconstructive cases in the first year for a net of 600k.

-Standardizing care delivery across Trauma/Acute Care Surgery Service including Multi-Disciplinary Rounds, real time Case Management, PI and CDI capture.

-Collaborated in recruiting 9 other physicians to include GI and Pediatric Critical Care, Pediatric Surgery, Pulmonary Critical Care.

-Helped develop and implement plans to help decreased Hospital GMLOS from 4.9 to 4.6 in 6 months while on Utilization and Quality committee.

1 Aug 2017-30 May 2018- Staff Surgeon/Locums Trauma/Acute Care/Critical Care Surgeon, Mercy St. Vincent Medical Center, Toledo, OH.

-Provided clinical coverage for hospital. During my time there collaborated with local leadership to create a contemporary policy for sedation and ventilator management and implemented successfully.

30 Jan 2017 -31 Oct 2017- Asst. Director V/V ECMO, Lutheran Hospital of Indiana, Ft. Wayne IN

-Co-led the creation and implementation of the ECMO Program at Lutheran Hospital, leading to 20 runs in the first year.

1 April 2015 – 31 Oct 2017-Trauma/Acute Care/Critical Care Surgeon, Lutheran Hospital of Indiana, Ft. Wayne, IN

-Created a Trauma/Acute Care Surgery Service from the legacy surgical group with resulting increase in quality, revenue, and throughput.

- Created and a lean rapid cycle improvement process for data collection for Trauma/Acute Care required metrics.

16 Sept 2015 to 31 Oct 2017- Tactical Physician/Medic, Emergency Service Team, Ft. Wayne Police Department, Ft. Wayne, IN

-collaborated with and built relationships with FWPD and developed expertise and participated in Urban Tactical medicine.

-Strengthen the association of LH Trauma in the eyes of first responders.

Sept 2016 to Jan 2017- Deployment to Afghanistan with US Army Medical Corp as Chief of Surgery and Trauma, Forward Operating Base Fenty 921st Forward Surgical Team. Jalalabad, Afghanistan.

- Team building in a cross cultural (Green Berets, Romania Special Forces, Afghan Special Forces, United Nations Medical Mission, CIA), cross service and civilian population with different backgrounds to establish and implement a standard response pathway to a mass casualty situation.

12 Dec 2013-31 March 2015 Asst Medical Director for Moraine Fire Department, Moraine, OH

-Partnered with EMS first responders and Med Flight to acquire a sophisticated and nuanced understanding of how Trauma Centers are perceived by EMS and First Responders and how to use this knowledge to impact community relations and referrals to a trauma center.

8 July 2013- 31 Jan 2015 Staff Trauma Surgeon Kettering Acute Surgery, Kettering Medical Center, Kettering, OH

-Functioned as a Trauma Surgeon.

EDUCATION

Indiana University-Kelley School of Business, MBA, May 2023

Des Moines University-College of Osteopathic Medicine; 25 Jun 2003 – 15 May 2007, Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine

California State University-Sacramento, 05 Jan 1998 – 22 May 2003; BS (Biological Sciences)

The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina 3 Aug 1997 – 18 Dec 1997

GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION

University of South Carolina/Palmetto Health, Columbia SC- Surgical Critical Care Fellowship 1 July 2012 - 30 June 2013

Mercy St. Vincent Medical Center, Toledo OH- Chief Resident in General Surgery Residency 25 Jun 2011 - 24 Jun 2012

Mercy St. Vincent Medical Center, Toledo OH- General Surgery Residency 26 Jun 2008 - 25 Jun 2011

Mercy St. Vincent Medical Center, Toledo OH- General Surgery Emphasis Internship 24 Jun 2007 - 25 Jun 2008

