

Leah Plaisier Mortensen

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Education

Jan 2014 – Nov 2017 The University of Queensland School of Medicine-Ochsner Clinical School, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia and New Orleans, LA
MBBS (Australian equivalent to an MD)

Sep 2008 – May 2012 Scripps College, Claremont, CA
B.A. in Humanities with Honors

Research

Mar 2017 – Nov 2017 Research Collaborator, under supervision of Dr. Leonardo Seoane, Ochsner, Jefferson LA

Project description – the paper focuses on how to develop a global health rotation in Haiti for medical students

Feb 2016 – Nov 2017 Research Assistant, under supervision of Dr. Rajiv Gala, Ochsner, Jefferson, LA
Participated on Ochsner's National Initiative V Team; the National Initiative V was an 18 month long project that worked to address disparities in health care. One project aimed at improving LGBT patient cultural competency through medical resident education. A second project helped to increase awareness of high cost medications commonly prescribed at hospital discharge, and provided medical residents with a list of alternative, more affordable medications in hopes of improving medication compliance and decreasing re-admissions.

Memberships

2020 - 2023 Pain Interest Group, University of Minnesota
2019 - 2023 Minnesota Society of Anesthesiologists
2017 – 2023 American Society of Anesthesiologists
2016 – 2023 American Medical Women's Association Interest Group
2016 – 2017 Anesthesia Interest Group, Ochsner
2016 – 2017 Ochsner Medical Student Association
2014 – 2016 University of Queensland Medical Society

Certifications and Licensure

May 2017 - Current ACLS Provider, American Heart Association
Aug 2021 - Current PALS Provider, American Heart Association
Jan 2016 – Current BLS for Healthcare Providers, American Heart Association
2007 – Sep 2010 Lifeguard Certificate, American Red Cross

Academic Activity

Jul 2020 - Jun 2021 Co-Social Chair for the University of Minnesota's Anesthesia Residency
Jul 2020 - Jun 2022 Member of the Program Evaluation Committee, University of Minnesota
Jul 2020 - Jun 2022 University of Minnesota's Anesthesia Resident Representative

Volunteerism

2024 and 2025 Guatemala Surgery, Antigua Guatemala
• One week mission trip to Hermano Pedro Hospital providing anesthesia

2022 Guatemala Surgery, Antigua Guatemala
• Two week mission trip to Hermano Pedro Hospital providing anesthesia

2016 – 2017 Haiti Fundraising, Ochsner Medical School, Jefferson, LA • Organized and lead

several fundraising activities to support the FONDYLSAH Clinic in Haiti
2016 – 2017 Yoga Teacher, Ochsner Medical Student Association, Jefferson, LA • Taught
yoga as part of a healthy living initiative

2016 Meditation Teacher, Primary Care Progress Interest Group, Jefferson, LA • Lead meditation
sessions for medical students on a bi-weekly basis.

2016 Educator, American Medical Women's Association with Covenant House, New Orleans, LA
• Organized and lead healthcare discussions for homeless youth

2011 – 2012 Clinical Care Extender at Queen of the Valley Hospital, West Covina, CA • Assisted nurses
and doctors in the ER, and Mother and Baby Care Unit.

Work Experience

Sep 2023 - Present Innovative Pain Care, Franklin, WI
• Pain Management Physician

Aug 2022 - Jul 2023 University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN
• Pain Medicine Fellowship

Jul 2019 - Jun 2022 University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN
• Anesthesia Residency

Jul 2018 – Jun 2019 Hennepin County Medical Center, Minneapolis, MN
• Transitional Year Internship

May – Aug
(2010 – 2012) Innovative Pain Care, Milwaukee, WI
• Curated medical records, verified insurance eligibility, answered patient
calls

Honors and Awards

2022 - 2023 Fellow of the Year, University of MN
2021 - 2022 Outstanding Performance in the Point of Care Ultrasound, University of MN 2009 –
2012 Dean Honor's List, presented by Scripps Women's College, Claremont, CA