Curriculum Vitae

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Education

1990-94	University of Minnesota
1980-82	Minneapolis, Minnesota
	Post-Baccalaureate
1986-89	Mayo Graduate School of Medicine
	Rochester, Minnesota
	Residency in Internal Medicine
1982-86	Mayo Medical School
	Rochester, Minnesota
	M.D. Degree
1980	University of New Mexico
	Albuquerque, New Mexico
	Post-Baccalaureate

1973-77 St. John's College

Santa Fe, New Mexico and Annapolis, Maryland

B.A. Degree

Certification and Licensure

2023 - present American Board of Preventive Medicine, Addiction Medicine

1989-present American Board of Internal Medicine

1987-present Minnesota Board of Medical Practice

1987 National Board of Medical Examiners

Academic Appointments

1999-2010 Assistant Professor

1995-1999 Instructor

University of Minnesota Medical School

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Fall, 1996 Visiting Faculty (Lectures on Medical Ethics)

St. Thomas University

St. Paul, Minnesota

1978-1979 Associate Member of the Faculty (Director of Admissions)

St. John's College

Santa Fe, New Mexico

Clinical Appointments

2023-present Contract Physician

2018-2022 Medical Director

2015-2022 Staff Physician

HealthPartners Riverway Pain Clinic

Anoka, Minnesota (Coon Rapids, Minnesota, 2015 - 2020)

2010-2015 Member, Medical Staff

Fairview Pain Management Center

Minneapolis, Minnesota

1995-2010 Staff Physician

1996-2008 Medical Director

Community University Health Care Center/Variety Children's Clinic

Minneapolis, Minnesota

1995-2010 Admitting Physician

Fairview University Medical Center

Minneapolis, Minnesota

1989-1995 Member, Medical Staff

1989-1994 Senior Staff Physician

Brainerd Regional Human Services Center

Brainerd, Minnesota

Principal Investigator, Programmatic Grants at Community University Health Care Center, University of Minnesota Medical School, Minneapolis, Minnesota

City of Minneapolis

Healthy Start

2006-2007: $79,572

2006: $20,000

2005-2006: $81,500

State of Minnesota

Family Planning Special Projects

2004-2007: $622,332

2002-2003: $293,036

2000-2001: $306,878

Minnesota Department of Health

YouthLink

2006: $6,950

Minnesota Department of Health

HIV CTR in Clinical Settings for Latinos and/or Africans

2006: $61,000

Medica Foundation

Health Living Program

2006: $30,000

Park Nicollet Foundation

Culturally-based Diabetes Support and Education

2005-2006: $5,000

2003-2004: $10,000

Hennepin County Community Health Department

Health Care Services for Low Income Persons of Hennepin County

2006: $50,975

2005: $50,975

2003-2004: $119,940

2001-2002: $159,940

UCare

UCare Medical Quality Improvement Project

2005: $35,775

Weyerhauser Family Foundation

Linking Children to Preventive Care

2005: $15,000

Ripley Memorial Foundation, Inc.

Medical Teen Pregnancy Prevention Project

2005: $10,000

Medica Foundation

State Public Programs Grant: Preventive Care Services Initiative

2004: $100,000 ($90,909 direct)

BlueCross/BlueShield Foundation

Somali Health Initiative at Community University Health Care Center

2004: $23,481

March of Dimes Greater Twin Cities Chapter

Prenatal Case Management for Adolescents and African American Women

2004: $24,668

2003: $20,880

General Mills Foundation

Culturally–Specific Diabetes Education at Community University Health Care Center

2003-2004: $15,000

Minnesota Department of Health

Minnesota Diabetes Program

2002-2003: $2,200

Minnesota Medical Foundation

Helicobacter Pylori Infection and Hyperemesis Gravidarum in Somali Women

2001-2003: $7,500

Minnesota Department of Health

Indian Health Grant

2002-2003: $71,000

2000-2001: $84,546

United Way

Service Improvement Through Technology

2000-2001: $19,265

Peer-reviewed Publications

Ferron SM, Clavel AL, Panopoulos GE, et al. Individualized opioid tapering in a community interdisciplinary pain management program with flexible care plans: Outcomes, patient retention, and follow-up. J Opioid Manag. 2025;21(4): 281-302. doi: 10.5055/jom.0953.

