JOANNE CHUN

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EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley Extension

2022

Certificate Coding/Full-Stack Bootcamp

University of California, San Francisco

1996

Ph.D. Pharmaceutical Chemistry and Molecular Biology

Dissertation: Cellular and Molecular Characteristics of Organic Cation Transport in Epithelial Cells

University of California, San Francisco

1993

Pharm.D.

University of California, Berkeley

1988

B.S. Nutrition and Food Science

WORK EXPERIENCE

University of Hawai'i Cancer Center

Current

Research Specialist

Honolulu, HI

 Work focuses on studying the molecular genetics and signaling pathways during liver cancer growth to develop new therapies to treat liver cancer.

CBI (Cellular Bioengineering) - Skai Technologies

2007 - 2009

Senior Research Scientist

Honolulu, HI

- Established the safety of TruTag, a micro tag that can be applied to pills, tablets, and capsules as edible barcodes
- Investigated different methods of application of TruTag to relevant products after assessing chemical purity of tag
- Authored and submitted drug master file (DMF) to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

University of California, San Francisco

1990-1996

Graduate Researcher

San Francisco, CA

- Designed and researched drug processes in the kidney; how transport processes are regulated at a molecular level
- Utilized expression cloning in *Xenopus laevis* oocytes to clone the renal organic cation transporter and subsequently elucidated the mechanisms involved in the regulation of said transporter

University of California, San Francisco

1992-1993

Teaching Assistant

San Francisco, CA

- Directed workshops teaching pharmaceutical chemistry to support students enrolled in UCSF Pharm.D. program
- Led lessons in biopharmaceutics/pharmacokinetics to students enrolled in UCSF M.D. and Pharm.D. programs

Kaiser Foundation Hospital

1989-1993

Pharmacist Intern

San Francisco, CA

- Trained in Outpatient pharmacy, processed new and refill prescription requests, counseled patients on medication
- Prepared drug admixtures including IV chemo, investigational, and parenteral/enteral nutrition; prepared unit dose medication, filled pixis machine, performed out-of-date checks, and handled safe medication disposal

University of California, Irvine - Medical Center

1993

Pharmacist Intern

Orange, CA

- Trained in anti-coagulation clinic, drug information, poison control, and clinical and neonatal/pediatric pharmacy
- Monitored warfarin patients with consult to evaluate lab results, drug/food interactions, and outpatient follow-up

- Researched to provide oral and written referenced responses to questions about medication exposures as well as household, occupational, and environmental exposure concerns along with other drug information requests
- Optimized patient care utilizing medical history, medication reconciliation, and proposing drug therapy plans

FHP Pharmaceutical Services

1993

Pharmacist Intern

Tustin, CA

- Trained in home-infusion/home-health pharmacy, both administrative methods and medical delivery equipment
- Prepared IV antibiotics, parenteral/enteral nutrition, hydration, and other sterile drug product admixtures

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Joanne K. Chun, Micheline Piquette-Miller, Lei Zhang, and Kathleen Giacomini: "Expression of Human Polyspecific Renal Organic Cation Transport Activity in *Xenopus laevis* Oocytes". Journal of Pharmaceutical Sciences 86(6):753-755.

Lei Zhang, Mark J. Dresser, **Joanne K. Chun**, Patricia C. Babbit and Kathleen Giacomini: "Cloning and functional Expression of a polyspecific organic cation transporter (OCT3) from rat kidney". Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics. 61:235.

Joanne K. Chun, Lei Zhang, Micheline Piquete-Miller, Ernest Lau, Li-Qi Tong, and Kathleen Giacomini: "Characterization of Guanidine Transport in Human Renal Brush Border Membranes". Pharmaceutical Research, 14(7):936-941.

Lei Zhang, Mark J. Dresser, **Joanne K. Chun** et al: "Cloning and Functional characterization of a rat renal organic cation transporter isoform (rOCT1A)". J. Biol. Chem. 1997: 272:16548-16554.

Micheline Piquette-Miller, Carlo Bello, **Joanne K. Chan**, Kathleen Giacomini: "Interaction of nucleoside analogs with an intestinal Na+-Nucleoside transporter, N1". Clinical Pharmacology & Therapeutics, 59:186-186.

Ronda J. Ott, **Joanne K. Chan**, Vikram K. Ramanathan, Andrew C. Hui and Kathleen Giacomini: "Effect of Phenylisothiocyanate on Organic Cation Transport in Opossum Kidney Cells". J. Pharmacol. Exp. Ther. 269(1):204-208.

Western Pharmacology Society Meeting

1995

"Expression of the Renal Organic Cation Transporter in Xenopus laevis Oocytes"

Maui, HI

American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists Meeting

1993

"Substrate Regulation of the Organic Cation-H+ Antiporter in Opossum Kidney Cells"

Orlando, FL

AWARDS & HONORS

Western Pharmacology Society Best Poster Presentation

1995

Maui, HI

ADDITIONAL

- HTML, CSS, javascript, SQL, ORM, noSQL, PWAs, React, MERN
- Cantonese (conversational), Portuguese (conversational), French (conversational), Spanish (conversational)
- Proficient in Kareo medical billing
- Real estate investing, development, and management in Hawaii, California, and Nebraska
- Enjoy volunteer work: preparing meals for migrant fisherman, sewing/knitting and donating various products to underserved communities