

Welcome Napa Valley Emergency Medicine Group to Sonoma Valley Hospital!



Seric Cusick, MD

Seric Cusick is a board certified emergency physician and is the current medical director of the Emergency Center at Sonoma Valley Hospital. He grew up in the Valley of the Moon, meeting his future wife at Sonoma Valley High School. He graduated with highest honors from UC Santa Barbara with degrees in Biology and Exercise Science, also becoming a licensed Emergency Medical Technician. He then worked as an EMT in Sonoma County, before heading off to UC San Francisco School of Medicine, receiving his medical degree and spending an additional year as a fellow in medical education and curriculum design. He completed his residency at Harvard, within the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. Following his training, he completed a fellowship in emergency ultrasound at UC Irvine Medical Center, becoming a Registered Diagnostic Medical Sonographer. Thereafter, as faculty at the UC Davis School of Medicine and Emergency Medicine Residency he developed his own Fellowship in Emergency Ultrasound, training emergency medicine physicians, residents and medical students. Following this, he relocated to Southern California to become the Chief of Service of Emergency Medicine at Hoag Hospital Irvine. Finally, in 2016, he and his family returned home to Sonoma - at which time he joined Napa Valley Emergency Medical Group in their practice at Queen of the Valley Medical Center.



Andrew Fenton, MD, FACEP

Dr. Fenton currently serves as the Chief of the Medical Staff and is on the Board of Trustees at the Queen of the Valley Medical Center in 2007. He previously was the Chair of the Department of Emergency/Family Medicine, Credentials Committee Chair, and Medical Director of the Emergency Department. He also served on the Board of Directors of the Queen of the Valley Foundation focused on fundraising. Dr. Fenton has been active in organized medicine and was the President of the California Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians representing over 3,000 emergency physicians in the state. He recently received the "Walter T. Edwards Award," the Chapter's highest honor, given to a leader who distinguished themselves as demonstrating the highest commitment to emergency medicine. After graduating with honors from George Washington University School of Medicine, he completed his residency at UC Davis Medical Center, a Level 1 trauma center. Dr. Fenton then completed a fellowship in Health Policy & Legislative Advocacy and remains active in shaping health care reforms at the national, state and local level. He is originally from Northern California and his family moved to Sonoma in 2008. He enjoys spending time with his wife, 14-year-old daughter, and his 10-year-old twin sons exploring the beautiful hills and valleys of the area.



Nicholas Lopez MD FACEP

Dr. Lopez is a board-certified emergency physician and is the current Medical Director for Napa's Queen of the Valley Emergency Department. Dr. Lopez grew up in California's Central Valley and graduated from Stanford University with a focus on Human Biology. He subsequently attended Harvard Medical School before completing his Emergency Medicine residency training back at Stanford Medical Center. When not at work, Dr. Lopez spends time with his wife, Dr. Caroline Laurent (a Sonoma orthodontist), and his 2 boys, Clark and Bryce. They have lived in Sonoma since 2009 and he enjoys all things outdoors as well as training in mixed martial arts.



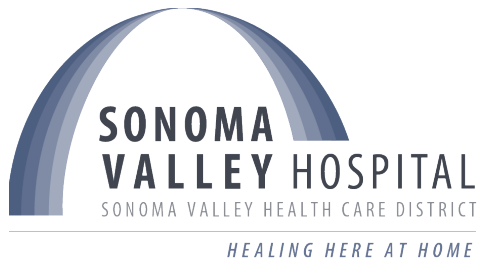
Faramarz Mottalei MD FACEP

After completing his Masters degree in Parasitology at University of Texas, Dr. Mottalei attended the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston. He enjoyed all my rotations in medical school and could not see himself limited to practicing one specialty so he chose Emergency medicine. Following completion of his Emergency Medicine Residency at the UCLA Bakersfield campus he moved to Northern California where he has been living and raising a family for the past twenty years. He is proud to have worked with the exceptional physicians at Napa Valley Emergency Medical Group (NVEMG) for the past 23 years. During his tenure with NVEMG, he has experienced multiple management roles including Napa County EMS base station Director, Queen of the Valley Emergency Department Director and NVEMG Managing Partner. After 27 years of practice, he continues to look forward to making a difference practicing acute care medicine when every moment counts.



Andrew Nothmann, MS, MD, FACEP

After receiving undergraduate and graduate degrees in Psychology and Physiology from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., Dr. Nothmann attended medical school at St. Georges University in Grenada. He completed his internship year of Emergency Medicine residency at the University of Connecticut. Subsequently, he graduated from Emergency Medicine residency training in a UCSF affiliated program at Highland Hospital in Oakland, CA. He moved to Napa in 2002 and began working in the Emergency Department at Queen of the Valley Medical Center the following year. He is a diplomat of the American Board of Emergency Medicine and a Fellow in the American College of Emergency Physicians. His leadership positions at Queen of the Valley Medical Center include his current role as Base Station Medical Director and previously he served as Chief of Staff, Emergency Department Medical Director, and Chairman of Peer Review. He also serves as the medical director for multiple Napa County EMS agencies including the Napa Valley College EMS programs, City of Napa Fire Department, AMR Ambulance Napa County, and the American Canyon Fire Department.



Nick Sawyer, MD, MBA

Dr. Nick Sawyer is a board-certified emergency medicine physician. He obtained his Bachelor's in Neurobiology, Physiology, and Behavior from UC Davis and pursued a combined MD/MBA from UC Irvine School of Medicine. He completed his Emergency Medicine Residency at Carolinas Medical Center, Charlotte, NC. For eight years, Dr. Sawyer was affiliated with UC Davis School of Medicine's Department of Emergency Medicine, where he holds the title of Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine. He has served on the Board of Directors for the California Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians, directed the UC Davis Emergency Medicine Health Policy Fellowship, and led the Health Systems Science curricular development at UC Davis School of Medicine. Dr. Sawyer is deeply interested in the nexus of business and policy within the U.S. healthcare landscape. He is passionate about exceptional bedside care and advocates for enhancing the U.S. healthcare system for every American.



Tim Smith, DO, FACEP

Dr. Smith grew up in the Bay Area, attended San Francisco State University and Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine. He completed a residency in Emergency Medicine at UC Davis Medical Center and has practiced emergency medicine at Queen of the Valley in Napa, CA since 2000. He and his wife reside in Sonoma Valley, raising their children here over the last two decades.