Perry K, **Ferron S**, Norquist N, et al. A pharmacist-assisted initiative to improve chronic pain management and reduce opioid use in primary care. Innov Pharm. 2023; 14(1):1024926/iip.v14i.5265. doi: 10.24926/iip.v14i1.5265. eCollection 2023.

Ferron SM. Occult Gastrointestinal Bleeding with Anorexia Nervosa (case report, letter). Am J Psychiatry. 1999;156(5):801. doi: 10.1176/aip.156.5.801

Abstracts and Presentations

Panopoulos G, **Ferron S** et al.

“Opioid Management in Primary Care: A Response to the Opioid Epidemic”

American Pain Society Annual Meeting

April 3-6, 2019

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Belgrade M, **Ferron S**, et al.

"Rapid Triage Evaluation: One Initiative Solves Three Pain Clinic Performance Imperatives."

American Pain Society Annual Meeting

May 8 - 11, 2013

New Orleans, Louisiana

Educational Program Development

The Interface of Pain and Opioids: Comprehensive Pain Management and Responsible Opioid Prescribing. On-Demand, July 15, 2026 - July 15, 2029.

Course Directors: Susan M. Ferron, MD and Georgia E. Panopoulos, PhD

Role: Course directors secured funding, designed the core curriculum, secured accreditation, recruited speakers, participated in 4 of 12 modules each, and oversaw the creation of all multimedia learning materials.

Accreditation: Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, 8 Hours, Physicians (AMA), Nurses (ANCC, CBRN), Pharmacists (ACPE), Physician Assistants (AAPA), Psychologists (APA), Dentists/Allied Dental Professionals (ADA)

Support: $100,000, Anoka County Opioid Solutions Initiative, Anoka County, State of Minnesota

Teaching Activities

2021 - 2023 Preceptor

2021 - 2022 Site Coordinator

Rotation in chronic pain management at HealthPartners

University of Minnesota Addiction Fellowship

Anoka, Minnesota

2012 - 2015 Preceptor

Fellowship in Pain Medicine

Fairview Pain Management Center

Minneapolis, Minnesota

1996 - 2008 Site Coordinator and Preceptor for Resident Continuity Clinics

Community University Health Care Center/Variety Children's Clinic

Minneapolis, Minnesota

1996 -2000 Site Coordinator and Preceptor for Women's Health Pathway Block Rotation
Community University Health Care Center/Variety Children's Clinic

Minneapolis, Minnesota

1996 -1997 Tutor, Clinical Medicine I, Medical Ethics Sequence

University of Minnesota Medical School

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Committee Activities

2024-2026 Anoka County Opioid Advisory Council

Anoka, Minnesota

2021 Opioid Work Group, Provider Cohort

Minnesota Department of Human Services

St. Paul, Minnesota

1996-2000 Women's Health Pathway Advisory Committee

University of Minnesota Internal Medicine Residency Program

Minneapolis, Minnesota

1996-1998 Continuity Clinic Subcommittee

University of Minnesota Internal Medicine Residency Program

Minneapolis, Minnesota

2006-2007 Chronic Pain Guideline Committee

Institute for Clinical Systems Improvement

Bloomington, Minnesota

2000 Search Committee for the Executive Director of Community University Health Care Center

University of Minnesota Academic Health Center

Minneapolis, Minnesota

1989-1993 Ethics Committee

1991-1993 Chairperson

Brainerd Regional Human Services Center

Brainerd, Minnesota

1989 Women in Medicine Committee

Mayo Graduate School of Medicine

Rochester, Minnesota

Community Service

1996-2001	Member, Board of Visitors and Governors
	St. John's College
	Santa Fe, New Mexico and Annapolis, Maryland
1995-1998	Member, Planning Commission
	City of Marine on St. Croix, Minnesota