

# TAMPA GENERAL HOSPITAL

## ACUTE CARE PHYSICAL THERAPY RESIDENCY PROGRAM FACULTY



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**Certifications/specialties:** Certified Brain Injury Specialist, Certified Clinical Instructor Program (CCIP) Level 1, Certified Lymphedema and Wound Care Therapist

**Poster presentations:**

- Lynch, N., Tino, P., Zachar, J., Successful Development of a Contemporary Acute Care Physical Therapy Residency Program Without an Academic Partner. APTA CSM 2024 Boston, MA
- Lynch, N., Tucker, K., et.al., Striving to Enhance the DPT Student's Knowledge and Preparation in Acute Care: A Partnership with Acute Care Physical Therapist and University of South Florida. APTA CSM 2024 Boston, MA
- Lynch, N., Orlander, E., Tucker, K., et.al., Integrating Clinical Observation and Didactic Learning in the Acute Care Setting for DPT Students. APTA CSM 2020 Denver, CO
- Lynch, N., Tucker, K. Interprofessional Collaboration for the Management of Tonic Bite in Adults with Severe Brain Injury. APTA CSM 2020 Denver, CO

**Practicing since:** 2009

**Content area expert:** Multisystem

**Why you chose a career at TGH:** I chose Tampa General Hospital for its diverse and complex patient population, which allows me to continually learn. At the same time, TGH supports me with opportunities for professional growth.

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**Undergraduate school:** Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science, Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida

**Graduate school:** Doctorate of Physical Therapy, Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, Florida

**Certifications/specialties:** Certified Lymphedema Therapist, Certified Clinical Instructor Program (CCIP) Level 1, SHSS/Senior Home Safety Specialist

**Poster presentations:**

- Wagner, C., Chahine, V., Kim, O., Lynch, N. Tucker, K., et.al., Striving to Enhance the DPT Student's Knowledge and Preparation in Acute Care: A Partnership with Acute Care Physical Therapist and University of South Florida. APTA CSM 2019 Washington, D.C.
- Johnson, J., Tino, P., Wagner, C., Distance Ambulated on Post-Op Day #0 and Earlier Hospital Discharge: Is There a Correlation? APTA CSM 2020 Denver, CO
- Wagner, C., King, K., Johnson, J., Prine, G., Tucker, K. How Essential Were You During COVID-19? Shifting the Paradigm of Acute Care Physical Therapy. APTA CSM 2021 Virtual
- Lynch, N., Tucker, K., et.al., Striving to Enhance the DPT Student's Knowledge and Preparation in Acute Care: A Partnership with Acute Care Physical Therapist and University of South Florida. APTA CSM 2024 Boston, MA
- Orlander, E., Dyer, K., Wagner, C., et.al., Can Clinical Frailty Score Assist with Discharge Recommendations in the Acute Care Setting? APTA CSM 2024 Boston, MA
- Submitted: Wagner, C., Tino, P., King, K., Hospital at Home: The Next Frontier for Acute Care Physical Therapy. APTA CSM 2025 Houston, TX

**Practicing since:** 2013

**Content area expert:** Hospital at Home, Informatics, IT Integration

**Why you chose a career at TGH:** I chose my career at Tampa General Hospital because of the care we provide at this organization. Having done an internship here, I was able to preview the organization and felt that TGH values physical therapy. Also, the department at TGH is incredibly supportive of one other and helps elevate care. I transferred to the Hospital at Home team full-time in March 2024. Being on this innovative team has allowed me to bolster physical therapy as a profession and provide world-class acute care therapy in the comfort of patients' homes.

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Master of Science in Physical Therapy with Specialization in Orthopaedics, Seth Gordhandas Sunderdas Medical College and School of Physiotherapy, Mumbai, India

**Graduate school:** Doctorate of Physical Therapy, University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida

**Certifications/specialties:** Board-Certified Specialist in Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Physical Therapy and Certified Clinical Instructor Program (CCIP) Level 1

**Poster presentations:**

- Gupte, S., Rogers, J., Chahine, V., Kim, O., Lynch, N., Tucker, K., et.al., Striving to Enhance the DPT Student's Knowledge and Preparation in Acute Care: A Partnership with Acute Care Physical Therapist and University of South Florida. APTA CSM 2019 Washington, D.C.
- Steffens, Y., Gupte, S., Tucker, K., Respiratory Muscle Training for Activity Intolerance and Dyspnea in Acute Exacerbation of Advanced Lung Disease. APTA CSM 2024 Boston, MA

