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Undergraduate school: Bachelor of Exercise Science, Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida

Graduate school: Doctorate of Physical Therapy, University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida

Certifications/specialties: Certified Brain Injury Specialist, Certified Clinical Instructor Program (CCIP) Level 1

Poster presentations:

- Lynch, N., Tino, P., Zachar, J., Successful Development of a Contemporary Acute Care Physical Therapy Residency Program Without an Academic Partner APTA CSM 2024 Boston, MA
- Lynch, N., Tucker, K., et.al., Striving to Enhance the DPT Student's Knowledge and Preparation in Acute Care: A Partnership with Acute Care Physical Therapist and University of South Florida. APTA CSM 2024 Boston, MA
- Lynch, N., Orlander, E., Tucker, K., et.al., Integrating Clinical Observation and Didactic Learning in the Acute Care Setting for DPT Students. APTA CSM 2020 Denver, CO
- Lynch, N., Tucker, K. Interprofessional Collaboration for the Management of Tonic Bite in Adults with Severe Brain Injury. APTA CSM 2020 Denver, CO

Practicing since: 2009

Content area expert: Multisystem

Why you chose a career at TGH: I chose Tampa General Hospital for its diverse and complex patient population that allows me to continually learn, while also supporting me with opportunities for professional growth.

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Undergraduate school: Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science, Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida

Graduate school: Doctor of Physical Therapy, Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Certifications/specialties: Certified Lymphedema Therapist, Certified Clinical Instructor Program (CCIP) Level 1

Poster presentations:

- Wagner, C., Chahine, V., Kim, O., Lynch, N. Tucker, K., et.al., Striving to Enhance the DPT Student's Knowledge and Preparation in Acute Care: A Partnership with Acute Care Physical Therapist and University of South Florida. APTA CSM 2019 Washington, D.C.
- Johnson, J., Tino, P., Wagner, Chris. Distance Ambulated on Post-Op Day #0 and Earlier Hospital Discharge: Is There a Correlation? APTA CSM 2020 Denver, CO
- Wagner, C., King, K., Johnson, J., Prine, G., Tucker, K. How Essential Were You During COVID-19? Shifting the Paradigm of Acute Care Physical Therapy. APTA CSM 2021 Virtual
- Lynch, N. Tucker, K., et.al., Striving to Enhance the DPT Student's Knowledge and Preparation in Acute Care: A Partnership with Acute Care Physical Therapist and University of South Florida. APTA CSM 2024 Boston, MA
- Orlander, E. Dyer, K. Wagner, C. et.al., Can Clinical Frailty Score Assist with Discharge Recommendations in the Acute Care Setting? APTA CSM 2024 Boston, MA
- Submitted: Wagner, C. Tino, P. King, K.; Hospital at Home: The Next Frontier for Acute Care Physical Therapy. APTA CSM 2025 Houston, TX

Practicing since: 2013

Content area expert: Hospital at Home, Informatics, IT Integration

Why you chose a career at TGH: I chose my career at Tampa General Hospital because of the care we provide at this organization. Having done an internship here, I was able to preview the organization and felt that that TGH values physical therapy. Also, the department at TGH is incredibly supportive of one other and helps elevate care. I transferred to the Hospital at Home team full-time in March 2024. Being on this innovative team has allowed me to bolster physical therapy as a profession and provide world-class acute care therapy in the comfort of patients' homes.