CERTIFICATION/LICENSURE

Indiana Medical License 02004534A 11 Nov 2014 to Present

Ohio ACEP EMS Medical Directors' Course Feb 2014

Ohio Medical License 34.010935 21 June 2013 – Present

South Carolina Limited Medical License 1 July 2012 – 30 July 2013

Ohio Training Medical License - 25 Jun 2007 to 24 June 2012

CERTIFICATIONS

American Board of Osteopathic Surgery

Board Certified General Surgery- Nov 2013- Longitudinal MOC

CAQ-Surgical Critical Care- Certified-Sept 2014- Longitudinal MOC

Green Belt Lean Six-Sigma Certification- Feb 2023

PUBLICATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ POSTER SESSIONS

-Publication: *Laparoscopically Assisted Total daVinci Aorto Bifemoral Graft bypass with a unique system of graft delivery*. Martinez BD, George PM, Ameer A, Gerhardinger AM, Moses JT, Hansen JM. Ann Vasc Surg. 2009 Mar;23(2):255.e1-5. Epub 26 Jul 2008.

-Poster Presentation: *Bay Leaves Causing Small Bowel Obstruction, A More Common Occurrence Than Previously Thought-A Case Series* 05 May 2006 -

Sorelle J, George, PM, VanekV, Saunders M. (3rd Place North Eastern Ohio College of Medicine Research Day)

-Presentation: *Blood Flow And Pressure Effects Of Enalapriat Aided Hypotensive Stabilization Before Resuscitation from Hemorrhage*. Shock 23S: 26, 2005.

Dustin Smoot, Prad George, Trisha Lewis, MichaelaWaszgis, Amber Heck, LaRhee Henderson, Jennifer Devey, Jesse Theisen-Toupal, JamesHopkins, Charisse Buising, Kandis Meinders, and Piper Wall. 28th Annual Conference onShock, 4-7 June, 2005, Marco Island, FL

-Invited Lecture: North West Ohio Trauma Symposium 17 Nov 2010, *Rhabdomyolysis: More Common Than You Think*

-Invited Lecture: USC Dept of Surgery Grand Rounds 21 Sept 2012, *Evolution of Aeromedical Transport and Triage*

-Invited Lecture: WSU-Dept of EM Grand Rounds 23 May 2014, *Rib Fractures: More Dangerous Than You Think*.

-Invited Lecture: Kettering Regional EMS Symposium 12 Sept 2014, *Geriatric Trauma-They're Not Just Wrinkly Adults...*

GRANTS/PROJECTS/FACULTY POSITIONS

-Grant: Ohio University/Riverside Hospital Educational Grant \$15,000. 25 Jun 2010. Was able to translate \$15,000 into \$45,000 worth of Capital Equipment for Live Animal Wet Lab and Dry Lab for Surgical Education.

- Project: Develop and Implement Curriculum for Inanimate Laparoscopic Lab to demonstrate proficiency in Laparoscopic Techniques for surgical Residents. 08 Jun 2010

-Project: Obtain Funding, Obtain Approval, Develop and Implement Curriculum for Wet Animal Lab for Surgical Residents to develop and maintain skills and comfort in low volume, high risk Laparoscopic and Open Surgical procedures. 25 Jun 2010

-Faculty Position: Clinical Instructor of Surgery for Ohio University-College of Osteopathic Medicine. 26 Jun 2008-2012

- Faculty Position: Instructor at 1st and 2nd Symposium on Laparoscopic and Robotic Vascular Surgery at Mercy St. Vincent Medical Center in Toledo, Ohio 26-29 May 2008 and 22-25 May 2009.

MEMBERSHIP AND HONORARY/PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES AND AWARDS

