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Professional Experience

Boston University Medical Center (October 2005 to present)

Section of Endocrinology, Diabetes & Nutrition. Androgen Clinical Research Unit.

Clinical Trials Manager

- Manage the coordinating site of a multi-center study investigating the effects of testosterone replacement on the progression of atherosclerosis.
- Execute trial level activities in accordance with study objectives, budget objectives and quality objectives in accordance with the approved protocol.
- Supervise and train a team of coordinators and research assistants.
- Develop study-related documents from concept sheets to final study documents, including but not limited to protocols, informed consent documents, and paper and electronic case report forms (CRF's) and source documents.
- Maintain and continually update knowledge of applicable policies, guidelines, standard operating procedures, as well as current Good Clinical Practice (GCP) and applicable local regulations (BU IRB) relating to the conduct of clinical trials.
- Interface with FDA, IRB, Research Subject Advocate and other study sites in relation to GCP and regulatory compliance issues.
- Coordination of day-to-day study operations including: Adverse event monitoring and reporting for all sites; oversight of subject recruitment and recruitment/advertising campaigns; management of study supplies investigational drug supply; preparation of DSMB reports; telephone contact with subjects; scheduling appointments performing study procedures; and educating subjects on available treatment options and study procedures.
- Responsible for the creation of Standard Operating Procedures (SOP's) and process improvement initiatives.
- Responsible for gaining initial IRB approval of study, submitting amendments, gaining re-approvals, and maintaining regulatory documents.
- Provide support and input to study investigators, the Director of Clinical Research, the project team, and the data safety monitoring boards.
- Assist in the review of clinical trial data during the course of the study for safety and data cleaning purposes and during trial analysis and reporting.
- Responsible for all study specific payment requisitions and purchase orders.
- Maintain high degree of scientific and technical knowledge of relevant therapeutic areas and relevant general issues (e.g. critical understanding of laboratory parameters, clinical trial design, general medical issues, etc.).

Centro Lucio Bini – Rome, Italy (May 2003 to Sept 2005)

Center for the Treatment and Research of Affective Disorders

Research Associate

- Assist with development of publication strategy.
- Research, write and edit articles for Aretaeus News, Newsletter of the Centro Lucio Bini.
- Write, edit and review scientific manuscripts, slide presentations and book chapters.
- Design and coordinate research studies.
- Keep current on psychiatric literature.
- Plan and organize international conferences.

Istituto Farmacoterapico Italiano – Rome, Italy (February 2002-May 2003)

Drug Discovery Company, CNS Division

Project Manager

- Focused primarily on development of a prolonged-release formulation of lithium carbonate.
- Assisted in timely preparation of study protocols, clinical research forms and informed consent documents.
- Performed monitoring visits including site qualification, initiation, monitoring and close-out visits
- Maintained regular contact with study sites to ensure protocol/GCP compliance.
- Oversaw subject recruitment and managed study supplies.

McLean Hospital (July 1997 to January 2002)

Psychiatric Teaching Facility of Harvard University and Affiliate of Mass General Hospital

New & Experimental Therapeutics Unit

Clinical Research Technician (February 1997 - May 1998)

- Coordinated investigational drug studies for major pharmaceutical companies.
- Assisted in negotiation and drafting of study budgets.
- Acted as liaison between pharmaceutical companies and McLean Institutional Review Board.
- Performed eligibility assessments, recruitment and psychological assessments.

- Collected and interpreted clinical data using standardized testing instruments.
- Researched funding agencies and prepared grant proposals.
- Formally trained in phlebotomy, ECG and numerous cognitive and psychometric rating scales.
- Involved in all stages of manuscript preparation.
- Educated patients and families on available treatment options and study procedures.

Promoted to *Supervising Clinical Research Technician* (May 1998 - January 2001)

- Responsibilities as described above with the addition of supervising medical interns and increased focus on grant/manuscript writing.

Promoted to *Senior Clinical Research Assistant* (January 2001-January 2002)

- Responsible for data collection, grant writing and all stages of manuscript preparation.

