

# Marek J Hirsch, M.D.

## EDUCATION

- September, 2018      **American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology Certified.**
- January 21-26, 2018      **Duke Electroconvulsive Therapy Fellowship**      Durham, NC
- June 2013 – June 2017      **Harvard South Shore Psychiatry Residency**      Brockton, MA
- July 2009 -- May, 2013      **University of Miami Miller School of Medicine**      Miami, FL
- Doctorate of Medicine
- Sept 2006 -- May, 2008      **University of Vermont**      Burlington, VT
- Post-Baccalaureate Premedical Certificate
  - Post-Baccalaureate Honors Society
- Aug 2002 -- May, 2006      **Denison University**      Granville, OH
- Bachelor of Arts
  - Major: Religion    Minor: Psychology
  - Merit-based Alumni Award upon admission, covering 1/3 tuition

## WORK EXPERIENCE

- Oct 2017 - Present      **Memorial Family Practice Associates, LLC**      Jacksonville, FL
- Inpatient Psychiatrist*  
Full time employee at Memorial Hospital providing mental health services for the inpatient behavioral health units and consults on the med/surg floors and in the ER. Additionally, I perform electroconvulsive therapy three days each work week with an average case load of 10 ECT patients per day.
- Mar 2019 – Present      **Metropolitan Behavioral Services**      Jacksonville, FL
- Outpatient Psychiatrist*  
Part time employment providing outpatient care to patients with opioid use disorder, in addition to veterans through the Veteran's Choice Program.
- Jan 2016 – June 2017      **Massachusetts State Hospitals**      Taunton and Tewksbury, MA
- Moonlighting Psychiatrist*  
Provided frequent onsite overnight and weekend coverage for both Taunton and Tewksbury State Hospitals.
- June 2010- July 2010      **AMA Government Relations Internship Program**      Washington, DC
- Intern*  
A six weeks program funded by the AMA. The purpose is to expose and teach future doctors about the importance and realities of political advocacy. I was in the office of the American Society of Anesthesiologists working alongside the lawyers and lobbyists, in addition to regularly meeting with members of congress and attending health policy forums and events. Each week there was a mandatory seminar at the AMA's office for the interns and an essay on our experience was due after completing the program.

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June 2008 – July 2009 **University of Vermont, Department of Neuroscience**

Burlington, VT

*Laboratory Technician*

As a fulltime employee, I was primarily involved in a project looking into the effects of the first line MS therapy Interferon-beta applied directly to mouse neural progenitor cells. In addition to the scientific responsibilities of running Western Blots, TUNEL assays, Calcein AM, BrdU proliferation assays, immunohistochemistry and rtPCR, I was also responsible for financial record keeping and product ordering.

Sept 2006 – June 2008 **Howard Center for Human Services**

Burlington, VT

*Behavioral Interventionist*

The HowardCenter provides mental health services to children and families in Vermont. I worked in a residential setting for a developmentally disabled adolescent with a history of sex offenses and violent outbursts. Seeing him one on one, I use a Relapse Prevention strategy to build his day around constructive activities and used the techniques of Therapeutic Crisis Intervention when his behavior deteriorated. I continuously documented his behavior by writing service notes to bill Medicaid.

June 2006 – Aug 2006 **Wediko Children's Services**

Windsor, NH

*Residential Counselor*

Wediko is a short-term residential treatment program for children with Social/Emotional Disorders. Served as a Residential Counselor on a 9-person clinical team for 10 girls ages 12-15, implemented the 'Forced Choice' paradigm to teach responsible decision making, lead therapy groups, planned intervention strategies and assisted in the classroom.

June 2005 – Aug 2006 **Touro Infirmary**

New Orleans, LA

*Inpatient Psychiatric Unit Technician*

Techs monitor patients, assist them with daily needs and oversee or lead therapy groups. While working alongside nurses and psychiatrists, there were also many social workers in the Unit, showing me the non-medical side of the patients, especially in dealing with Welfare and Medicaid.

## ACTIVITIES & SERVICE

### **American Psychiatric Association Leadership Fellowship**

Selected for this two-year fellowship in 2015, awarded to ten PGY2 Psychiatry Residents nationally. Fellows are expected to attend both the APA Annual and September Components meetings each year and actively serve on one of the APA's councils. Serving on the APA's Council on Addiction Psychiatry, I was particularly involved in a project to create a policy statement for the APA about addiction treatment through Physician Health Programs.