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Undergraduate school: Bachelor of Science in Physical Therapy, Seth Gordhandas Sunderdas Medical College and School of Physiotherapy, Mumbai, India

Master of Science in Physical Therapy with specialization in Orthopedics, Seth Gordhandas Sunderdas Medical College and School of Physiotherapy, Mumbai, India

Graduate school: Doctorate of Physical Therapy, University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida

Certifications/specialties: Board-Certified Specialist in Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Physical Therapy and Certified Clinical Instructor Program (CCIP) Level 1

Poster presentations:

- Gupte, S., Rogers, J., Chahine, V., Kim, O., Lynch, N. Tucker, K., et.al., Striving to Enhance the DPT Student's Knowledge and Preparation in Acute Care: A Partnership with Acute Care Physical Therapist and University of South Florida. APTA CSM 2019 Washington, D.C.
- Steffens, Y., Gupte, S., Tucker, K. Respiratory Muscle Training for Activity Intolerance and Dyspnea in Acute Exacerbation of Advanced Lung Disease. APTA CSM 2024 Boston, MA

Publication:

- Importance of Physical Therapy Interventions for Medically Complex Patient with Severe COVID-19: A Case Report. Thomas et al. Cardiopulmonary Physical Therapy Journal 2022

Practicing since: 1992

Content area expert: Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Physical Therapy, Complex Cardiac Surgery Rehab, Vascular Rehab, Amputee Rehab, Pulmonary Rehab, Transplant, and Vestibular Therapy

Why you chose a career at TGH: Health care is one of the most rapidly changing fields, possibly due to constantly advancing technology. Professional researchers and scientists are forever searching for better ways to heal and help people: better machines, better techniques, better medicine. Tampa General Hospital offers all of this; hence, you get to grow with the ever-changing landscape of health care. I've been working at TGH for over two decades, but I never feel like I'm stuck in the same routine. I love to learn new things — anything that will help me be a better provider for our patients. TGH supports education, innovation and learning. Also, I love my coworkers and beautiful views of Tampa Bay all around; hard to beat that!

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Undergraduate school: Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science, University of South Florida, Tampa Florida
Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts, Hillsborough Community College, Tampa, Florida

Graduate school: Master of Science in Physical Therapy, Florida Gulf Coast University, Fort Myers, Florida
Doctorate of Physical Therapy, Florida Gulf Coast University, Fort Myers, Florida

Certifications/specialties: Certified Brain Injury Specialist (CBIS), Certified Clinical Instructor Program (CCIP) Level 1

Poster presentation:

- Rogers, J., Chahine, V., Kim, O., Lynch, N. Tucker, K., et.al., Striving to Enhance the DPT Student's Knowledge and Preparation in Acute Care: A Partnership with Acute Care Physical Therapist and University of South Florida. ATPA CSM 2019 Washington, D.C.

Practicing since: 2011

Content area expert: Neuro-trauma

Why you chose a career at TGH: I chose Tampa General Hospital as a new graduate to expand my knowledge and clinical skills in the vast diagnoses we perform in therapy practice. I enjoy my career here, as the complexity of patients continues to challenge me as a clinician, the organization promotes professional growth, and our therapy staff is supportive of all personal and professional endeavors.

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Undergraduate school: Bachelor of Science in Physical Therapy, Lebanese University, Beirut, Lebanon

Graduate school: Doctorate of Physical Therapy, University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida

Certifications/specialties: Board-Certified Clinical Specialist in Neurologic Physical Therapy, Certified Brain Injury Specialist, Certified Clinical Instructor Program (CCIP) Level 1 & Level 2

Poster presentation:

- Chahine, V., Kim, O., Lynch, N. Tucker, K., et.al., Striving to Enhance the DPT Student's Knowledge and Preparation in Acute Care: A Partnership with Acute Care Physical Therapist and University of South Florida. APTA 2019 Washington, D.C.

Practicing since: 1996

Content area expert: Neurologic Acute Care (Intensive Care Units and Progressive Floors), Critical Care, Early Mobilization of Orally Intubated Patients, Vestibular Therapy

Why you chose a career at TGH: I recognized that Tampa General Hospital, as a Level 1 Trauma Center and teaching hospital, supports my goals to grow my skills, aligning with my beliefs to elevate the physical therapy profession. Through TGH's skills enhancement program, I was able to acquire my t-DPT, followed by my NCS.