**Publication:**

- Thomas et al., Importance of Physical Therapy Interventions for Medically Complex Patient with Severe COVID-19: A Case Report. Cardiopulmonary Physical Therapy Journal 2022

**Practicing since:** 1992

**Content area expert:** Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Physical Therapy, Complex Cardiac Surgery Rehab, Vascular Rehab, Amputee Rehab, Pulmonary Rehab, Transplant and Vestibular Therapy

**Why you chose a career at TGH:** Health care is one of the most rapidly changing fields, possibly due to constantly advancing technology. Professional researchers and scientists are forever searching for better ways to heal and help people: better machines, better techniques, better medicine. Tampa General Hospital offers all of this; hence, you get to grow with the ever-changing landscape of health care. I've been working at TGH for over two decades, but I never feel like I'm stuck in the same routine. I love to learn new things — anything that will help me be a better provider for our patients. TGH supports education, innovation and learning. Also, I love my coworkers and the beautiful views of Tampa Bay all around; hard to beat that!

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**Undergraduate school:** Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science, University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida  
Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts, Hillsborough Community College, Tampa, Florida

**Graduate school:** Master of Science in Physical Therapy, Florida Gulf Coast University, Fort Myers, Florida  
Doctorate of Physical Therapy, Florida Gulf Coast University, Fort Myers, Florida

**Certifications/specialties:** Certified Brain Injury Specialist (CBIS), Certified Clinical Instructor Program (CCIP) Level 1, Board-Certified Clinical Specialist in Neurologic Physical Therapy

**Poster presentation:**

- Rogers, J., Chahine, V., Kim, O., Lynch, N., Tucker, K., et.al., Striving to Enhance the DPT Student's Knowledge and Preparation in Acute Care: A Partnership with Acute Care Physical Therapist and University of South Florida. ATPA CSM 2019 Washington, D.C.

**Practicing since:** 2011

**Content area expert:** Neuro-trauma

**Why you chose a career at TGH:** I chose Tampa General Hospital as a new graduate to expand my knowledge and clinical skills in the innumerable diagnoses we perform in therapy practice. I enjoy my career here, as the complexity of patients continues to challenge me as a clinician, the organization promotes professional growth, and our therapy staff is supportive of all personal and professional endeavors.

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**Hometown:** Beirut, Lebanon

**Undergraduate school:** Bachelor of Science in Physical Therapy, Lebanese University, Beirut, Lebanon

**Graduate school:** Doctorate of Physical Therapy, University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida

**Certifications/specialties:** Board-Certified Clinical Specialist in Neurologic Physical Therapy, Certified Brain Injury Specialist, Certified Clinical Instructor Program (CCIP) Level 1 & Level 2

**Poster presentation:**

- Chahine, V., Kim, O., Lynch, N., Tucker, K., et.al., Striving to Enhance the DPT Student's Knowledge and Preparation in Acute Care: A Partnership with Acute Care Physical Therapist and University of South Florida. APTA 2019 Washington, D.C.

**Practicing since:** 1996

**Content area expert:** Neurologic Acute Care (Intensive Care Units and Progressive Floors), Critical Care, Early Mobilization of Orally Intubated Patients, Vestibular Therapy

**Why you chose a career at TGH:** I recognized that Tampa General Hospital, as a Level 1 Trauma Center and teaching hospital, supports my goals to grow my skills, aligning with my beliefs to elevate the physical therapy profession. Through TGH's skills enhancement program, I was able to acquire my t-DPT, followed by my NCS.

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Bachelor of Science in Physical Therapy, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma

Bachelor of Health Science (in Medicine and Physician Assistant Program), University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida

**Graduate school:** Doctorate of Physical Therapy, Utica University, Utica, New York

**Certifications/specialties:** Certified Physician Assistant for the past 27 years, Certified Clinical Instructor Program (CCIP) Level 1

**Practicing since:** 1986

**Content area expert:** Cardiopulmonary: Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO), Impella, Left Ventricular Assistive Devices (LVADs), Intra-aortic Balloon Pumps, and Lung and Heart Transplants

**Why you chose a career at TGH:** Throughout my career, Tampa General Hospital has provided world-class care to the citizens of our community, region and beyond. TGH cares for all patients, no matter the degree of complexity or circumstances, with unconditional compassion and respect. TGH takes pride in being a health care leader dedicated to providing the highest level of patient care with innovative technologies and services. I chose TGH because it gave me the opportunity to elevate my clinical skills to the highest level by providing collaborative care to patients with complex medical disorders in an environment that supports success.