### **Florida Syringe Exchange Initiative**

In July, 2012 wrote and passed a resolution at the Florida Medical Association Annual Meeting, supporting the legalization of syringe exchange programs for IV drug users in Florida. Worked with FMA lawyers and lobbyists to craft a bill, find sponsors in the State Legislature and gain the support of each medical organization in the State. The bill passed all subcommittees, however stalled on the Senate Floor during the 2013 session. In March, 2016 an amended Version of the bill was signed into law by Florida's Governor.

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## **Florida Medical Association Medical Student Section Governing Council**

The MSS Governing Council is comprised of 1 student from each Florida medical school. The mission is to recruit student members to the FMA, educate students about health policy and organized medicine, and maintain an active dialogue between the physician section and student section.

### *Vice Chair of Legislative Affairs (2011-2012)*

Over the year I organized a round table at UMiami with the FMA President-elect, coordinated and moderated a healthcare debate between two physicians in front of 120 medical students, and created an online Presidential straw poll during the Primary season in which 667 Florida medical students voted.

## **Project Medishare**

In December, 2011 I traveled through UMiami's Project Medishare with a group of UM students and physicians to Thomonde, Haiti for a week medical mission trip. Medishare is the sole provider of healthcare to this rural area of 180,000 Haitians, operating numerous health fair sites, local clinics and a small hospital.

## **Students Promoting Action Responsibility and Knowledge (SPARK)**

SPARK's mission is to provide the medical students with a moderate forum for the discussion of healthcare policy. We arrange for doctors and other professionals with expertise to lecture, coordinate student led discussion forums, are responsible for organizing a Cover the Uninsured Awareness week and manage the healthcare access information table at each UMiami DOCS health fairs.

### *Vice President (2010 – 2011)*

## **Department of Community Service (DOCS)**

A student-run community outreach effort of the Miller School of Medicine. This program offers students and faculty the opportunity to practice their clinical skills while providing screening service and health education to underserved South Florida communities. Services include a free weekly clinic and 8 annual health fairs.

### *Volunteer (2009 - 2012)*

## **Florida Medical Association's Physician Practice Management Program**

The 2 day Physician Practice Certificate Program is based on the UMiami business school's internationally-ranked Executive MBA in Health Sector Management and Policy program. It is one of just a handful of such programs that is dually accredited by AACSB International, the premier accrediting agency of collegiate business schools, and CAHME, the Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education.

### *Completed August, 2010*

## **Public Access Television Program**

A weekly one hour live television program entitled American Socialism for the Rich, broadcast in Vermont. Responsible for the content of the show with a focus on politics and economics and co-hosted 46 episodes, interviewing guests including local, state and national politicians, activists, authors and small business owners.

### *Program Founder and Co-host (2008-2009)*

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## RESEARCH, AWARDS & PRESENTATIONS

### **Harvard Medical School Psychiatry Grand Rounds**

Presented my lecture, *The Neuroscience of Prejudice* in March, 2017

### **Harvard South Shore Psychiatry Resident Teacher of the Year**

2016-2017. Award given to one resident annually based on votes by all program residents.

### **Harvard South Shore PRITE Award**

Highest score on the 2015 Psychiatry Residency in Training Exam in my residency class.

### **American Psychiatric Association Annual Meeting**

Presented my poster entitled *The Florida Syringe Exchange Initiative* at the 2014 APA Annual meeting in New York, New York.

### **Harvard Psychiatry Research Day**

Presented poster entitled *The Florida Syringe Exchange Initiative* at Harvard's Annual Psychiatry Poster Session in March, 2014.

### **Florida Medical Association Poster Symposium**

I Presented poster about the mission and activities of SPARK at the 2010 FMA annual meeting, emphasizing our work helping uninsured patients gain access to healthcare.

### **University of Vermont College of Medicine**

Supervisor: Yang Mao-Draayer MD, PhD

- **Hirsch, M** et al. The effect of Interferon-beta on mouse neural progenitor cell survival and differentiation. **Biochemical and Biophysical Research Communications** Volume 388, Issue 2, 16 October 2009, Pages 181-186
- Presented the above research as a poster at the Vermont Chapter for the Society of Neuroscience Poster Forum, January, 2009.

### **Transitions Project at Wediko Children's Services**

Supervisors: Audrey Zakriski, PhD and Jack Brown, PhD

A three year project to examine behavior change that focuses on the immediate social ecologies that surround children's problem behaviors; how often children encounter triggering social events in their interactions with adults and peers, how they react when they encounter these events and how adults and peers respond in turn.

*Research Liaison (2006)*

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

American Medical Association  
American Psychiatric Association  
Florida Psychiatry Society