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Undergraduate school: Associate of Arts, Connors State College, Warner, Oklahoma

Bachelor of Science in Physical Therapy, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma

Bachelor of Health Science (in Medicine and Physician Assistant Program), University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida

Graduate school: Doctorate of Physical Therapy, Utica University, Utica, New York

Certifications/specialties: Certified Physician Assistant, Certified Clinical Instructor Program (CCIP) Level 1

Practicing since: 1986

Content area expert: Cardiopulmonary: Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO), Impella, Left Ventricular Assistive Devices (LVADs), Intra-aortic Balloon Pumps, and Lung and Heart Transplants

Why you chose a career at TGH: Throughout my career, Tampa General Hospital has provided world-class care to the citizens of our community, region and beyond. TGH cares for all patients, no matter the degree of complexity or circumstances, with unconditional compassion and respect. TGH takes pride in being a health care leader dedicated to providing the highest level of patient care with innovative technologies and services. I chose TGH because it gave me the opportunity to elevate my clinical skills to the highest level by providing collaborative care to patients with complex medical disorders in an environment that supports success.

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Undergraduate school: Bachelor of Science in Physical Therapy, Oakland University, Rochester, Michigan

Graduate school: Master of Science in Health Education, University of Michigan-Flint, Michigan

Doctorate of Physical Therapy, University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida

Certifications/specialties: Master of Science in Health Education, University of Michigan-Flint, Michigan

Poster presentations:

- Rogers, J., Chahine, V., Kim, O., Lynch, N. Tucker, K., et.al., Striving to Enhance the DPT Student's Knowledge and Preparation in Acute Care: A Partnership with Acute Care Physical Therapist and University of South Florida. APTA CSM 2019 Washington, D.C.
- Lynch, N., Orlander, E., Tucker, K. Integrating Clinical Observation and Didactic Learning in the Acute Care Setting for DPT Students. APTA CSM 2020 Denver, CO
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- Steffens, Y., Gupte, S., Tucker, K. Respiratory Muscle Training for Activity Intolerance and Dyspnea in Acute Exacerbation of Advanced Lung Disease. APTA CSM 2024 Boston, MA
- Tucker, K., Kleinclause, T. A Case Study: The Step-by-Step Journey to Walk After 3 Years of Immobility for a 600 Pound Patient. National Safe Patient Handling Conference 2017 Orlando, FL
- Tucker, K., Roderick, K. A Case Study: From Sitting to Walking, Progression with Use of Encore Device. National Safe Patient Handling Conference 2012 Orlando, FL
- Webster, J., Tucker, K., Trevisani, C. Potter. Evaluating Risk for Pressure Ulcers: Impact of Seating Position on Peak Pressure. Florida Occupational Therapy Association Annual Meeting 2017 Tampa, FL

Publication:

- Case Study: A 600-lb Patient Journey to Walk after 3 Years of Immobility. Labreche et al. - International Journal SPHM-2017

Practicing since: 1986

Content area expert: Integumentary System

Why you chose a career at TGH: Tampa General Hospital offered me an opportunity to grow as a leader and to share in developing the growth of physical therapy in the acute care setting.

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Undergraduate school: Bachelor of Science in Physical Therapy, Emilio Aguinaldo College, Manila, Philippines

Graduate school: Doctorate of Physical Therapy, University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences, St. Augustine, Florida

Certifications/specialties: Board-Certified Clinical Specialist in Geriatric Physical Therapy, Certified Clinical Instructor Program (CCIP) Level 1

Poster presentations:

- Rogers, J., Chahine, V., Kim, O., Lynch, N. Tucker, K., et.al., Striving to Enhance the DPT Student's Knowledge and Preparation in Acute Care: A Partnership with Acute Care Physical Therapist and University of South Florida. APTA CSM 2019 Washington, D.C.
- Steffens, Y., Gupte, S., Tucker, K. Respiratory Muscle Training for Activity Intolerance and Dyspnea in Acute Exacerbation of Advanced Lung Disease. APTA CSM 2024 Boston, MA