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**Undergraduate school:** Bachelor of Science in Physical Therapy, Oakland University, Rochester, Michigan

**Graduate school:** Master of Science in Health Education, University of Michigan-Flint, Flint, Michigan

Doctorate of Physical Therapy, University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida

**Certifications/specialties:** Wound Care Certified/WCC, Certified Clinical Instructor Program (CCIP) Level 1

**Poster presentations:**

- Rogers, J., Chahine, V., Kim, O., Lynch, N., Tucker, K., et.al., Striving to Enhance the DPT Student's Knowledge and Preparation in Acute Care: A Partnership with Acute Care Physical Therapist and University of South Florida. APTA CSM 2019 Washington, D.C.
- Lynch, N., Orlander, E., Tucker, K., Integrating Clinical Observation and Didactic Learning in the Acute Care Setting for DPT Students. APTA CSM 2020 Denver, CO
- Lynch, N., Tucker, K., Interprofessional Collaboration for the Management of Tonic Bite in Adults with Severe Brain Injury. APTA CSM 2020 Denver, CO
- Wagner, C., King, K., Johnson, J., Prine, G., Tucker, K., How Essential Were You During COVID-19? Shifting the Paradigm of Acute Care Physical Therapy. APTA CSM 2021 Virtual
- Steffens, Y., Gupte, S., Tucker, K., Respiratory Muscle Training for Activity Intolerance and Dyspnea in Acute Exacerbation of Advanced Lung Disease. APTA CSM 2024 Boston, MA
- Tucker, K., Kleinclause, T., A Case Study: The Step-by-Step Journey to Walk After 3 Years of Immobility for a 600 Pound Patient. National Safe Patient Handling Conference 2017 Orlando, FL
- Tucker, K., Roderick, K., A Case Study: From Sitting to Walking, Progression with Use of Encore Device. National Safe Patient Handling Conference 2012 Orlando, FL
- Webster, J., Tucker, K., Trevisani, M., Potter, C. Evaluating Risk for Pressure Ulcers: Impact of Seating Position on Peak Pressure. Florida Occupational Therapy Association Annual Meeting 2017 Tampa, FL

**Publication:**

- Labreche et al., Case Study: A 600-lb Patient Journey to Walk after 3 Years of Immobility. International Journal SPHM-2017

**Practicing since:** 1986

**Content area expert:** Integumentary System

**Why you chose a career at TGH:** Tampa General Hospital offered me an opportunity to grow as a leader and to share in developing the growth of physical therapy in the acute care setting.

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**Hometown:** Manila, Philippines

**Undergraduate school:** Bachelor of Science in Physical Therapy, Emilio Aguinaldo College, Manila, Philippines

**Graduate school:** Doctorate of Physical Therapy, University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences, St. Augustine, Florida

**Certifications/specialties:** Board-Certified Clinical Specialist in Geriatric Physical Therapy, Certified Clinical Instructor Program (CCIP) Level 1

**Poster presentations:**

- Rogers, J., Chahine, V., Kim, O., Lynch, N., Tucker, K., et.al., Striving to Enhance the DPT Student's Knowledge and Preparation in Acute Care: A Partnership with Acute Care Physical Therapist and University of South Florida. APTA CSM 2019 Washington, D.C.
- Steffens, Y., Gupte, S., Tucker, K., Respiratory Muscle Training for Activity Intolerance and Dyspnea in Acute Exacerbation of Advanced Lung Disease. APTA CSM 2024 Boston, MA

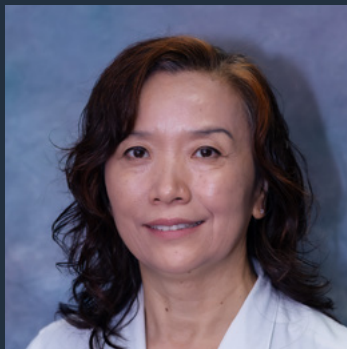
**Practicing since:** 1994

**Content area expert:** Discharge Planning, Transition of Care, Emergency Department & Observation Unit, Autoimmune, Dyspnea, and Evidence-Based Practice (EBP) Mentor

**Why you chose a career at TGH:** The culture at Tampa General Hospital allows me to fulfill my personal mission to provide the highest-quality evidence-based physical therapy that brings out the best outcome from each patient and inspires other therapists to do the same.

