

# Sara Slabisak, MD

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MEDICAL DOCTOR | HEALTHCARE FUTURIST | DIGITAL (HEALTH) DISRUPTOR

I define a healthcare futurist as those who embrace (sometimes unwelcome) change as an opportunity for innovation and improvement - improved healthcare access and literacy for patient consumers and improved technology infrastructure, mobility & freedom to practice for providers.

## EDUCATION

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**The University of Texas Medical School at Houston** 2013  
Medical Degree, MD

**Rice University** 2009  
Biochemistry & Cell Biology, BA

## EXPERIENCE

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**Physician Advocate | Medici** 2016 - Current

Medici is an innovative health-tech startup aspiring to become the Uber of telemedicine healthcare by recreating the doctor-patient relationship via mobile-based web applications that operate in a HIPAA compliant, secure interface that can be monetized via direct billing to patient or insurance carrier. Medici helps patients get on-demand care, prescriptions, referrals, and more from their own medical team through secure text, phone, or video consults.

- *Today's Expert*, Program Director - responsible for recruiting doctors to become featured experts on the Medici patient application, creating curriculum schedule, managing marketing and cross-promotion schedule of featured experts with market success team and owning continual relationship with recurrent expert doctors.
- Interface with the global physician network and the executive corporate team to build and manage the Medici platform and network.
- Support the doctor acquisition sales team in tailoring sales approach to several niche medical specialties in order to grow the global Medici medical provider network.
- Utilize unique problem-solving strategies with the technology development team to provide elegant user experience (UX) and interface (UI) design for both the doctor and patient applications that is both effective and HIPAA compliant.
- Provide medical support and anticipate and troubleshoot UX/UI issues on both the patient and provider mobile applications.

**Freelance Graphic Designer | Knox Digital Media Health & Innovation Lab** 2011 - Current

Experience working on an assortment of multimedia projects including website design, branding, photo editing, and educational material design for small businesses and physician practices.

**Postdoctoral Translational Research Fellow | UT Southwestern Medical School** 2014 - 2015

Collaborative, interactive cancer chemotherapy cardiotoxicity research including grant and editorial writing, direct laboratory work and post-doctoral exchanges between UT Southwestern Medical Center U01 group (Dallas, TX) and MD Anderson Cancer Center (Houston, TX) scientists within the CPRIT-MIRA group.

**Physician Volunteer | The Monday Clinic**

2014 - 2015

Weekly free clinic operated by volunteer medical students from UT Southwestern Medical School under the supervision of faculty and volunteer physicians from the Dallas community. Hosted and supported by North Dallas Shared Ministries with a mission to provide high quality, free medical care for adults with acute and episodic medical conditions in the North Dallas under-served population regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, or ability to pay.

**Student Multimedia Associate | UT Houston Medical School, Dept. of Anesthesiology**

2011 - 2013

Creation of educational media and resource tools. Utilized background in graphic design to create comprehensive, interactive, and visually appealing presentations, publications, editorials, & infographics based on content developed by Dr. Carin Hagberg, *Professor & Chairman*. Material used for graduate medical education and presented at national and international anesthesiology conferences.

**Student Editor | Lippincott Williams & Wilkins**

2011 - 2013

Performed a comprehensive review with suggested revisions of the "Toxicology" chapter in the 6th edition of "BRS Pharmacology." Invited to perform reviews of other medical review publications, including "Step-Up to USMLE Step 3," "Step-Up to Surgery," and "Step-Up to Obstetrics & Gynecology."

*Rosenfeld, G.C. & Loose, D.S. (2013). Chapter 13: Toxicology. In S. Howes (Ed.), Board Review Series: Pharmacology, Sixth Edition (pp. 320). 333: Lippincott Williams & Wilkins.*

**Academic Consultant & Private Tutor | Self-Employed**

2007 - 2013

Longitudinally worked with approximately 30 students. Subjects include: science, math, literature, English, and intensive SAT/ACT preparation. Reviewed college applications and essays. Utilized highly individualized approach to tutoring to enable material presentation best suited to each student's unique learning style and requirements.

