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### **Summary of Skills and Experience**

- Certified Editor in the Life Sciences by the [Board of Editors in the Life Sciences](#)
- Extensive experience in writing and editing news and feature articles, briefing papers, clinical practice guidelines, meeting reports, news releases, reports, speeches, web content, and more
- Proficient at organizing, analyzing, and distilling information
- Excellent critical and strategic thinking skills
- Adept at translating technical information into plain English
- International experience (United States, Canada, Great Britain)

### **Awards**

#### ***Individual***

- Award for Excellence (Health & Medical Writing), 2013 [APEX Awards](#)
- 2013 [Eric W. Martin Award](#), Excellence in Medical Writing (Public or Health Care Consumer Audience category), American Medical Writers Association
- Award for Excellence, National Institutes of Health (NIH) [Plain Language Awards](#)
- Honorable Mention, National Institutes of Health Plain Language Awards
- Award for Excellence, American Medical Writers Association Mid-Atlantic Chapter Writing Awards
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#### ***Team***

- NIH Merit Award (team award – [NCI Cancer Bulletin](#))
- Writer for series of plain-language brochures on sexually transmitted diseases that received two team awards:
  - MarCom Platinum Award
  - National Health Information Silver Award

### **Medical Writing – Selected Projects**

#### ***Oncology***

- News and feature articles about cancer research, treatment, clinical trials, prevention, and supportive care
- Reports and meeting summaries for working group on use of imaging to assess response to cancer treatment
- Report of expert panel on research priorities in colorectal cancer
- Reports of U.S. Food and Drug Administration workshops on endpoints in clinical trials intended to lead to approval of new anticancer drugs

#### ***Gerontology/Long-Term Care***

- Clinical practice guidelines on disease management in the long-term care setting; topics include anemia, dementia, depression, immunization, infections, medication management, osteoporosis, pain, Parkinson's disease, palliative care, pressure ulcers, sleep disorders, urinary incontinence, and more

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***Neuroscience/Substance Abuse***

- Press releases on advances in neuroscience research for National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)
- Online training program on Good Clinical Practice in the performance of clinical trials for NIDA grantees
- Summary statements for grant review panels, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment and Center for Substance Abuse Prevention

***Cardiovascular Conditions***

- Manual on optimizing the use of anticoagulant and antithrombotic agents in the long-term care setting
- Clinical practice guideline on management of stroke in the long-term care setting
- White paper on prevention of deep-vein thrombosis
- Feature articles for physicians on
  - Drug vs. device treatment for cardiac arrhythmia (translated into Japanese for publication)
  - State-of-the-art treatment of hypertension (translated into Spanish for publication)

***Diabetes***

- Clinical practice guideline on diabetes management in the long-term care setting
- Content for consumer newsletter on diabetes
- Guidebook for parents on raising a child with diabetes

***Child and Adolescent Health***

- Information for patients, consumers, and researchers on National Institute of Child Health and Human Development web site
- Reports and meeting summaries for National Coordinating Committee on School Health and Safety
- Articles about specialist pediatric services at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh

***Plain Language***

- Brochures and fact sheets for low-literacy audiences on cancer treatment, women's health sexually transmitted diseases, and more
- Series of plain-language booklets for Medicare beneficiaries on obtaining high-quality health care
- Feature articles for female consumers on cholesterol, diabetes, mammography, migraine, osteoporosis, stroke, and other topics

***Other Subject Areas***

- *Clinical Trials*: Overview of scope of and challenges facing U.S. clinical trials enterprise (translated into Japanese for publication)
- *Ophthalmology*: Profiles of physician-scientists for UPMC Eye Center annual report
- *Dermatology*: Update for physicians on atopic dermatitis research and therapy (translated into Japanese for publication)
- *Tropical Diseases*: Literature review of clinical experience with the drug sodium stibogluconate in children with visceral leishmaniasis (a parasitic infection)

**Medical Editing – Selected Projects**

***HIV/AIDS***

- *Guide to the Clinical Care of Women With HIV*, 2012 edition (HIV/AIDS Bureau, Health Resources and Services Administration)
- *HRSA CAREAction* newsletter (HIV/AIDS Bureau, Health Resources and Services Administration)
- *Treatment of HIV-Infected Alcohol and Other Drug Abusers – Treatment Improvement Protocol* (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration)

**Cancer/Oncology**

- *Cancer Clinical Trials Training Guide* (Education Network to Advance Cancer Clinical Trials)
- *Priorities of the Kidney/Bladder Cancers Progress Review Group* (National Cancer Institute)
- *Quality Determinants of Mammography–Clinical Practice Guideline* (Agency for Health Care Research and Quality)

**Cardiovascular Conditions**

- *Atrial Fibrillation in the Long-Term Care Setting* (AMDA–Dedicated to Long Term Care Medicine)
- *One America, Heart Healthy and Stroke Free: Our Choice–A Public Health Perspective on Prevention* (U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)
- *Metabolic Syndrome Rates in U.S. Adolescents, from the National Health And Nutrition Examination Survey 1999-2002* (U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, published in *Journal of Pediatrics*, 2008 )

**Education**

B.A. (Journalism), Ryerson University, Toronto, Canada

Board of Editors in the Life Sciences certification examination

Chemistry course, Federation for Advanced Education in the Sciences Graduate School at the National Institutes of Health

Presenting Data and Information course by Dr. Edward Tufte

Proposal-writing course, Publication Specialist Program, George Washington University Center for Continuing Education, Washington, DC

Putting Complex Information on the Web, Society for Technical Communication workshop

**Affiliations**

[American Medical Writers Association](#)

[Association of Health Care Journalists](#)

[Board of Editors in the Life Sciences](#)

[Editorial Freelancers Association](#)