

Dr. Steve Gnatz



Dr. Steve Gnatz is the Chief Medical Officer for Integrated Rehab Consultants, a nationwide group of physiatrists who specialize in post-acute rehabilitation in Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs) and Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities (IRFs).

Dr. Gnatz received his medical degree from the University of Illinois. He completed his internship and residency in PM&R at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas, where he served as Co-Chief Resident.

Since finishing his residency program in 1987, Dr. Gnatz has been working to increase the overall awareness of Physiatry, as well as help advance the field of PM&R. This includes authoring over 47 published abstracts and peer-reviewed articles, including the well-regarded book, *EMG Basics*.

Dr. Gnatz is an avid lecturer. His 20-page CV lists over 100 presentations he's given to audiences of all types on a wide variety of topics.

Dr. Gnatz holds a master's degree in health administration (M.H.A.) from the University of Missouri. His board certifications include the American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, and the American Board of Electrodiagnostic Medicine.

After completing his residency, Dr. Gnatz became a Fellow with the Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (AAPM&R) in 1988 and has remained so over the past 32 years. Throughout this time he also held additional positions including Past-President from 2007 – current, President from 2005-2006, President-Elect from 2004-2005, Vice-President from 2003-2004, Treasurer from 2000-2003, Member-at-large from 1999-2000, Awards Committee from 2003-2004 and again from 2009-2010, Finance Committee from 2000-2003, and again from 2009 – 2012, Investment Committee from 2009-2012, Program Planning Sub-committee from 1995-2000. For several years, Dr. Gnatz led the Preparing Yourself for Physiatric Practice pre-course for the Academy. Dr. Gnatz continues to serve the Academy by presenting on the topic of practicing in the sub-acute rehabilitation environment at the yearly Academy meeting.

Within the AAPM&R organization and the Foundation for PM&R, Dr. Gnatz has contributed eight years on the Board of Directors of AAPM&R, and nine years total on the Foundation Board with an additional two years on the Friends of the Foundation. Dr. Gnatz was a founding member and the first treasurer of the Foundation for PM&R.

Throughout his career, Dr. Gnatz has received many awards including the James Scholar, College of Honors and Departmental Distinction for Biology from the University of Illinois, Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award from the Department of PM&R at Baylor College of Medicine, the Blue Ribbon for Outstanding Poster Presentation at the 1990 AAPM&R/ACRM Annual Scientific Meeting, the Robert Boyle Teacher of the Year Award from the Department of PM&R at the Medical College of Wisconsin, and the Outstanding Alumni Award from the Department of PM&R at Baylor College of Medicine.

His impressive career included several academic appointments including Professor in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation at Loyola University Medical Center; Clinical Faculty in the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at Rush Medical College; Associate Professor of Clinical PM&R, Professor and Chairman, and Director of Clinical Services in the Department of PM&R at the University of Missouri-Columbia; Assistant Professor in the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at the Medical College of Wisconsin; Assistant Instructor and Assistant Professor in the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at Baylor College of Medicine.

With regard to his volunteer efforts, Dr. Gnatz served as a Manuscript Reviewer for 23 years and on the Editorial Board for 15 years for the American Journal of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation; a Manuscript Reviewer for the Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation for 19 years; a Manuscript Reviewer for the journal PM&R for 5 years; a Surveyor for 12 years and AAPM&R Appointee to the Board for 1 year for the Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) with additional service on the International Advisory Committee (IAC) of CARF as the AAPM&R liaison for 10 years; a Board Examiner for the American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation for 6 years; a Board Examiner for the American Board of Electrodiagnostic Medicine for 10 years; a Disease Specific Program Reviewer for The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) for 6 years; the Missouri State Medical Association Representative to the Governors Alliance for the Prevention of Disability for 6 years; a Question Writer for the American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation for 1 year; a Question Writer on the Self-Assessment Exam (SAE) for the American Academy of PM&R for 4 years; a Trustee on the Roger S. Williams Foundation for 6 years; an Invitee and Participant with The Kottke Society for 5 years. Dr. Gnatz has served on many local and national task forces and technical expert panels representing AAPM&R and the field over the years.

Dr. Gnatz served as the AAPM&R representative to the United States Bone and Joint Initiative (USBJI) Board for two years and was subsequently elected as the President of that organization. The USBJI is sanctioned as the US Action Network of the World's Health Organization (WHO). Dr. Gnatz currently holds the position of Past-President of USBJI.

As a humanitarian, Dr. Gnatz has volunteered as medical support for many charitable fundraisers and the Special Olympics. He has volunteered with the Range of Motion Project (ROMP), providing his medical expertise and prosthetic equipment in Guatemala.