- Vice Chair for Ohio COT for Level 3 Trauma Centers and Rural Trauma-Nov 2022-Present
- Fellow of the American College of Surgeons- 21 Oct 2018- Present
- Indiana Hemorrhage Control Coalition- 1 June 2015 – April 2020
- Indiana State Trauma Care Comitee-1 Nov 2017 – April 2020
- American College of Osteopathic Surgeons- 26 Jun 2007-Present
- Toledo Surgical Society-Resident Member 25 Jun 2007- 1, July 2012
- Minimally Invasive Robotic Association- Candidate Member 08/2007-Present
- 3rd Place Northwest Ohio "Top Gun" Course By Dr. James Rosser 18 Mar 2009
- Des Moines University-Advanced Surgical Teaching Assistant Award 2004 and 2005
- Student Osteopathic Surgical Association 1 Aug 2003 - 25 May 2007 (VP 2004-2005)
- Iowa Medical Society/American Medical Association- Medical Student Section, Des Moines Chapter. May 2004 – May 2007 (Charter Member and Chair of Community Service)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- May 2010 - Present Mercy St. Vincent Medical Center; Department of Trauma, Emergency, and Critical Care Surgery under F. Barry Knotts, MD,PhD. Examining the use of Synthese Rib Matrix system for intubated patients with non-flail multiple rib fractures.
- Jan 2007 - Jun 2009 Mercy St. Vincent Medical Center; Minimally Invasive Vascular Surgery Center under Bernardo Martinez, MD. Designing, modifying, testing and advancing Laparoscopic and Robotic Vascular Surgery techniques.
- Oct 2003 – May 2005 Iowa Methodist Hospital; Dept. of Surgical Research under James Hopkins MD and Piper Wall DVM,PhD. Research Assistant. Responsible for placement of invasive monitoring devices, and surgical procedures on experimental canine models, data gathering and interpretation.
- Sept 2001 – Dec 2002 UC Davis Medical Center, Department of Emergency Med; Emergency Medicine Research Associate. Responsibilities included reviewing charts and interviewing patients in the ED to determine if they were candidates for any studies being conducted in the department.
- Sept 1998 – Aug 2001 California State University-Sacramento; Department of Biology. Research Assistant under Rosalee Carter, PhD. Responsible for steriotactic implantation of microplatinum stimulating electrode into cranial vault of *Rattus novarrius*. Extraction, fixation embedding, sectioning and

staining of tissues for light and electron microscopy. Making histological sections with Microtome, Ultra-microtome and cryotome for use in light and electron microscopy.

NON-PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

- Oct 2003 – Jun 2005 Des Moines University; Surgery Lab Teaching Assistant - Responsible for teaching 2nd year DO and DPM students basic operating room etiquette, instrument handling, knot tying and basic laparoscopic skills
- Aug 2002 – May 2003 California State University-Sacramento; Gross Anatomy Teaching Assistant - Responsible for assisting the teaching of Physical Therapy students in Gross Anatomy Lab.
- Jan 2001 – Jan 2003 921st Field Hospital, USAR; Emergency Triage - In charge of triage and basic stabilization of casualties as they are brought to the Intake Tent.
- 12 Sept 2000 - Present George Properties; Vice President - A family operated real estate investment and development company.
- Aug 2000 – Dec 2000 921st Field Hospital, USAR; Emergency Tent Medic-Assist in patient stabilization, start IV's and other patient care activities as required.
- Jun 1999 – Jul 2000 921st Field Hospital, USAR; Intermediate Care Ward-Medic/Orderly. Assigned to day a to day care of patients. IV maintenance, patient hygiene, and I/O monitoring.
- Sept 1998 – May 1999 California State University-Sacramento; Teaching Assistant Basic Anatomy. Responsible for assisting in lab portion of basic anatomy course for nursing and pre-physical therapy students.
- Jan 1997 – May 1999 132nd Engineer Battalion/ 118th Mechanized Infantry Bat. ANG; Combat Medic-Stabilize, evaluate, treat and evacuate injured soldiers in a field environment. Assist with local emergencies and natural disasters as needed

Hobbies & Interests

- EMS Outreach and Education
- Real Estate Trends
- History (esp medical and military history)
- Reading
- Flying

Other Awards

- Army Achievement Medal x 2

- National Defense Medal
- Global War on Terrorism Ribbon
- NATO Service Medal
- Afghanistan Campaign Medal

GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Appointment Date: 5/31/2024

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Name of Commission: State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services
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Term Begins: 11/13/2021

Term Ends: 11/12/2024

Party Affiliation: Republican

Senate Confirmation: Appointed by the Governor, confirmed by the Senate

Financial Disclosure: Confidential disclosure required

Vice: Richard L. George