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List all applicable work experience

UPMC Department of Anesthesiology

Director, Division of Obstetric & Women's Anesthesiology

February 2026 - Current (1 month)

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

As Director, Dr. DeRenzo will lead the medical, operational, strategic, and educational functions of the division at UPMC Magee-Womens Hospital and beyond in collaboration with local leadership at the other hospitals that provide obstetric care. His responsibilities will include overseeing the delivery of obstetric (OB) anesthesia services, guiding faculty development, driving innovation in peripartum care, ensuring regulatory compliance, and promoting excellence in education and research. He will work closely with institutional stakeholders to develop patient care policies, enhance quality and safety, support trainee education, and maintain evidence-based practices aligned with departmental and health system goals.

The Pennsylvania State University

Penn State Eberly College of Science Mentorship Program

January 2026 - Current (2 months)

State College, PA

Mentor of students aspiring to a career in medicine

UPMC Department of Anesthesiology

Collaborative Council for Anesthesia Practice

January 2026 - Current (2 months)

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

UPMC Department of Anesthesiology

Director, Advanced Anesthesiology Consultant Fellowship Program

July 2025 - Current (8 months)

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

UPMC Magee-Womens Hospital

UPMC Magee-Womens Hospital Transfusion Committee

January 2025 - Current (1 year, 2 months)

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Review transfusion data for UPMC Magee-Womens Hospital; committee identifies quality improvement options and areas of opportunity

Department of Anesthesiology

Resident Education Committee

January 2025 - Current (1 year, 2 months)

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Committee dedicated to the education of the anesthesiology residents at the University of Pittsburgh

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UPMC Magee-Womens Hospital

UPMC Magee-Womens Hospital Code Response Committee

October 2024 - Current (1 year, 5 months)

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Review cases requiring code response for opportunities in quality and process improvement

University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine

Associate Professor

May 2023 - Current (2 years, 10 months)

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Clinical Instructor (2005-2006), Clinical Assistant Professor (2006-2012), Clinical Associate Professor (2012-2023), with academic appointment to Associate Professor in 2023. Contribute to the advancement of the academic mission of the University of Pittsburgh.

College of Medicine. UPMC Magee-Womens Hospital

Chief of Anesthesiology

January 2023 - Current (3 years, 2 months)

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Provides site level leadership and management consistent with the overall mission of the UPMC Department of Anesthesiology and coordinates the delivery of peri-operative care at UPMC Magee-Womens Hospital. Responsible for a multitude of clinical and administrative functions, including long-term staffing and scheduling, budget and revenue cycle management, resident and fellow training compliance, enforcement and dissemination of policy and procedures, hospital peer review and credentialing, OR management, quality, and communications.

UPMC Magee-Womens Hospital

UPMC Magee-Womens Hospital Medical Executive Committee

January 2022 - Current (4 years, 2 months)

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Committee of hospital governance consisting of key leaders and stakeholders

UPMC Magee-Womens Hospital

UPMC Magee-Womens Hospital Surgical Services Committee

January 2022 - Current (4 years, 2 months)

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Committee evaluates the operational performance of perioperative services within the hospital

UPMC Magee-Womens Hospital

Total Joint Replacement Center of Excellence Workgroup

July 2020 - Current (5 years, 8 months)

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Workgroup for the implementation of collaborative care models for Total Joint Surgery

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UPMC Magee-Womens Hospital

Magee Professional Practice Evaluation Committee

January 2012 - Current (14 years, 2 months)

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Quality of care assessments through case reviews

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Director of Quality Improvement ; Department of Anesthesiology

July 2008 - Current (17 years, 8 months)

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Lead the processes of quality improvement and quality assurance for of the Department of Anesthesiology at UPMC Magee-Womens Hospital.

Department of Anesthesiology ; UPMC Magee-Womens Hospital

Director of Orthopedic Anesthesia

January 2008 - Current (18 years, 2 months)

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Coordinate the preoperative, intraoperative and postoperative care of the patients in the program through optimization of protocols and OR efficiency

UPMC Magee-Womens Hospital

Chair of the Allied Health Credentialing Committee

November 2005 - Current (20 years, 4 months)

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Review new applications and reappointments monthly Committee Chair

University of Pittsburgh Physicians, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center

Anesthesiologist

July 2005 - Current (20 years, 8 months)

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Provide clinical anesthesia care to patients in the operating room and Womancare Birth Center at UPMC Magee-Womens Hospital

Department of Anesthesiology

Faculty Professional Practice Review Committee

July 2019 - February 2025 (5 years, 8 months)

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Strategic review of Department policies, protocols, and initiatives in the UPMC Department of Anesthesiology

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Department of Anesthesiology

Committee for Anesthesiology Strategy, Innovation and Transformation

July 2019 - February 2025 (5 years, 8 months)