*Some of my students started with me as middle or high school students, and I have been involved in their education as they have progressed to college and even medical school.*

**Clinical Study Assistant | Baylor College of Medicine, Dept. of Endocrinology**

2004 - 2011

The TODAY! Study was a nationwide prospective, randomized trial to evaluate treatment regimens and the clinical course of type 2 diabetes in youth. Provided clinical research support; specifically, coordinated study group outings and helped organize diabetes education small groups with participants and their families.

**RESEARCH**

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**Graduate Research Associate | UT Houston Medical School, Dept. of Anesthesiology**

2011 - 2013

*Artime, C. A., A. Altamirano, K. C. Normand, L. Ferrario, H. Aijazi, D. Cattano, and C. A. Hagberg. "Flexible optical intubation via the Ambu Aura-i vs blind intubation via the single-use LMA Fastrach: a prospective randomized clinical trial." Journal of Clinical Anesthesia 33 (2016): 41-46.*

*Guzman-Reyes, S. "Comparison of Ultrasound-Guided versus Landmark Method for Central Venous Access in the Operating Room - Preliminary Results From A Randomized Controlled Trial."*

## Undergraduate Research Associate | Rice University

2007 - 2009

Dept. of Physiology – PI: David Caprette, PhD: Designed and conducted a series of studies to investigate action potential propagation parameters in response to a variety of external milieu variations. Involved in all aspects of the research process, including methodology and study design, data collection, and analysis of findings.

Dept. of Biochemistry & Cell Biology – PI: Beth Beason, PhD: Innovated and implemented protocol optimization techniques for protein purification and enzyme stabilization procedures using native and recombinant adenosine deaminase protein.

## PRESENTATIONS

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*Slabisak, S. (2013). Anemia of Chronic Kidney Disease. Oral Presentation presented at: Internal Medicine: Nephrology Case Conference, UT Houston Medical School; Houston, TX.* 2013

*Slabisak, S. (2013). Fever in the ICU: Management & Outcomes. Oral Presentation presented at: Critical Care Case Conference, MD Anderson Cancer Center; Houston, TX.*

*Slabisak, S. (2013). Morbidity & Mortality: Case Presentation. Oral Presentation presented at: Morbidity & Mortality Conference, MD Anderson Cancer Center; Houston, TX.*

*Slabisak, S. (2012). Clinical Anesthesia (Barash,P), Chapter 15: The Autonomic Nervous System: Physiology & Pharmacology. Oral Presentation presented at: Anesthesiology Resident Senior Seminar & In-Training Exam/Board Review Series, UT Houston Medical School; Houston, TX.* 2012

*Slabisak, S. (2012). Post-Operative Fever: Recognition & Management. Oral Presentation presented at: Obstetrics & Gynecology Case Conference, UT Houston Medical School; Houston, TX.*

*Slabisak, S. (2011). The Role of Hypothermia in the Management of Increased Intracerebral Pressure. Oral Presentation presented at: Neurosurgery & Neurology Joint Department Case Conference, UT Houston Medical School; Houston, TX.* 2011

## HONORS

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### Graduate | UT Houston Medical School

2009 - 2013

I received *Honors* in the following clerkships: *Advanced Patient Care; Ambulatory Medicine; Surgery; Anesthesiology Special Research Elective; Anesthesiology Pain Management: Diagnostic Procedures & Therapeutic Modalities.*

### Undergraduate | Rice University

2005 - 2009

*Rice Academic Fellows Society: Fellows Emeritus, Chairman*

*The President's Honor Roll*

*Phi Lambda Upsilon National Chemistry Honor Society*

*Mu Alpha Theta National Mathematics Honor Society*

*The National Society of Collegiate Scholars*

*Who's Who Among American College Students*

*The Dr. York Lancaster Scholarship* – awarded to the pre-medical student with the highest science GPA at the conclusion of the undergraduate freshman year

*National Forensics League "Distinguished Speaker" Award (2003)*

