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## QUALIFICATIONS SUMMARY

- 8+ years of professional experience in health programs, immunization program, disease surveillance, disease outbreak and response
- 13+ years of research experience across health system, clinical research, epidemiological studies, scientific writing, data management and analysis, journal management and publication, data presentation and visualization (ORCID ID: <https://orcid.org/0000-0003-4862-670X>)
- 13+ years of experience in clinical care and case management as physician/Medical Officer followed by community/public health physician
- Skills in molecular & basic research, laboratory techniques & procedures, analytical software's (SAS, STATA, R, SPSS), data presentation & visualization, protocol & manuscript preparation

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of Alabama at Birmingham, O' Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center Birmingham, AL  
Clinical Research Coordinator II Aug 2025 – Present

- Serve as coordinator for studies and provide support to other team members within the confines of the protocol as directed.
- Support screening and participant eligibility determination, working with more senior team members to ensure compliance.
- Conduct activities in accordance with the protocol, regulations and Good Clinical Practice (GCP).
- Assist with the study life cycle from start-up to closure, i.e., collecting and recording data, recruiting and performing follow-up with participants, scheduling visits and assisting in coordination of lab and fieldwork.

Louisiana Department of Health, Office of Public Health, Immunization Program New Orleans, LA  
Vaccine Preventable Disease Outbreak Response Coordinator Mar 2024 – July 2025

- Provide technical support to develop and update manual and policy document regarding activities related to an existing, emerging or urgent public health disease threat, VPD outbreak and VPD surveillance manuals, support in updating state policies on different vaccines, following CDC and ACIP recommendations.
- VPD Outbreak planning and response activities related to an existing, emerging or urgent public health disease threat.
- Collaboration with other agencies to ensure that vaccine is never a limiting factor during outbreak response across the State.
- Monitoring and evaluating operations and programs to ensure conformity with contracts, laws, policies, procedures, rules, and regulations; and providing guidance to others.
- Support outbreak response at restaurants, universities, prisons etc. and working with key partners such as strike teams, hospitals, emergency rooms, pediatric offices, public health units, community clinics, etc.

Tulane University School of Medicine, Department of Surgery New Orleans, LA  
Clinical Protocol Technician Jan 2024 – Mar 2024

- Assisted the Investigators in multicenter clinical trials (TAP, TROOP, PACT) on acute trauma involving screening and enrolling patients in emergency, reviewed medical information, collected research data related to patient's enrollment, completed study medication accountability logs, progress notes and source documents, administered pre-enrollment informed consent to the patient and/or legally authorized representative, packed and shipped research blood samples to central lab with ice packs and/or dry ice, entered data for research study by reviewing medical records and source documentation.

United Nations Children's Fund, Regional Office for South Asia (ROSA) Kathmandu, Nepal  
Consultant and Immunization specialist, Evaluation and Monitoring Jan 2023 - Aug 2023

- Assessed the support and contribution that UNICEF provided to countries in the roll out of the COVID-19 vaccine, including roll out among children in South Asia and UNICEF's efforts in the roll out of the COVID-19 vaccine have contributed to system building around supply chain, risk behaviour communication, citizen participation and other relevant areas.
- Documented the effect of the COVID-19 vaccine on the health system in targeted countries, early experiences and lessons learned from efforts seeking to integrate COVID-19 vaccination in routine immunization in selected countries.
- Documented challenges, bottlenecks and lessons learned and provide recommendation for UNICEF's response/positioning around similar emergencies.

Nepal Health Research Council, Ministry of Health and Population, Government of Nepal Kathmandu, Nepal  
Consultant and Team Lead Oct 2022 - Jan 2023

- Lead the evaluation of COVID-19 vaccination program (cPIE) of Nepal including drafting the proposal, evaluation methodology, budgeting and planning, guidance and training to the team members, researchers and enumerators, stakeholder meetings, preparatory meeting
- Planning, coordination and preparation of field surveys, key informant interviews, data collection and recording
- Preparation and presentations of the debriefing meetings (provincial and national levels) and high-level meetings
- Final report preparation, dissemination of the finding with the MOHP, summary of the findings, recommendation to the MOHP and program division recommendations regarding gaps, challenges, and key lesson learnt and improvement for new vaccine rollout and

strengthening the national immunization program

- Provided key recommendation for new vaccine roll out including HPV vaccine and other vaccines in pipelines, support policy makers, service providers and risk communication in targeted population.

World Health Organization, Country office for Nepal

Lalitpur, Nepal

**Surveillance Medical Officer**

Aug 2019 – Jun 2022

- Provided technical assistance to Family Welfare Department, Ministry of Health and Population, Nepal for National Immunization Program and Vaccine Preventable Disease Surveillance followed by COVID-19 pandemic response and vaccination program.
- Provided support to FWD for development of immunization guidelines and manuals, training materials, recording and reporting formats, monitoring checklist, communication materials, etc.
- Provided support to FWD in facilitating orientations/meetings/micro-planning workshop/trainings needed for VPDs surveillance and outbreak response immunization
- Provided technical support to FWD, NIP for data capture, quality and analysis in coordination with Immunization Focal Point and Data cluster for routine immunization, including presentations and data visualization
- Provided technical and secretariat support for immunization committees (National Immunization Advisory Committee, National AEFI Investigation Committee, Inter-Agency Coordination Committee, National Immunization Committee) and Family Welfare Division to strengthen routine immunization including support in preparing necessary technical documents, notes and reports to advisory committees and FWD.
- Provided support for supervision and monitoring of routine immunization activities, COVID-19 vaccination program with FWD.
- Provided technical support for planning, preparation, and implementation of new vaccine introduction, (Rota vaccine, Typhoid vaccine)

College of Medical Sciences (Kathmandu University)

Bharatpur, Nepal

**Lecturer, Department of Community Medicine**

Sep 2017 – Jul 2019

- Involved in teaching and learning activities for undergraduate medical students (MBBS) including curriculum development, teaching sessions, seminars, problem-based learnings, field/community visits.
- Supported and focal point of various academic and hospital committees including Research Committee, Institutional Review Board (Ethical Board), Journal, PBL committee, DOTS Centre, MPDSR committee, Community Welfare Department.
- Supported and facilitated government health programs and training, liaison and coordination with government health authorities, organized social activities including health camps, health promotional activities and community led health activities.

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#### EDUCATION

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2017	<b>MD in Community Medicine</b> , College of Medical Sciences, Kathmandu University, Nepal
2010	<b>MBBS (Bachelor of Medicine &amp; Bachelor of Surgery)</b> , College of Medical Sciences, Kathmandu University, Nepal
2004	<b>Intermediate in Science (High School), Biology</b> , St. Xavier's College, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal

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#### HONORS & AWARDS

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2018	“Young Physician Leader” Award, InterAcademy Partnerships (IAP), Trieste, Italy
2022	“Letter of Appreciation” WHO, Country Office for Nepal
2010-2022	Letter of Appreciation from various organizations, academic bodies, government bodies, community organization for contribution in various academic, research and social welfare activities.

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#### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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2018	<b>Executive Editor</b> , Journal of College of Medical Sciences
2020	<b>Member</b> , IAP-YPL Alumni Steering Committee, Inter Academy Partnerships, Trieste, Italy
2022	<b>Academic Editor and Reviewer</b> , PLOS, JNHRC, Frontiers and others peer-reviewed journals

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#### PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATION

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- Cited over 180 times; publications in peer-reviewed journals;<https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=iiWVuzYAAAAJ&hl=en>
- Oral and Poster presentations at major national and international conferences, high level meetings
- Facilitator in various training programs in health research, journal publication, national health programs

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