

Summary

- Professional medical communicator with 26 years of experience in medical writing, continuing medical education, and health technology assessment.
- As a freelance medical writer for 16 years, I provide medical writing services that are expertly researched, fact-checked, clearly written, on-target, professionally administered, and punctually delivered.
- I have experience in a wide range of therapeutic areas including oncology, hematology, infectious diseases, pain management, health economics and outcomes research (HEOR), rare diseases, novel therapeutics, neuromuscular diseases, respiratory medicine, cardiovascular diseases, obesity, and gastroenterology.

Education

- PhD in Cellular and Developmental Biology, 1991—Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY
- BA in Biology, 1985—Carleton College, Northfield, MN

Professional Experience

Professional Medical Writer (February 2016 – Present)—Nicosia Medical Writer LLC, Bryn Mawr, PA

- Responsibilities—Research, write, and substantially edit assignments in many areas including oncology, hematology, infectious diseases, HEOR, gastroenterology, rare diseases, pain management, respiratory medicine, novel therapeutics, cardiovascular disease, and neuromuscular diseases.
- Formats—Scientific manuscripts (preclinical, clinical, HEOR), health technology assessments, slide presentations, white papers, meeting reports, executive summaries, online educational programs, newsletters, patient education, posters, CME needs assessments/gap analyses, and learning assessments.

Product Manager, Health Technology Brief (May 2015 – January 2016)—Hayes, Inc., Lansdale, PA

- Responsibilities—Managing editor; topic selection; project timelines; assignments to in-house analysts and external contractors; supervision, training, mentoring of team members; edit manuscripts for scientific content and health technology assessment methodology; quality control; oversee digital publications; communicate and collaborate with other teams; budget and quotas; and product enhancements.

Senior Medical Research Analyst (August 2014 – April 2015)—Hayes, Inc., Lansdale, PA

- Responsibilities—Research and critical analysis of biomedical literature (conduct systematic, comprehensive searches of appropriate databases; determine selection criteria; synthesize data; write evidence-based health technology assessment reports; evaluate strength of evidence; assign Hayes evidence ratings); participate in meetings; collaborate on ad hoc projects.

Freelance Biomedical Writer (June 2005 – July 2014)—Science Wordsmith, Bryn Mawr, PA

- Responsibilities—Research, write, and substantially edit assignments in various biomedical areas including oncology, hematology, infectious diseases, surgery, cardiovascular diseases, pain management, bariatrics, neuromuscular diseases, women's health, men's health, transplantation, nephrology, general medicine, nutrition, asthma.
- Formats—Scientific manuscripts, health technology assessments, slide presentations, interview-based stories, newsletters, patient booklets and brochures, abstracts, posters, monographs, CME needs assessments and gap analyses, executive summaries, quizzes.

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Medical Education Director (February 2003 – June 2004) and Senior Director (July 2004 – June 2005)—Meniscus Educational Institute, West Conshohocken, PA

- Responsibilities—Develop needs assessments; develop proposals and grant requests; manage budgets; direct project teams; ensure compliance with ACCME and AMA guidelines; review, edit, and write biomedical content for print, Web, and CD-ROM; work with authors and other faculty.

Executive Director, Department of Information Technology (July 2000 – June 2004)—Meniscus Limited, West Conshohocken, PA

- Responsibilities—Develop SOPs, organize, and manage IT department (comprised: full time systems administrator, web designer, data entry clerk; consultant programmer); prepare quotes for electronic products (Web or CD); produce training materials and help non-IT staff learn to use software.

Project Director (January 1998 – February 2003)—Meniscus Limited, West Conshohocken, PA

- Responsibilities—Oversee budget, design, content development, and production of journal supplements, slide lecture programs, CD-ROMs, Web programs, audiotapes; research, write, and edit manuscripts; direct project teams; communicate with faculty and supporters.

Managing Editor, *Highlights in Oncology Practice* (November 1996 – January 2001) and *Insights in HIV Disease Management* (November 1997 – August 1998)—Meniscus Limited, Bala Cynwyd, PA

- Assignment—Quarterly single-sponsored, well-respected publications for clinicians; containing editorials, meeting reports, and comprehensive reviews.
- Responsibilities—Manage budgets; edit, review, oversee publications; communicate with authors, guest editors, and supporters; manage editorial board meetings.

Clinical Sciences Associate (May 1996 – January 1998)—Meniscus Limited, Bala Cynwyd, PA

- Responsibilities—Monitor, analyze, summarize clinical literature; create and maintain literature databases; research and write manuscripts, meeting reports, and slide presentations; communicate with clients.

Postdoctoral Fellow (March 1995 – August 1995) —Laboratory of Dr Lewis A. Chodosh, Institute for Human Gene Therapy, University of Pennsylvania Medical School, Philadelphia, PA

- Projects—Construct plasmid vectors and characterize the effects of parity on immunological markers in the mouse mammary gland.

Postdoctoral Fellow (January 1994 – January 1995)—Laboratory of Dr Cecilia W. Lo, Department of Biology, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

- Projects—Study the regulation of gap junction gene expression in vitro and in vivo.

Postdoctoral Fellow (May 1991 – January 1994)—Laboratory of Dr Nigel W. Fraser, The Wistar Institute, Philadelphia, PA

- Projects—Perform molecular studies of Herpes Simplex Virus Type-1 latency associated transcripts.

Teaching Experience

Adjunct Instructor (Summer 1992, Summer 1996) — Neumann College, Aston, PA

- Responsibility—Introduction to microbiology course.

Professional Memberships

American Association for the Advancement of Science, American Association of University Women, American Medical Writers Association, American Society of Clinical Oncology

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Training and Writing/Computer Skills

- Completed AMWA Multidisciplinary Core Certificate in Biomedical Communications
- Highly proficient with Microsoft Office (Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Outlook), Endnote, Zotero, PubMed, Adobe; facility to quickly become proficient with new software and apps
- Highly proficient with the *AMA Manual of Style*

References

Available upon request.

Publications

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