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Innovation and advancement of clinical and academic missions within the UPMC

Department of Anesthesiology

Department of Anesthesiology; UPMC Magee-Womens Hospital

Associate Chief of Anesthesia/Assistant Site Chief

February 2013 - September 2022 (9 years, 8 months)

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Management and leadership role

Department of Anesthesiology

Anesthesia Value Analysis Team

July 2021 - July 2022 (1 year, 1 month)

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Discussion and decision making regarding the management of anesthesia related medical devices and equipment

UPMC Magee-Womens Hospital

UPMC Magee Pain Management Committee

January 2021 - December 2021 (1 year)

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Workgroup developing a comprehensive pain management plan for all hospital patients

Department of Anesthesiology; UPMC Magee-Womens Hospital Women's

Health/OB Steering Committee

January 2021 - December 2021 (1 year)

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Collaborative team approach to improving care and education in Obstetrical Anesthesia

UPMC Magee-Womens Hospital Health Plan

OB Bundle Work Group

January 2020 - December 2020 (1 year)

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Discussions involving value-based care for anesthesia services in obstetrics

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Department of Anesthesiology

Application of Augmented, Mixed and Virtual Reality in Clinical Anesthesia Care

January 2020 - December 2020 (1 year)

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Subgroup-Chair, evaluated the use of augmented reality in the clinical setting, worked as part of a group to assist neonatology in utilizing this technology to assist in remote care in underserved areas

UPMC Magee-Womens Hospital

UPMC Magee-Womens Hospital Medical Executive Committee

July 2018 - July 2020 (2 years, 1 month)

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Committee of hospital governance consisting of key leaders and stakeholders Member at Large

Department of Anesthesiology; UPMC Magee-Womens Hospital

Surgical Services Cost Savings Committee

January 2019 - December 2019 (1 year)

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Review of system cost savings initiatives

Department of Anesthesiology

Department of Anesthesiology Executive Steering Committee

January 2017 - December 2019 (3 years)

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Member-At-Large

Department of Anesthesiology; UPMC Magee-Womens Hospital

Enhanced Recovery After Surgery (ERAS) Representative

January 2015 - December 2018 (4 years)

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

On multiple subspecialty committees developing clinical protocols for surgical and peri-operative care

University of Pittsburgh Department of Anesthesiology

Surgical Care Improvement Project

January 2012 - December 2012 (1 year)

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Zero Fallout Committee

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Lead physician on committee working to develop process Improvements to achieve zero fallouts for antibiotic timing, VTE Prophylaxis and Perioperative B-Blockade

UPMC Magee-Womens Hospital

Surgical Safety Task Force

January 2010 - December 2010 (1 year)

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Developed process improvements to improve the safety and care of the surgical patients at UPMC Magee-Womens Hospital

Department of Anesthesiology; UPMC Magee-Womens Hospital

Ambulatory Anesthesia Council

January 2009 - December 2009 (1 year)

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

UPMC Magee-Womens Hospital representative involved in the implementation of anesthesia recovery discharge criteria

University of Pittsburgh Department of Anesthesiology

Department of Anesthesiology Executive Steering Committee

July 2008 - July 2009 (1 year, 1 month)

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Member-At-Large

Department of Anesthesiology

Director, Anesthesia Clinical Base Year

July 2005 - July 2006 (1 year, 1 month)

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Director of clinical rotations for the clinical base year of the anesthesiology residency at the University of Pittsburgh

UPMC Department of Anesthesiology

Chief Resident, University Health Center of Pittsburgh Anesthesiology Residency

July 2004 - July 2005 (1 year, 1 month)

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Leadership role managing the interests of the residents in the program

University of Pittsburgh Department of Anesthesiology

Resident Representative for GME Institutional Review

July 2004 - July 2005 (1 year, 1 month)

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Resident representative on committee reviewing graduate medical education compliance and processes

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The Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine
Doctor of Medicine (MD)
Medicine

The Pennsylvania State University
Bachelor's Degree
Pre-Medicine

Franklin Regional Senior High School
High School (HS)

CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

<p>Certification: As a candidate for the Board of Trustees of The Pennsylvania State University ("Penn State"), I certify that I agree to adhere to the Code of Conduct both as a Trustee candidate and, if elected, as a Trustee.</p>	<p>Candidate Response:</p> <p>YES</p>	
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<p>Engagement with Penn State: Describe your connection to Penn State and why it has prepared you to guide the University's strategic future.</p>	<p>Candidate Response:</p> <p>My profound connection to Penn State began with my combined BS/MD program and has included impactful moments that have built the character that defines me. My wife and I met on campus at Hershey Medical Center in 1997, and our relationship later began on the steps of Old Main at University Park, with a replica of the building hanging on our Christmas tree each year. Since then, our bond with the University grew, with both of our brothers graduating from Penn State and my son following our path, currently a Schreyer Student at University Park. I am proud to have co-founded a scholarship in the Eberly College of Science in the name of a college friend who passed and am an enthusiastic member of the alumni association and the Nittany Lion Club with a brick at Legacy Plaza. I am currently serving in the Penn State Eberly College of Science Mentorship program helping students aspiring to a career in medicine. My passion for the University has grown with each step of this journey, creating an impetus for energetic engagement and the motivation to be a leader through service to the Board of Trustees. These experiences have instilled a strong understanding of Penn State's diverse community, preparing me to guide its future through collaborative leadership and service.</p>	<p>Self-Assessment Scorecard: Do you meet the criteria of Engagement with Penn State?</p> <p>YES</p>
<p>Experience with governance/board service: What experience do you have participating in a collaborative fiduciary decision-making body?</p>	<p>Candidate Response:</p> <p>My role as Chief of Anesthesiology and Director, Division of Obstetric and Women's Anesthesiology at UPMC Magee-Womens Hospital has provided extensive experience serving on collaborative committees responsible for key decisions affecting patient care protocols, hospital operations, and quality improvement. I have worked closely with multidisciplinary teams to align diverse goals and ensure effective solutions to complex challenges. Anesthesiology inherently involves collaboration across multiple specialties, allowing me to contribute to and lead various decision-making bodies, including the Surgical Services Oversight Committee, Hospital Medical Executive Committee, Quality Improvement Committees, and the Collaborative Council For Anesthesia Practice. In these roles, I prioritize understanding all perspectives, embracing the goals of each governing body, and fostering consensus through open communication and respect for diverse viewpoints. I take pride in my ability to unify teams toward shared objectives, which has led to improvements in patient safety, operational efficiency, and clinical outcomes.</p> <p>The decisions I face daily have a profound impact on patients, staff, and the broader medical community. These experiences have strengthened my ability to make thoughtful, collaborative fiduciary decisions. I am prepared to apply this same approach—anchored in empathy, integrity, and strategic collaboration—to my service on the Penn State Board of Trustees.</p>	<p>Self- Assessment Scorecard: Do you meet the criteria of experience with governance/board service?</p> <p>YES</p>

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<p>Brings 1-2 skills from skillset inventory: What of the skills reflected in the Board Skillset Inventory would you bring to your service as a Penn State trustee and how did you develop this skill/these skills?</p>	<p>Candidate Response:</p> <p>The intersection of my roles as a physician anesthesiologist, Chief of Anesthesiology, Director, Division of Obstetric and Women's Anesthesiology, Director of the Advanced Anesthesia Consultant Fellowship and Associate Professor at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine has equipped me with key skills in education, healthcare leadership, and governance which are all areas currently underrepresented on the Board of Trustees. For instance, there is currently one member representing health care with a set goal of nine and zero trustees with a terminal degree in medicine.</p> <p>I developed expertise in these fields through my education at the Penn State College of Medicine, residency at the University of Pittsburgh, and over two decades of experience leading clinical operations and teaching at UPMC Magee-Womens Hospital.</p> <p>In my academic role, I have over 20 years of experience mentoring and educating medical students, residents, fellows, and other healthcare professionals, helping to shape the next generation of leaders. I have served on numerous educational and healthcare committees, where I gained extensive experience resolving complex issues through collaboration and consensus-building. These experiences have prepared me to provide strategic leadership that aligns with the University's mission and the Board's priorities. With this background, I am uniquely positioned to support initiatives that enhance Penn State's academic programs, promote student and faculty success, and address the healthcare and educational challenges facing the University.</p>	<p>Self- Assessment Scorecard: Do you bring 1-2 required skillsets from the Board's Skillset Inventory?</p> <p>YES</p>
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<p>What about your life experience and unique background makes your voice important to be heard at the Board of Trustees?</p>	<p>Candidate Response:</p> <p>As a graduate of Penn State's combined BS/MD program, I bring a unique perspective shaped by my experiences in both academic medicine and healthcare operations. I am deeply committed to positioning the University to attract and develop future leaders in medicine and other healthcare fields. Over my 20-year career, I have worked with students from diverse backgrounds and have seen firsthand the value of fostering opportunities that enable them to reach their full potential.</p> <p>Programs such as the University Park Medical Track, the BS/MD pathway, and innovative problem-based learning initiatives exemplify Penn State's ability to provide exceptional education. My experiences as a healthcare administrator and educator equip me to help advance these and similar programs, ensuring Penn State remains a leader in preparing students for the rapidly evolving healthcare industry.</p> <p>With my background, I can offer insights on improving interdisciplinary collaboration, enhancing educational opportunities, and expanding student support systems. These contributions will help the University thrive in its mission of academic excellence, innovation, and service.</p>	<p>Self- Assessment Scorecard: Do you have the required experience and background needed for the Board of Trustees?</p> <p>YES</p>
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<p>Submission of materials confirms your registration to serve as a candidate for the Board of Trustees of Pennsylvania State University. I understand by selecting yes I agree to my submission.</p>	<p>Candidate Response:</p> <p>YES</p>	
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<p>Background Check: As a candidate for the Board of Trustees of The Pennsylvania State University (“Penn State”), I agree to and authorize a standard background check to be conducted by an independent third party and/or consumer reporting agency that will include 1) criminal records check, 2) public court records check, 3) verifications of education and employment history, professional licensing and certification, 4) inquiries relating to any complaints, charges, reports or investigations of employment related misconduct and 5) publicly available information regarding use of online social media, and any other publicly available information about me on the Internet. Social media include social networking websites, professional networking websites, video and image-sharing websites, blogs and personal websites. I further authorize and direct the independent third party and/or consumer reporting agency to provide the information and report generated from the background check to Penn State and understand that Penn State will use the information for non-employment purposes, specifically to consider my candidacy for the Board of Trustees. I further acknowledge and understand that the results of the background check must not reflect behavior that would be violative of the Code of Conduct and/or the Penn State Values.</p>	<p>Candidate Response:</p> <p>YES, I understand and agree to the background check.</p>
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REFERENCES