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**Undergraduate school:** Bachelor of Science in Rehabilitation Sciences, Yonsei University, Seoul, South Korea

**Graduate school:** Doctorate of Physical Therapy, University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida

**Certifications/specialties:** Board-Certified Clinical Specialist in Cardiopulmonary & Vascular Physical Therapy, Certified Clinical Instructor Program (CCIP) Level 1

**Poster presentation:**

- Kim, O., Lynch, N., Tucker, K., et.al., Striving to Enhance the DPT Student's Knowledge and Preparation in Acute Care: A Partnership with Acute Care Physical Therapist and University of South Florida. APTA CSM 2019 Washington, D.C.

**Publications:**

- Thomas et al., Importance of Physical Therapy Interventions for Medically Complex Patient with Severe COVID-19: A Case Report. Cardiopulmonary Physical Therapy Journal 2022
- Labreche et al., Progressive Mobility of Patients Supported on ECMO from Dependency to Ambulation Utilizing Safe Patient Handling Technology. International Journal SPM 2021

**Practicing since:** 2001

**Content area expert:** Critical Care, Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO) Mobilization, Ventricular Assist Device (VAD), Cardiopulmonary Transplantation and Cardiac Rehab

**Why you chose a career at TGH:** Tampa General Hospital offers the opportunity to learn something new every day and grow my professional career quickly in a world-class medical environment with experienced clinicians.

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**Undergraduate school:** Associate in Science in Physical Therapy, SUNY Broome,  
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Bachelor of Biological Science, Barry University, Miami, Florida

**Graduate school:** Master of Science in Physical Therapy, Nova Southeastern University,  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Doctorate of Physical Therapy, Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, Florida

**Certifications/specialties:** Vestibular Rehab, APTA CAPTE Reviewer Team 2024 for PT & PTA Programs

**Poster presentations:**

- Johnson, J., Tino, P., Wagner, C., Distance Ambulated on Post-Op Day #0 and Earlier Hospital Discharge: Is There a Correlation? APTA CSM 2020 Denver, CO
- Tino, P., Zachar, J., Lynch, N., Successful Development of a Contemporary Acute Care Physical Therapy Residency Program Without an Academic Partner. APTA CSM 2024
- Wagner, C., Tino, P., King, K., Hospital at Home: The Next Frontier for Acute Care Physical Therapy. APTA CSM 2025 Houston, TX

**Practicing since:** 1994

**Content area expert:** Orthopaedics and Vestibular

**Why you chose a career at TGH:** I love the interaction within a multidisciplinary team. I regularly learn the latest information about medicine, nursing, pharmacy and rehabilitation. I also love the variety of our case mix across our 1,000+ bed, multi-specialty medical center.

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**Undergraduate school:** Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training, Florida Gulf Coast University, Fort Myers, Florida  
Bachelor of Biological Science, Barry University, Miami, Florida

**Graduate school:** Doctorate of Physical Therapy, Massachusetts General Hospital Institute of Health Professions, Boston, Massachusetts

**Certifications/specialties:** Board-Certified Clinical Specialist in Neurologic Physical Therapy, Content Expert and Item-Writer for ABPTS Specialization Academy, Certified Clinical Instructor Program (CCIP) Level 1

**Practicing since:** 2017

**Content area expert:** Neurologic Acute Care, Polytrauma, Critical Care, Traumatic Brain Injury, Vestibular Dysfunction

**Why you chose a career at TGH:** To continue to grow my practice in a fast-paced environment surrounded by clinicians with equal passion for continued learning that only Level 1 trauma and academic health systems can offer.

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**Hometown:** Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

**Undergraduate school:** Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, Grove City College, Grove City, Pennsylvania

**Graduate school:** Doctorate of Physical Therapy, Slippery Rock University, Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania

**Certifications/specialties:** Certified Clinical Instructor Program (CCIP) Level 1

**Content area expert:** Integumentary Burns and Plastic Reconstruction, Intensive Care, Stepdown and Surgical Floors

**Practicing since:** 2006

**Why you chose a career at TGH:** TGH gives me opportunities for growth with its large variety of patient diagnoses and levels of complexity. I came here as a new grad but still can find new things to learn. I also love the teamwork in our department and on my nursing unit.