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Bio

Edward J. Bertaccini, MD, is a native of San Jose, California. He is a Cardinal Bellarmine Award winning graduate of Bellarmine College Preparatory in San Jose. He completed his undergraduate training in Biochemistry and Quantum Physics at the University of California, Davis, where he graduated Summa Cum Laude. He subsequently attended the St. Louis University School of Medicine in St. Louis, MO.

Dr. Bertaccini returned home to complete his internship at the Santa Clara Valley Medical Center, and his anesthesiology residency with subsequent ICU fellowship at the Stanford University School of Medicine. Upon completion of his training in 1994, he joined the faculty of the Stanford University Department of Anesthesia and began service to his country via his post in anesthesia and critical care medicine at the VA Palo Alto Health Care System.

Dr. Bertaccini is currently a Professor of Anesthesiology and Intensive Care Medicine within the Stanford University School of Medicine and maintains an internationally recognized program in the molecular modeling of anesthetic action. He practices as a cardiac anesthesiologist and intensive care specialist at the VA Palo Alto Health Care System where he has served as both the director of the operating room and the acting co-director of the intensive care units. His clinical efforts have played an integral part of teams that have achieved national recognition for both cardiac surgery as well as intensive care outcomes.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

• Professor - Med Center Line, Anesthesiology, Perioperative and Pain Medicine
• Member, Bio-X
• Member, Maternal & Child Health Research Institute (MCHRI)
• Member, Wu Tsai Neurosciences Institute

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

• Residency, Stanford University Department of Anesthesia , Anesthesiology (1993)
• fellowship, Stanford University Department of Anesthesia , Critical Care Medicine (1994)

LINKS

• Bio Online at VA: http://www.paloalto.va.gov/services/anes/bios/bertaccini.asp

Research & Scholarship

CURRENT RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

Molecular structures of drugs related to clinical, anesthesia; molecular modeling related to biological activity.
Publications

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