Reference	Leadership & Governance: Has the candidate demonstrated effective leadership or governance skills, including strategic thinking and decision making in their previous roles?	Commitment to Higher Education & Public Service: Has the candidate shown a strong commitment to advancing higher education or contributing to public service initiatives in a meaningful way?	Collaboration and Stakeholder Engagement: Has the candidate effectively collaborated with diverse stakeholders and successfully built consensus in complex or challenging situations?
Danielle Meholic	YES	YES	YES
Ivan Colaizzi	YES	YES	YES
Rachel Cellurale	YES	YES	YES

BIOGRPAHY

Dr. Joseph DeRenzo is a PSU BS/MD graduate and a Schreyer Scholar with honors in Integrative Arts, who earned the Dean's Award for Academic Excellence and election to the AOA Honor Medical Society while at Penn State. After serving as Chief Resident of University of Pittsburgh's Anesthesiology Residency, he joined the faculty as an Anesthesiologist and Director of the Anesthesiology Residency's Clinical Base Year.

Dr. DeRenzo currently serves as Magee's Chief of Anesthesiology coordinating delivery of perioperative care, clinical operations, staffing, budgeting, revenue cycle management, policy enforcement, and peer review. He also serves as the Director, Division of Obstetric & Women's Anesthesiology leading the medical, operational, strategic, and educational functions of the division. His responsibilities include overseeing the delivery of obstetric anesthesia services, faculty development, driving innovation, ensuring regulatory compliance, developing patient care policies, enhancing quality, supporting trainee education, and maintaining evidence-based practices. As Associate Professor, he educates trainees, contributes to scholarly activity and directs the Advanced Anesthesiology Consultant Fellowship Program.

His contributions have earned him multiple awards, including the Excellence in Teaching award three times, the UPMC ACES Award, and two Chair's Excellence awards, which recognized him for Outstanding Leadership and Professionalism. Completing two UPMC Physician Leadership programs has allowed Dr. DeRenzo to excel in various roles.

Dr. DeRenzo maintains deep ties to Penn State, with his wife, a PSUCOM graduate; his son, a Schreyer student; his brother, a varsity baseball alumnus; his brother-in-law, a Blue Band alumnus; and his brother-in-law, a PSU Army ROTC Officer.

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POSITION STATEMENT

My candidacy is inspired by my commitment to giving back to the University that shaped my career. The underrepresentation of healthcare professionals, physicians, and individuals with higher education experience on the board highlights the need to strengthen healthcare-related programs, from Public Health to Nursing. My experience leading multidisciplinary teams in clinical care and operations positions me to support these programs and drive innovation. My background working on integrative committees over the past 20 years, endeavoring to achieve consensus in establishing protocols for patient care and clinical operations, translates well to the necessary group dynamics needed within the Penn State Board of Trustees.

If elected, I will focus on improving Penn State's standing in critical areas such as strategic planning, financial health, advocacy for students and alum, and educational oversight, including promoting innovative curriculum design and joint academic partnerships to attract motivated students with enhanced academic opportunities. Drawing on my leadership experience at a large healthcare institution and as an associate professor familiar with the inner workings of academia, I will foster collaboration, bringing together diverse perspectives to solve the challenges we face. I am committed to thoughtful, balanced decision-making by listening to fellow board members, students, and alumni. I will ensure all voices are heard and respected as we work together to advance strategic initiatives aligned with Penn State's mission and values.

I offer my candidacy as a leader with empathy, vision, and a proven ability to unify teams toward common goals. I request your support in serving our university.