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**EDUCATION:**

***Augusta High School***

1011 Main Street, Augusta, AR 72006  
Degree Obtained May 1999

***University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff***

1200 N. University Dr., Pine Bluff, AR 71601  
Degree Obtained May 2003, B.S. Biology

***University of Central Arkansas***

201 Donaghey, Conway, AR 72035-5003  
Degree Obtained December 2007, M.S. Biology  
Thesis Title: Characterization of Large Plasmids in Multi-Drug Resistant Strains of *Salmonella* Newport Isolates from Food Animals

***University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences***

4301 W. Markham, Little Rock, AR 72205  
Degree Obtained May 2013, M.S. Interdisciplinary Biomedical Sciences  
Thesis Title: Optimization of Living Donation in Anti-HLA Sensitized Patients Utilizing Paired Kidney Donation & HLA Matchmaker

***University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences***

4301 W. Markham, Little Rock, AR 72205  
Degree Obtained December 2015, Doctorate of Philosophy in Interdisciplinary Biomedical Sciences  
Dissertation Title: The Role of Anti-HLA Antibodies in Humoral Rejection

**HONORS/AWARDS:**

Certified Histocompatibility Diplomate (ABHI)  
Certified Histocompatibility Specialist (ABHI)  
Certified Histocompatibility Technologist (ABHI)  
American Society of Histocompatibility & Immunogenetics Member  
American Society of Histocompatibility Inspector  
National Center of Toxicological Research Outstanding Research Award  
2002

## **WORKEXPERIENCE:**

### ***UT Health McGovern Medical School/Memorial Hermann***

***June 2020 – current***

Assistant Professor, Department of Surgery

Assistant Director, Histocompatibility and Immune Evaluation Laboratory

***Duties:*** Responsible for the overall operation and administration of the laboratory including technical and scientific oversight of the laboratory; employment of competent personnel; accurately, promptly and proficiently report test results; and assure laboratory's compliance with all applicable regulations. Ensure testing methodologies selected provide accurateness for all aspects of test performance during the pre-analytical, analytical and post-analytical phases of testing. Advise physicians and other relevant personnel concerning laboratory results. The Director will also answer technical and clinical questions from technical and medical staff and provide consultation to the customers. Responsible for validation and implementation of new molecular testing methodologies. Implementation of policies and procedures to establish training and monitoring of laboratory personnel to ensure accurate and reliable test results. Establish and manage quality control and quality assessment programs. Develop costs and manage operating budget.

### ***DCI Transplant Immunology Laboratory***

***July 2017 – May 2020***

Director-In-Training

***Duties:*** Design and participate in the implementation of new assays and improvement of current assays. Prepare SOPs, lab development notebooks and validations independently. Serve as technical resource for the lab. Oversee the development and execution of test validation plans. Provide training and technical support. Assure regulatory compliance. Work with Laboratory Manager, Supervisors and Director. Perform evaluation of new test methods. Review and approve clinical test results as delegated by the Director. Assist with quality and process improvements. Provide assistance to clients.

### ***University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences***

***January 2006 – July 2017***

Certified Histocompatibility Specialist/Supervisor

***Duties:*** HLA Laboratory: Supervise daily activities related to HLA lab. Superuser and trainer of the use and implementation of internal computer system for HLA and Pathology department. Analyze test results for patient reports. Implement and adhere to United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS) guidelines, American Society for Histocompatibility & Immunogenetics (ASHI) guidelines for kidney allocation in the AR renal transplant programs. Assist kidney transplant centers with the management and kidney allocation of patients on United Network for Organ Sharing list in UNET electronic records. Enter and monitor transplant data in UNET electronic system. Enter and monitor National Marrow Donor Program data for all bone marrow and stem cell transplant patients currently awaiting allogeneic stem cell transplants. Enter and monitor

Cord Blood Bank donors records into Cord Blood Bank of Arkansas donor registry. Train new technologists and provide assistance in all areas of the HLA lab. Perform tissue typing for solid organ and bone marrow transplantation, complement dependent cytotoxicity, panel reactivity antibody, Flow cytometry, flow crossmatches, SSP, SSO, RSSO and quality control. Perform research related to acute kidney rejection, perform article reviews, explore and implement new technologies, write and submit research articles and grant submissions.

## RESEARCH

Evaluation of HLA Alloantibody Formation in Pediatric Patients Supported with the Berlin Heart Excor Ventricular Assist Device; 2013-2014

Optimization of Living Donation in Anti-HLA Sensitized Patients Utilizing Paired Kidney Donation and HLAMatchmaker; 2011-2013

Identification of HLA Antibodies Using C1q and IBeads in Renal Transplantation; 2013-2014

The Role of Anti-HLA Antibodies in Humoral Rejection; 2013-2015

De-identified HLA typing in ASD and non-ASD cell lines; 2016-current

Comparison between Fluorescence cytometry platelet crossmatch assay and commercially available Immucor Capture-P assay for determining compatible platelet units for patients with thrombocytopenia who are refractory to random-donor platelet transfusions; 2014-2016

## SUMMARY OF THESIS

### **Characterization of Large Plasmids in Multi-Drug Resistant Strains of *Salmonella* Newport Isolates from Food Animals**

Identifying the importance of large plasmids in multi-drug resistant strains of *Salmonella* Newport isolates from food animals. The methods included plasmid extraction, bacteria culturing, electrophoresis, pulse-field gel electrophoresis, polymerase chain reactions, cloning, plasmid purification, sequencing, and gel excisions.

### **Optimization of Living Donation in Anti-HLA Sensitized Patients Utilizing Paired Kidney Donation & HLAMatchmaker**

The analysis of an alternative method of HLA matching for Kidney Paired Donation in a local living donor pool. Optimal matching based on the number of mismatched eplets generated by HLAMatchmaker and the avoidance of donor specific antibodies.

## SUMMARY OF DISSERTATION

### **The Role of Anti-HLA Antibodies in Humoral Rejection**

Identification of the clinical significance of complement binding and complement activating anti-HLA antibodies post-transplant. Identified a relevant relationship with Class II anti-HLA antibodies and antibody mediated rejection.

## PUBLICATIONS

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**Rhodes-Clark B**, Pandey S, Harville TO: Case Report: Post-Transplantation Acute Humoral Rejection Apparently Due To IgM Donor Specific Antibodies and/or Anti-Angiotensin Type 1 Receptor Antibodies. *Human Immunology*, Volume 76, Supplement, October 2015, Page 146

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## PRESENTATIONS

One Lambda Advanced HLA Workshop, February 2013

“Is It Binding to Denatured HLA-Antigen or Native HLA-Antigen?”

ASHI 2014 Annual Meeting, September 2014

“Platelet Crossmatch via Fluorescence Cytometry-An Alternative Approach”

Immucor HLA Symposium, October 2015

“Post Transplantation Acute Humoral Rejection Apparently Due to IgM Donor Specific Antibodies and/or Angiotensin Type I Receptor Antibodies”

One Lambda Advanced HLA Workshop, March 2017

“Class II Donor Specific Anti-HLA Antibodies Detected by C1q Correlate with Kidney Transplant Allograft Rejection”

ASHI 2017 Annual Meeting, September 2017

“DSA detected by C1q & C3d Assays Predict AMR in Renal Transplant Patients”