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Colon and Rectal/General Surgery, Kaiser Moanalua Medical Center

EDUCATION

7/2007-6/2008

Fellow, Colon and Rectal Surgery

Division of Colon and Rectal Surgery, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN

7/2002-6/2007

Resident, General Surgery

Department of Surgery, Oregon Health & Science University, Portland, Oregon

7/2001-6/2002

Intern, General Surgery

Department of Surgery, Oregon Health & Science University, Portland, Oregon

8/1997-5/2001

University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry, Rochester, New York

MD 5/2001

8/1993-6/1997

Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pennsylvania

Bachelor of Arts 6/1997, Majors in Chemistry and Music

EMPLOYMENT

August 2008 – present

Attending surgeon in Colon and Rectal/General Surgery

Kaiser Moanalua Medical Center, Honolulu, HI

6/1998-8/1998

Tri-County Family Medicine

Summer Research Fellow

9/1994-5/1997

Swarthmore College

Laboratory Teaching Assistant

LICENSURE

American Board of Colorectal Surgery Certifying Exam 9/2009; Certificate number 2099

American Board of Colorectal Surgery Qualifying Exam 3/2008

American board of Colorectal Surgery ongoing MOC, current

American Board of Surgery Certifying Exam, 10/2007; Certificate number 52938

American Board of Surgery Qualifying Exam, 8/2007

American Board of Surgery Recertifying Exam passed 11/30/2016

USMLE Step III, 6/2002

USMLE Step II, 4/2001

USMLE Step I, 6/1999

State of Hawaii License (Number 14775)

HONORS AND AWARDS

2018 Healthcare Association of Hawaii Healthcare Hero

Best Doctors of America; Honolulu, Hawaii: 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024.

Teaching Staff of the Year, Tripler Army Medical Center/Kaiser Moanalua Medical Center General Surgery Residency, June 2009 and June 2014

Northwest Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons Resident Paper Competition, 2nd place. August 2006

Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Society, Oregon Health & Sciences University Chapter
June 2005

Karen E. Deveney Award for Excellence in Clinical Research, Portland Surgical Society. June 2005

COMMITTEES AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Member, Hawaii Medical Board (state medical board). July 2022-present.

Medical Director of Clinical Risk and Quality Assurance, Hawaii Permanente Medical Group. July 2019-present.

President, Hawaii Chapter, American College of Surgeons, July 2024-present.

Vice President, Hawaii Chapter, American College of Surgeons, July 2019-July 2024.

Secretary-Treasurer, Hawaii Chapter, American College of Surgeons, January 2015-2019.

Cancer Liaison Physician, State of Hawaii Chair, July 2017-January 2023

Member, Board of Directors, Hawaii Permanente Medical Group. January 2013-December 2018.

Fellow, American College of Surgeons
Fellow, October 2012 - present; Member, Spring 2005-2012

Member, Pacific Coast Surgical Association
January 2011 - present

Assistant Clinical Professor, John A. Burns School of Medicine, University of Hawaii at Manoa. 2009-present.

Director of Surgical Education (General Surgery Residency Site Director), Kaiser Moanalua Medical Center
January 2009 - 2018

Member, American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons
Spring 2006 - present

Surgical Residency Education Committee ("SWAT" team), Resident representative
October 2004 - June 2005

BIBLIOGRAPHY**Journal Articles**

Sawai RS. Management of Colonic Obstruction: A Review. Clin Colon Rectal Surg. 2012;25(4):200-203.

Gee AC, Sawai RS, Differding J, Muller P, Underwood S, Schreiber MA. The influence of sex hormones on coagulation and inflammation in the trauma patient. *Shock*. 2007. ePub.

Kiraly LN, Differding JA, Enomoto TM, Sawai RS, et al. Resuscitation with normal saline vs. lactated ringers modulates hypercoagulability and leads to increased blood loss in an uncontrolled hemorrhagic shock swine model. *J Trauma*. 2006;61(1):57-64.

JP Cullen, S Sayeed, RS Sawai, NG Theodorakis, PA Cahill, JV Sitzmann, and EM Redmond. *Pulsatile flow-induced angiogenesis: Role of G_i Subunits*. *Arteriosclerosis, Thrombosis, and Vascular Biology* 2002;22(10):1610-6.

P Frame, R Sawai, W Bowen, C Myerowitz. *Preventive dentistry: practitioners' recommendations for low-risk patients compared to scientific evidence and practice guidelines*. *American Journal of Preventive Medicine* 2000;18(2):159-62.

Book Chapters

R Martindale, RS Sawai. Sepsis and Infection. In the A.S.P.E.N. Nutrition Support Core Curriculum: A Case-Based Approach – the Adult Patient. Gottschlich MM, ed. American Society for Parenteral & Enteral Nutrition. 2007

Abstracts and Presentations

R Sawai, D Herzig, K Lu, K Deveney. *Deficiencies in genetic testing for hereditary colorectal cancer in the state of Oregon*. Oregon/Washington American College of Surgeons Regional Meeting. June 2006. (oral presentation)

R Sawai, K Deveney. *Hypercoagulability and inflammatory bowel disease*. Northwest Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons. August 2005. (oral presentation)

R Sawai, J Watters, J Differding, M Schreiber. *Circulating IL-8 is predictive of inflammatory dysfunction in trauma*. Eastern Association for the Surgery of Trauma 19th Annual Scientific Assembly. January 2006. (oral presentation)

R Sawai, J Watters, J Differding, M Schreiber. *Circulating IL-8 may be predictive of dysfunctional inflammation in trauma*. Portland Surgical Society Research Competition. June 2005. (oral presentation)

R Sawai, J Watters, J Differding, T Wiesberg, P Muller, M Schreiber. *Increasing resuscitation fluid tonicity does not increase the inflammatory response in uncontrolled hemorrhagic shock*. 66th Annual Meeting of the Society of University Surgeons, Nashville, Tennessee. February 2005. (oral presentation)

R Sawai, J Watters, J Differding, M Schreiber. *Circulating IL-8 in trauma patients*. American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma Regional Competition, Region X, Olympia, Washington. December 2004. (oral presentation)

R Sawai, J Watters, J Differding, T Wiesberg, P Muller, M Schreiber. *7.5% Saline with dextran resuscitation causes dysfunctional inflammation in uncontrolled hemorrhagic shock*. American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma Regional Competition, Region X, Olympia, Washington. December 2004. (oral presentation)

R Sawai, K Deveney, M Whiteford. *Risk factors for pelvic sepsis after colectomy in patients with inflammatory bowel disease*. Northwest Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons, Whitefish, Montana. August 2004. (oral presentation)

Other Activities

Participant (surgeon), Aloha Medical Mission to Comayagua, Honduras. January 2016.

Participant (surgeon), Aloha Medical Mission to Tuguegarao, Philippines. February 2014.