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## **Dr. Sharwin Tafazoli, MD**

*Board-Certified in Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation*

### **EDUCATION**

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- **Loma Linda University Health Center**, Loma Linda, CA (2015-2018)  
Resident, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation
- **Huntington Memorial Hospital**, Pasadena, CA (2014-2015)  
Resident, Internal Medicine
- **University of California, Irvine, School of Medicine**, Irvine, CA (2010-2014)  
Doctor of Medicine
- **University of California, Berkeley**, Berkeley, CA (2005-2008)  
Bachelor of Arts, Molecular Biology and Psychology

*Deans Honor List, Management of Engineering and Innovation Certificate Dec 2008, Golden Key International Honors Society, American Red Cross (Santa Monica Chapter) Volunteer of the Year Award, California Scholarship Federation Scholarship, Cal Bears Scholarship, Bruce Haas Memorial Science Scholarship, Advanced Placement Scholar*

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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- **Integrative Sports and Spine** – Consultant, Skilled Nursing Facilities (2018-present)
- **Southern California Hospital** – Medical Director, Acute Rehab Unit (2018-present)

### **LEADERSHIP**

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#### **Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation Interest Group (2013-2017)**

*President*

- Coordinated introductory lectures by PM&R faculty for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year medical students.
- Organized events for students to volunteer at local athletic events and 5k/10k fundraisers
- Organized research opportunities, injection clinics, and cancer rehabilitation workshops for upcoming school year

### **American Red Cross (Santa Monica Chapter)**

#### *Youth Disaster Team Director*

- Led team of 20+ youth members in working with the Red Cross during crisis: active humanitarian force during Santa

Monica “Market Crash” (2004), Malibu fires (2007), and local disasters

- Regularly oversee youth development club and volunteer organization

### **City of Berkeley Mental Health Council**

#### *Associate*

- Directly affected existence of mental health legislation in city of Berkeley through various bills, proposals and founded committee working toward social worker responsibility reform
- Presented research analyzing negative externalities associated with public policy on suicide; deliberated with city officials to adjust such policy and revise addendum concerning suicide rescue.

### **Global Public Health Brigades**

#### *Founder*

- Focused on providing aid to impoverished villagers in Honduras, promoting health education, tangible deliverables
- Spearheaded fundraising campaign, raised \$3,000+ from the Associative Students of UC Berkeley

## **LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION**

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- Board-Certified, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation
- DEA License
- State of California Medical License

## **LANGUAGES**

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- Fluent in Farsi
- Conversational in Spanish

## **RESEARCH**

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### **Long Beach Veterans Affairs (3/13-6/14)**

#### *Prosthetics Pilot Research Project Associate*

- Developed an evidence-based protocol for the weekly gait lab which incorporates several gait assessments and self-questionnaires to optimally measure the rehabilitation process

- Research Project has been approved by the VA Research and Development for formal use in Gait Lab

#### **UCLA Semel Institute of Neuroscience (6/06-5/13)**

##### *Research Associate – Brain Mapping Center*

- Coordinated 4 neuroimaging projects concerning ADHD, Autism, Alzheimer's Disease, using several neuroimaging programs to process MRI/PET Scans for analysis: MVP, MiPav, Matlab, MRIcro.
- Assisted in developing a neuroprocessing program (MRSI Voxel Picker)—used to assess neurometabolites for further analysis, conducted MRI Scans (3T) for obtaining images for further processing
- Individually developed a study related to ADHD from MRI Scans through Post-Processing Analysis whilst communicating with additional laboratories in UCLA to coordinate team projects

#### **UC Berkeley Helen Wills Neuroscience Institute (7/09-7/10, 6/11-8/12)**

##### *Research Associate – D'Esposito Lab*

- Assisted with a functional imaging project to determine dopamine sensitivity on cognitive and memory tasks –assessed cognitive task performance with variable genetic combinations and trials with Bromocriptine
- Explored functional localization of cognitive pathways using electrocorticography (ECoG)

## **PUBLICATIONS & POSTERS**

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- Chen H., Onishi K., Tafazoli S., Cragg S., Takemoto R. Combination of Diagnostic Ultrasound and Ultrasound-guided EMG to Diagnose Quadrilateral Syndrome: A Case Report. *Association of Academic Physiatrists Annual Meeting*. 2014
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