Public Health Service Grant MH 51706 (September 1994-December 1996)

Laboratory Research Assistant

- Involved in all stages of manuscript preparation.
- Conducted research related to theoretical models of schizophrenia, Tourette's syndrome and Alzheimer's disease.
- Developed expertise performing various surgical techniques on rats.
- Collected, managed and analyzed data.

Education

- BA in Psychology, May 1997; Graduated *cum laude*; Saint Anselm College, Manchester, NH.
- Candidate for M.A. in Clinical Investigation Boston University, Division of Graduate Medical Sciences, Boston.

Foreign Language: good working knowledge of Italian, both written and spoken

Honors/Awards

- Psi Chi National Honor Society's *Regional Research Award* at 1996 Eastern Psychological Association Meeting
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Memberships

Aretaeus ONLUS, Association for the Study and Prevention of Manic-Depressive Disorder; Psi Chi National Honor Society
**chapter vice president 4/95-4/96*; Delta Epsilon Sigma National Scholastic Honor Society; Eastern Psychological Association; New England Psychological Association; Saint Anselm College Psychology Club.

Community Service

Manchester Mental Health, Rehabilitative Services

Volunteer (12/94-6/95)

- served as counselor to severely and persistently mentally ill individuals
- Developed and implemented strategies for integrating and maintaining clients in the community

Screener for National Depression Screening Day, 1998

Publications

1. Koukopoulos A, Sani S, Koukopoulos AE, **Albert MJ**, Girardi P, Tatarelli R. Endogenous and exogenous cyclicality and temperament in bipolar disorder: Review, new data and hypotheses. *J. Affective Dis.* In Press
2. Tondo L, **Albert MJ**, Baldessarini RJ. Suicide rates in relation to health-care access in the United States. *Journal of Clinical Psychiatry.* 2006; 67(4): 517-23.
3. Koukopoulos A, **Albert MJ**, Sani G, Koukopoulos AE and Girardi P. Mixed depressive states: Nosologic and therapeutic issues. *International Review of Psychiatry.* 2005; 17(1): 21-37.
4. Centorrino F, **Albert MJ**, Berry JM, Kelleher JP, Fellman V, Line G, Koukopoulos AE, Kidwell J, Fogarty KV and Baldessarini RJ. Clinical experience with oxcarbazepine in 56 hospitalized psychiatric patients. *Bipolar Disorders.* 2003; 5(5): 370-4.
5. Centorrino F, **Albert MJ**, Drago-Ferrante G, Koukopoulos AE, Berry JM and Baldessarini RJ. Delirium during clozapine treatment: Incidence and associated risk factors. *Pharmacopsychiatry.* 2003; 36(4): 156-60.
6. Koukopoulos A, Sani G, Koukopoulos AE, Girardi P, Pani L, **Albert MJ** and Reginaldi D. Duration and stability of the rapid-cycling course: A long-term personal follow-up of 109 patients. *J. Affective Dis.* 2003; 73: 75-78.

7. Salvatore P, Baldessarini RJ, Centorrino F, Egli S, **Albert M**, Gerhard A and Maggini C. Weygandt's On the mixed states of manic-depressive insanity: A translation and commentary on its significance in the evolution of the concept of bipolar disorder. *Harv Rev Psychiatry*. 2002; 10(5): 255-75.
8. Centorrino F, Price B, Tuttle M, Bahk W-M, Hennen J, **Albert MJ**, Baldessarini RJ. EEG abnormalities during treatment with typical and atypical antipsychotics. *Am J Psychiatry*. 2002; 159(1): 109-15.
9. Tondo L, Minnai GP, Ghiani C, **Albert MJ** and Baldessarini RJ. Substance use, mood disorder, and suicide. *Mental Health Resource Center* (<http://www.mhsource.com/bipolar/subuse.html> no longer available), 2002.
10. Kelleher PJ, Centorrino F, **Albert MJ** and Baldessarini JB. New atypical antipsychotics and formulations: Potential therapeutic advantages. *CNS Drugs*. 2002; 16(4): 249-61.
11. Tondo L, Ghiani C and **Albert M**. Pharmacologic interventions in suicide prevention. *J Clin Psychiatry*. 2001; 62 (Suppl 25): 51-5.
12. **Albert MJ** and Kelland MD. Lack of habituation to acoustic startle following withdrawal from short-term repeated treatment with dizocilpine. *Journal of Undergraduate Research*. 1996; 2: 13-22.
13. Kelland MD, **Albert MJ** and Kazlauskas MA. Quality Service Learning: Ethical concerns arising during program development. *Expanding Boundaries: Serving and Learning*. 1996; 1: 24-25.

