
BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

POSITION TITLE: Clinical Assistant Professor of Geriatric Medicine, Brown University

EDUCATION/TRAINING

INSTITUTION AND LOCATION	DEGREE (if applicable)	Completion Date MM/YYYY	FIELD OF STUDY
University of Nis, Faculty of Medicine, Nis, Serbia	Doctor of Medicine	2005	Medicine
Roger Williams Medical Center, Providence, RI	Residency	2010	Internal Medicine
Duke University, Durham, NC	Fellowship	2011	Geriatrics
Duke University/Durham VA	Advanced Fellowship	2013	Geriatrics
Duke University, Clinical Research and Training Program	Masters Health Sciences	2013	Clinical research

Personal Statement

My passion for geriatric medicine and improving our healthcare system's response to the geriatric patient comes from my deep-rooted life experiences. As the youngest child of already aging parents, I appreciated the need for high-quality geriatric care at an early age. Although I attended high school in the United States, I grew up in Serbia, where I also attended medical school. In Serbia, I experienced firsthand the effects a brutal, largely rural and undeveloped healthcare system can have on the most vulnerable. After completing medical school, my love for geriatric medicine and my deeply-felt need to advocate for this patient population drew me out of my home country and brought me to the United States for training in internal medicine at a Roger Williams Medical Center in Providence, Rhode Island(RI). I continued my learning journey to Duke University and the Durham VAMC where I completed an advanced geriatric fellowship and obtained my masters in health sciences. During my years of training, I have learned that my passion resides with the development and promotion of geriatric education as a cornerstone for the overall advancement of our field. At Duke, I became involved in a number of efforts focused on elder abuse, especially of the veteran population. Through this work I was able to better appreciate the complexities of our current healthcare systems and how detrimental they can be to the older adult. This inspired my work in transitions of care, publishing on transitions of care in RI and working with colleagues on AGS's educational series, AGS CoCare: Ortho, transitions of care piece. After joining Brown University as a junior faculty member, I was able to continue promoting geriatric medicine and interprofessional geriatric learning by taking an active role in the geriatric fellowship, teaching learners of all levels including medical students, internal medicine residents, geriatric fellows and geriatric psychiatry fellows, and as serving as medical director to a local hospice agency. Most recently, the underutilization of alternative models of care such as home based, palliative and hospice and the overutilization of acute level of care, such as the emergency room, has led me to think about needed change working towards an age-friendly healthcare system and to my work with Integra, Rhode Island's largest accountable care organization. Being part of Integra has been eye-opening and I realize that my enthusiasm for geriatric medicine and education development can be combined to bring new voices and views to advocacy and improved care for older adults.

A. Positions and Honors

Positions:

2013-present, Assistant (Clinical) Professor of geriatric medicine, Brown University
2013-present, Geriatrician, Rhode Island Hospital
2013-present, Geriatrician, The Miriam Hospital
2013-present, Geriatrician, Providence Veterans Administration Medical Center
2018- present, Geriatrician, Care New England, Kent Hospital
2018- present, Geriatrician Integra Accountable Care Organization, LLC
2013-2018, Geriatrician, Steere House Nursing and Rehabilitation Facility
2014-2017, Medical Director, Hospice of VNA of Rhode Island

Honors:

2014, COIN Grant Award, Center for Innovation for Long Term Services and Supports, Providence Veterans Administration Medical Center.
2013-2015, Emerging Scholar and Professional Organization (ESPO) representative to Research, Education, Profession Committee.
2013-2017, Hartford Scholar, Division of Geriatrics and Palliative Care, Brown University.
2011-2013. Veterans Administration Special Fellowship in Geriatric Medicine, Durham Research, Education and Clinical Center
2005, National Public Health Coordinator, Department of Health, Sector for Substance Abuse Prevention, Nis, Serbia.

B. Contributions to Science

Peer-reviewed Publications:

1. Vognar LA, Heflin M, Voils C, Pieper C, Dosa D. *End the Silence: Elder Abuse: Assessing the impact of a multimedia elder abuse curriculum on multidisciplinary healthcare professionals' knowledge, skills and attitude.* (under review for Journal of Geriatric and Gerontology Education)
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3. Vognar LA, Mujahid N. *Healthcare Transitions of Older Adults: An Overview for the General Practitioner* (RIJM, April 2015)
4. Vognar LA, Taylor L, Dosa D. *Elder Abuse and the VA Healthcare System: An Overview* (Federal Practitioner, August 2016)
5. Vognar LA, Stoukides J. *The role of low plasma thiamine levels in cognitively impaired elderly patients presenting with acute behavioral disturbances.* (JAGS, vol 57:11 Nov 2009)

C. Additional Information: Research Support and/or Scholastic Performance

University teaching:

2013- present, Ambulatory Care rotation, Alpert School of Medicine, Brown University.
Preceptor for Alpert School of Medicine, Brown University med students/ Geriatric Fellows.

2013- present, Educational seminars/lectures, Reynolds Grant, Alpert School of Medicine,
Brown University,
Lecture on various geriatric core curricula.