

Nicholas von Foerster MD



Professional Experiences	Medical Director Reno Fire Department	2025 - present
	Director of EMS Northern Nevada Health System	2024 - present
	Emergency Physician Northern Nevada Medical Center / Envision University of Pittsburgh Medical Center / University of Pittsburgh Physicians	2022-present 2021-2022
	City of Pittsburgh Medical Command and Physician Response - Provided online mobile medical command for ALS calls within the City of Pittsburgh. - Individually responded to specific high-acuity calls including cardiac arrest, complicated airway management, entrapment, and prolonged extrication.	2019-2022
	Assistant Medical Director City of Pittsburgh EMS – Pittsburgh PA Southeast Regional EMS – Jefferson Hills PA Washington Ambulance and Chair – Washington PA	2021-2022 2020-2022 2019-2020
	STAT Medevac Flight Physician / Medical Department Staff – Pittsburgh PA - Provided air medical transport and management to patients with critical illness requiring higher level care - Worked with multiple emergency medical systems operating in urban, suburban, and rural environments - Assisted medical director team with peer review, QA/QI	2020-2022
	UPMC EMS Communication Center Command Physician - Received consults/calls regarding in-flight medical emergencies and medical gate screenings from airlines such as Emirates, Delta, and Southwest on domestic and international flights. - Received command consults from the entire STAT Medevac system - Received command consults from the entire UPMC Prehospital Care ground EMS system	2021-2022
	UPMC EM Residency EMS Chair / Residency Liaison - Supervised day to day operational and medical management of prehospital resident physician response within the City of Pittsburgh. - Initiated optimization projects including checklist algorithm overhaul, medication restock process improvements, and orientation material improvement.	2020-2021

	Event Physician - Pittsburgh Steelers vs Carolina Panthers NFL game, <i>Heinz Field</i> - Pittsburgh Steelers vs Cincinnati Bengals NFL game, <i>Heinz Field</i> - Pittsburgh Marathon, <i>Pittsburgh PA</i> - University of Pittsburgh vs Delaware, <i>Heinz Field</i> - Great Race, <i>Point Park, Pittsburgh, PA</i> - Pittsburgh Steelers vs Miami Dolphins NFL game, <i>Heinz Field</i> - Point Park 4 th of July Fireworks, <i>Point Park, Pittsburgh PA</i> - Great Race, <i>Point Park, Pittsburgh PA</i> - Rolling Stones Concert, <i>Heinz Field, Pittsburgh PA</i>	8/30/18 12/30/18 5/5/19 9/28/19 9/29/19 8/13/19 7/4/21 9/26/21 10/4/21
	Emergency Medical Technician – Rural Metro Ambulance – Eugene OR BLS transport unit providing 911 response in addition to scheduled transport, driving services for local NICU transport and backup transport for local HEMS agency	2013-2014
	Volunteer Emergency Medical Technician – Philomath Fire & Rescue Philomath OR Predominantly BLS 911 response with small rural fire department	2013-2014
Education	University of Pittsburgh Fellowship in Emergency Medical Services University of Pittsburgh Residency in Emergency Medicine Oregon Health and Science University - Portland OR Doctor of Medicine Wilderness Medical Institute - National Outdoor Leadership School Wilderness EMT, NREMT – Mt. Shasta CA Oregon State University – Corvallis OR Bachelor of Science, Magna Cum Laude – Exercise and Sport Science Minor - Chemistry University of British Columbia – Vancouver BC Film Production, Kinesiology	2021-2022 2018-2022 2014-2018 8/2012 2010-2013 2008-2010
Educational Activities	High-risk COVID-19/PAPR simulation and algorithm creation UPMC Presbyterian Helped develop a faculty and staff simulation for high-risk intubations during COVID-19 with run through of new airway algorithm and checklists for ED intubations. “Emergency Management of Medical Devices for EM/EMS” Presenter: - UPMC Prehospital Care “Third Thursday” series - UPMC Emergency Medicine Residency 2 nd Year Lecture - EMS West Provider Update	Spring 2020 10/17/2019 6/11/20 3/26/21

	"Bicarbonate in Metabolic Acidosis and Cardiac Arrest" Residency capstone lecture – UPMC Emergency Medicine Residency	2/4/21
	Instructor – UPMC Presbyterian MCI Drill Designed and ran triage drill station for our Level 1 trauma center	3/25/21
	City of Pittsburgh EMS Follow-up Coordinator Interface with EMS crews to provide details on ultimate patient outcome and disposition following EMS runs.	2020-2021
	Medical Student teaching and supervision Teaching and supervision of 3 rd year medical students at UPMC Mercy and Presbyterian ED's, as well as POCUS workshops for preclinical students	2019-2020
	EMIGcast – Student Lead OHSU FOAMed Podcast Episode 42: Flight Physician / Helicopter EMS with Dr. Bill Hinckley Episode 34: BET – Effect of Epi on Neuro Outcomes Following ROSC Episode 33: Palliative Care Episode 30: Community Paramedics	2016-2018
Publications	Division of Emergency Medical Services at UPMC – First Author Prehospital Ultrasound: A Narrative Review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Narrative literature review regarding Prehospital Ultrasound implementation and training amongst prehospital personnel - <i>Prehospital Emergency Care</i>, 2023 	2021-2022
	Department of Emergency Medicine at UPMC – PI: Dr. Paul Phrampus A Multidisciplinary Intubation Algorithm for Suspected COVID-19 Patients in the Emergency Department <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assisted in developing a simulation and algorithm for high-risk intubations. - <i>Western Journal of Emergency Medicine</i>, June 2020 	2020
	Division of Emergency Medical Services at UPMC – Faculty Mentor: Christian Martin-Gill MD, MPH Characteristics of a prehospital medical alert system aimed to identify high-risk non-trauma, stroke, or STEMI patients <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Descriptive study evaluating an alert system to identify patients requiring expeditious ED interventions. - Poster presented by Dr. Chika Agi at NAEMSP 2019 	2018-2019
	Department of Emergency Medicine at Oregon Health and Science University – PI: Dr. Joshua Kornegay Does Accelerometer Use Lead to Higher Quality CPR for Advanced Cardiac Life Support Providers? A Prospective Randomized Study Assisted with data collection, published in <i>Eurasian Journal of Emergency Medicine</i> (2018)	2017

Awards and Honors	<u>UPMC Emergency Medicine Residency</u>	
	Peter Savar Award For Excellence In Research	2021
	EM Ultrasound Resident of the Year	2021
Certification and Licensure	American Board of Emergency Medicine - EMS	2023
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	Pre-Hospital Physician, EMSVO	2019
	NCRC Orientation to Cave Rescue	2021
	NAEMT - Tactical Emergency Casualty Care	2021
	PALS Provider	2020
	ATLS Provider	2018
	ACLS Provider	2018
	American Heart Association BLS, CPR, AED	2018
Professional Membership	National Associate of EMS Physicians	