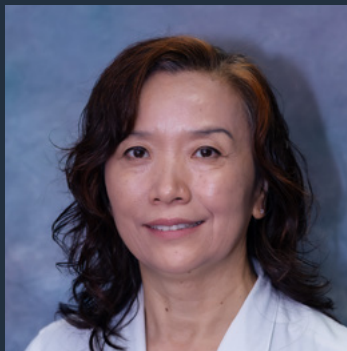
Practicing since: 1994

Content area expert: Discharge Planning, Transition of Care, Emergency Department & Observation Unit, Autoimmune, Dyspnea, and Evidence-Based Practice (EBP) Mentor

Why you chose a career at TGH: The culture at Tampa General Hospital allows me to fulfill my personal mission to provide the highest-quality evidence-based physical therapy that brings out the best outcome from each patient and inspires other therapists to do the same.

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Undergraduate school: Bachelor of Science in Rehabilitation Sciences, Yonsei University, Seoul, South Korea

Graduate school: Doctorate of Physical Therapy, University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida

Certifications/specialties: Board-Certified Clinical Specialist in Cardiopulmonary & Vascular Physical Therapy. Certified Clinical Instructor Program (CCIP) Level 1

Poster presentation:

- Kim, O., Lynch, N. Tucker, K., et.al., Striving to Enhance the DPT Student's Knowledge and Preparation in Acute Care: A Partnership with Acute Care Physical Therapist and USF. APTA CSM 2019 Washington, D.C.

Publications:

- Importance of Physical Therapy Interventions for Medically Complex Patient with Severe COVID-19: A Case Report. Thomas et al. Cardiopulmonary Physical Therapy Journal 2022
- Progressive Mobility of Patients Supported on ECMO from Dependency to Ambulation Utilizing Safe Patient Handling Technology. Labreche et al. International Journal SPHM 2021

Practicing since: 2001

Content area expert: Critical Care, Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO) Mobilization, Ventricular Assist Device (VAD), Cardiopulmonary Transplantation and Cardiac Rehab

Why you chose a career at TGH: Tampa General Hospital offers the opportunity to learn something new every day and grow my professional career quickly in a world-class medical environment with experienced clinicians.

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Undergraduate school: Bachelor of Science in Biology, Elmhurst College (now Elmhurst University), Elmhurst, Illinois

Graduate school: Doctorate of Physical Therapy, University of Illinois Chicago, Chicago, Illinois

Certifications/specialties: Certified Lymphedema Therapist

Poster presentations:

- Tino, P., Zachar, J., Lynch, N., Successful Development of a Contemporary Acute Care Physical Therapy Residency Program Without an Academic Partner APTA CSM 2024
- Rogers, J., Chahine, V., Kim, O., Lynch, N. Tucker, K., et.al., Striving to Enhance the DPT Student's Knowledge and Preparation in Acute Care: A Partnership with Acute Care Physical Therapist and University of South Florida. APTA CSM 2019 Washington, D.C.
- Webster, J., Tucker, K., Trevisani, C. Potter. Evaluating Risk for Pressure Ulcers: Impact of Seating Position on Peak Pressure. Florida Occupational Therapy Association Annual Meeting 2017 Tampa, FL

Practicing since: 2014

Content area expert: Burns and Lymphedema

Why you chose a career at TGH: I love the complexity of the patients whom we serve at Tampa General Hospital and that we are a teaching hospital. There is so much opportunity for learning and collaboration, and it pushes you outside your comfort zone on a daily basis.

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Undergraduate school: Associate in Science in Physical Therapy Assistant, SUNY Broome, Dickerson, New York

Bachelor of Biological Science, Barry University, Miami, Florida

Graduate school: Master of Science in Physical Therapy, Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Doctorate of Physical Therapy, Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Certifications/specialties: Vestibular Rehab, APTA CAPTE Reviewer Team 2024 for PT & PTA Programs

Poster presentations:

- Johnson, J., Tino, P., Wagner, Chris. Distance Ambulated on Post-Op Day #0 and Earlier Hospital