Book Chapters

1. Tondo L, **Albert MJ**, Koukopoulos AE, Baethge C and Baldessarini RJ: *Bipolar disorder*. Chapt. 11 in *Neurological and Psychiatric Disorders: From Bench to Bedside*. Edited by Tarazi FI and Schetz JA. Totowa, JJ: Humana Press, 2005; pp 205-228.
2. Koukopoulos A, Sani G, **Albert MJ**, Minnai G, and Koukopoulos AE: Agitated depression: Spontaneous and induced. Chapt 7 in *Bipolar Disorders: Mixed States, Rapid-Cycling and Atypical Forms*. Edited by Goodwin FK & Marneros A. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge. 2005; pp 157-186.

Presentations

1. Koukopoulos AE, Viguera AC, **Albert MJ**, Tondo L, Reginaldi D, Cohen LS. Postpartum depression: Differences in the course and phenomenology among women with bipolar disorder vs. unipolar disorder. Presented at the MGH Women's Health Day. Oct 4, 2006.
2. **Albert MJ**: The use of omega-3 fatty acids in psychiatry. Presented at Santo Spirito Hospital, Rome, June 8, 2005.
3. Tondo L, Ghiani C and **Albert MJ**: Pharmacologic interventions in suicide prevention. Presented at Suicide Prevention Interventions, MGH-Boston, October 24, 2000.
4. Tondo L, Baldessarini RJ, Ghiani C and **Albert MJ**: Reduction of suicide risk during long-term lithium treatment. Presented at the Silver Hill Hospital Fall Conference, New Canaan, October 12, 2000.
5. Tondo L, Baldessarini RJ, Ghiani C, Mannu P and **Albert MJ**: Reduced suicidality during lithium treatment. Presented at the 2nd European Stanley Foundation Conference on Bipolar Disorder, Amsterdam, September 21-22, 2000.
6. Centorrino F, **Albert MJ**, Drago-Ferrante G, Rivera E and Baldessarini RJ: Cholesterol, glucose and weight in the treatment of patients with the newer antipsychotics. Presented at the American Psychiatric Association Conference, Chicago, May 13-18, 2000.
7. Centorrino F, Price B, Tuttle M, Bahk WM, **Albert MJ** and Baldessarini RJ. EEG effects of typical and atypical antipsychotics. Presented at the American Psychiatric Association Conference, Chicago, May 13-18, 2000.
8. **Albert MJ** and Kelland MD: Chronic infusion of Dizocilpine via Alzet® osmotic pumps: caudate neuronal activity and acoustic startle responses in rats. Presented at the Eastern Psychological Association Meeting, Washington, DC, April, 2000.
9. **Albert MJ**, Labrecque KA and Kelland MD: Lack of habituation to acoustic startle following withdrawal from short-term repeated treatment with dizocilpine. Presented at the Eastern Psychological Association Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, 1996.
10. Kelland MD, **Albert MJ**, Creed AK, Gorman RM, Labrecque KA and Kelland DZ: Chronic dizocilpine (MK 801) blocks habituation to acoustic startle following withdrawal and causes an enduring disruption of prepulse inhibition of the acoustic startle reflex in rats. Presented at the Fourth International Behavioral Neuroscience Conference, Santiago de Compostela, Spain, 1995.