

Wayne State University School of Medicine Faculty Profile

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Professional Education: Dr. White is an alumna of Adrian College, the Wayne State University School of Medicine, and Drexel University

Postgraduate: WSU/DMC Emergency Medicine- DRH Residency

WSU/DMC Medical Toxicology Fellowship

Drexel University Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine Fellowship

Academic Appointments: Professor of Emergency Medicine and Pediatrics, Wayne State University School of Medicine

Biography: "What I enjoy most about being an academic Chair is the opportunity to meld my love for teaching with that for the efficient delivery of quality emergency care. My background in medical education has been diverse and includes undergraduate curriculum development, residency program direction, graduate medical education technical operations, and lifelong learning program development. Since the most important and greatest portion of teaching during residency and medical school occurs at the bedside, I am immensely proud of our exemplary clinical faculty at WSUSOM. Further, I am deeply committed to assuring that each of our emergency departments provides the optimal clinical learning environment for our medical students, emergency medical residents and fellows. It is critical to maintain a delicate balance

between the newest medical technology, which tends to draw learners away from the bedside, and access to superb clinical faculty, who pull them back. In this era of the time-constrained ED, I have challenged our faculty to use novel, "front-loaded" teaching methods that quickly identify the learner's need, teach to that need, and offer rapid feedback. As our teaching strategies evolve, so will our need to critically evaluate the impact of ED overcrowding and new technology on our residents and students. At the end of the day, my goals are twofold: that our graduates excel clinically, and that they can understand how to apply research findings, processes, products, and systems in a manner that directly benefits their patients."

Responsibilities:

Dr. White provides direction for all emergency clinical services, research and medical education activities delivered by the Department of Emergency Medicine's nearly 100 faculty members and 70 residents. The department hosts two accredited emergency medicine residencies and a medical toxicology residency program. She oversees the type and scope of emergency services and staffing needed to meet the needs of patients at six emergency departments. She directs the clinical quality programs and administrative activities for the Department.

Awards and Honors:

- 1988 Janet Glasgow Memorial Achievement Citation, Wayne State University
- 1995 WSU Emergency Medicine Senior Resident Teacher of the Year
- 1998 WSU Dean's Excellence in Teaching Award
- 2000 American College of Emergency Physicians National Teaching Award
- 2003 Top Consultant, *Annals of Emergency Medicine*
- 2004 Fellow, Institute for Information Technology & Culture, Wayne State University
- 2004 Fellow, Hedwig van Amerigen Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine
- 2007 Top Docs, Hour Detroit

Representative Publications:

Waeckerle JF, Seamans S, Whiteside M, Pons PT, White S, Burstein JL, Murray R. Executive Summary: Developing Objectives, Content, and Competencies for the Training of Emergency Medical Technicians, Emergency Physicians, and Emergency Nurses to Care for Casualties Resulting from Nuclear, Biological, or Chemical (NBC) Incidents. *Ann Emerg Med* 2001;37:587-601.

White SR, Henretig F, Dukes R. Medical Management of Vulnerable Populations and Co-morbid Conditions of Victims of Bioterrorism. *Emergency Medicine Clinics of North America*, 20 (2002): 1-28.

White SR. Hospital and Emergency Department Preparedness for Biologic, Chemical and Nuclear Terrorism. Clinics in Occupational Environmental Medicine 2003;2 (2): 405-425.

Dunne RK, White SR. Communications for Crisis Coordination in the Medical Setting. Clinics in Occupational Environmental Medicine 2003;2(2): 443-463.

Smolinske SC, White SR, Daubert GP et al. Respiratory Illness Associated with Boot Sealant Products-Five States, 2005-2006. MMWR May 5, 2006;55(17): 488-490.

Klein KR, Herzog P, Smolinske SC, White SR. Demand for Poison Center Services Surged During the 2003 Blackout. J Clin Toxicol 2007;45;1-7.

Research Interests: Dr. White's interests lie in disaster preparedness and response coordination, specifically regarding the impact of chemical emergencies on vulnerable populations. She is a member of the WSU Multi-agency Jurisdictional Organizational Response research team funded by the National Science Foundation. Her participation in disaster preparedness efforts spans from the local to federal level.

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Other Info: Dr. White provides leadership for many national emergency medicine and medical toxicology organizations. She is a longstanding Oral Board Examiner for the American Board of Emergency Medicine, Chair of the American Board of Medical Specialties-Medical Toxicology Subboard, Chair of the ABMS Medical Toxicology Credentials Committee, Chair of the ABMS Medical Toxicology Assessment of Practice Performance Taskforce, Board of Director for the American College of Medical Toxicology, and Chair of the American College of Medical Toxicology Education Committee. She has launched the Maintenance of Certification Process development for ABMS in Medical Toxicology, and very recently led the development of its

Assessment of Practice Performance Program. She serves as an advisor to the CDC/ATSDR/NIEHS Chemical Terrorism Committee and the Department of Homeland Security Infrastructure Protection Program's Emergency Services Sector Panel.

Other memberships include those with the Society for Academic Emergency Medicine, the American College of Emergency Physicians, the American Medical Association, the Michigan State Medical Society, the Wayne County Medical Society, the American Academy of Clinical Toxicology, the American Association of Poison Control Centers, and the Association for Chairs in Academic Emergency Medicine.