Curriculum Vitae

Name: George F. Blackall, Psy.D., MBA

Title: Pediatric Psychologist

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Personal Data:

S.S.#:	Available upon request
Date of Birth:	09/13/1959
Place of Birth:	Stamford, CT
Citizenship Status:	United States Citizen
Marital Status:	Married
Children:	Harrison Patrick

Education:

1995 Degree: Psy.D. in Clinical Psychology
Institute for Graduate Clinical Psychology
Widener University, Chester, PA

1993 M.A. in Clinical Psychology
Institute for Graduate Clinical Psychology
Widener University, Chester, PA

1985 M.B.A. in Management
Graduate School of Business
University of Connecticut, Stamford, CT

1981 B.S. in Engineering Technology
Oklahoma State University
Stillwater, OK

Postgraduate Education:

2005 Harvard – Macy Scholar
Harvard-Macy Institute's Program for Health Science Educators
Boston, MA

1993-1995 Psychology Internship, Division of Oncology
The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
Philadelphia, PA

Academic Appointments:

2003-Present Pediatric Psychologist
Department of Pediatrics, Division of Hematology/Oncology
Penn State Children's Hospital
Associate Professor
Departments of Pediatrics, Humanities, and Neural and Behavioral Sciences
Director of Student Development, Office of Student Affairs
Pennsylvania State University, College of Medicine

1998-Present Pediatric Psychologist
Department of Pediatrics, Division of Oncology
University and Children's Hospital at the Milton S. Hershey Medical Center
Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine

1998-2001 Pediatric Psychologist
Department of Pediatrics, Division of Critical Care
University and Children's Hospital at the Milton S. Hershey Medical Center
Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine

1997 - 2003 Director of Psychological Services
Pain Medicine and Palliative Care Center
University and Children's Hospital at the Milton S. Hershey Medical Center
Assistant Professor
Departments of Anesthesiology, Pediatrics, and Behavioral Science.
Pennsylvania State University, College of Medicine

1995 - 1997 Pediatric Psychologist
Philadelphia Child Guidance Center (PCGC)
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA

Academic Appointments (continued):

1994 - 1995 Psychology Intern
Psychological Services Center, Chester, PA
Performed psychotherapy with children, adults and families. Also conducted psychological assessments on outpatient adults.

1992 - 1995 Psychology Intern
The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia,
University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine,
Department of Pediatrics, Division of Oncology

Licensure:

PS008409-L Pennsylvania

Academic Achievements:

5/18/08 "Outstanding Mentor Award", Presented by the class of 2008
Penn State University College of Medicine

9/26/2005 "Outstanding Educator Award"
Penn State Children's Hospital

5/1/2003 "The Best Ethics Teacher Award", Presented by the class of 2005
Penn State University College of Medicine

4/23/2002 "The Best of Ethics", Presented by the class of 2004
Penn State University College of Medicine

4/23/2002 "The Best of Behavioral Science", Presented by the class of 2004
Penn State University College of Medicine

5/10/2002 "Best Humanities Facilitator", Presented by the Class of 2005
Penn State University College of Medicine

Professional Societies and Affiliations:

American Psychological Association, Divisions 12, 38, & 54
Advisory Panel to the American Psychological Association's Ad Hoc Committee on End-of-Life Issues, Member

Pennsylvania Psychological Association, Member

Children's Oncology Group, Member

Association of American Medical Colleges

Committees:

Department of Pediatrics:

2005-2006	Promotion Committee

College of Medicine

2008-2009	LCME Task Force for Medical Student Support
2008-Pesent	Schwartz Rounds Oversight Committee
2008-Present	Search Committee- Director of Ethics Consultation Service
2007-Present	Medical Education Council
2005-2006	Strategic Medical Education Team
2004-Present	Doctors Kienle Center for Humanistic Medicine
2003-Present	Medical Student Selection Committee
2002-2005	Office of Medical Education Task Force on Professionalism
1/00-1/02	Corporate Compliance and Oversight Committee
2000-Present	Medical school applicant interviewer
9/99-Present	Ethics Committee: Vice Chair of the Ethics Committee and Director of the Ethics Consultation Service since July, 2006.
1/99-Present	Pastoral Care Committee
7/99- 2003	Executive Committee: Department of Anesthesiology
7/99-2003	Stress and Substance Abuse Committee: Department of Anesthesiology
7/99-1/01	Clinical Management Committee: Department of Anesthesiology

Community Service:

2004-Present	Hershey Junior Bears Youth Hockey Program: Volunteer Coach
2000- 2003	Pre-Cana mentor: Saint Catherine Laboure Church Harrisburg, PA

Teaching at the Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine:

1st Year Medical Student Instruction:

1999- 2002	Patients, Physicians and Society: Medical humanities course (HMC)

2nd Year Medical Student Instruction:

2003-2005	OSCE Facilitator: Ethics and Professionalism (HMC)
2000-Present	Patients, Physicians, and Society: Ethics and Professionalism (HMC)
1998 - 2007	Patients, Physicians and Society: Psychosocial Aspects of Pain Problem based learning course for first year medical students (HMC)

4th Year Medical Student Instruction:

1999 - 2003	Course Director Palliative Care Clerkship for Fourth Year Medical Students (HMC)
2001-2002	Course Designer & Director Crises and Conflicts Around Medical Adversity: Patient, Family, and Provider Perspectives (HMC)
2005-2006	Course Designer and Director Systems Approaches to Professional Dilemmas in Medicine (HMC)

Other Instruction:

1994	Instructor: General Psychology Delaware County Community College
1993	Instructor: Introduction to Psychology Community College of Philadelphia

Student Lectures:

2004	"Delivering Bad News", Presenter American Medical Students Association Penn State College of Medicine, Hershey, PA (HMC)
6/2003	"Physician, Know Thyself", Invited lecture Arnold P. Gold Foundation's Student Clinician Ceremony (HMC)
4/2003	"Delivering Bad News", Presenter American Medical Students Association Penn State College of Medicine, Hershey, PA (HMC)

Advising Assigned Medical Students:

Class of 2008	Heidi Erdhman
Class of 2007	David Francis
Class of 2007	Laura Lewandowski
Class of 2006	Nya Ebama
Class of 2006	Mandy Maneval
2005-Present	Faculty Advisor: Student External Medical Society
2002	The Role of Iron in the Etiology of Parkinson's Disease Penn State University College of Medicine (Directed Thesis; M. Maneval)
2000- Present	Faculty Advisor: Mind-Body Medicine Interest Group
2000- 2006	Faculty Advisor for one incoming medical student each year
1994	A Training Model for Dealing with the Dying at a VA Hospital Widener University (Directed Dissertation: R.B. Sand)

Postgraduate Lectures and Symposia (Resident Instruction):

5/2005 The Experiences of the Child Approaching the End of Life
Pediatric Palliative Care Conference
Harrisburg, PA

Postgraduate Lectures and Symposia (Resident Instruction) (continued):

5/2005 The Experience of Professional Caregivers to Pediatric Palliative Care
Pediatric Palliative Care Conference
Harrisburg, PA

5/2005 Systems Approaches to Professional Dilemmas in Medicine: Excellence Via Self-Efficiency
Harvard Macy Institute for Health Science Educators, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA

3/2008 Psychological Approaches to End-of-Life Care For Dying Children and Their Families; HMC-Department of Psychiatry.

Graduate lectures and Symposia (Nurses/Faculty/Practicing Pediatricians):

11/08 Gusic, M.E., Blackall, G.F., DeRosa, P., Lehman, E. & Simons, R. Student Evaluation of Academic Advising in a Structured program that includes clinical Skills Teaching. Poster presentation at the AAMC annual meeting, San Antonio, TX.

3/2008 A Role for Psychologists in Ethical Dilemmas in Medicine.
Pennsylvania Psychological Association Spring Meeting
Harrisburg, PA

3/2007 Psychological Aspects of Childhood Cancer
A Public Forum: Reducing Cancer in our Community
(HMC)

9/2006 Systems Approaches to Ethical Dilemmas in Medicine
Penn State Psychiatry Symposium
Camp Hill, PA

9/2006 Systems Approaches to Ethical Dilemmas in Medicine
Friday's Child Lecture Series, The Reading Hospital & Medical Center
Reading, PA

11/2004 Gender and Professionalism Poster Presentation
Association of American Medical Colleges
Boston, MA

10/2004 Developmental Factors in Pain Assessment and Treatment
Pediatric Palliative Care Conference
(HMC)

4/2004 Assessing and Reporting Professionalism: Practice and Pitfalls
Northeast Group on Student Affairs, Spring Meeting
Rochester, NY

3/2003 Psychosocial Aspects of Pain
Social Work Month Education Series
(HMC)

Graduate lectures and Symposia (Nurses/Faculty/Practicing Pediatricians) (continued):

10/2002 Psychological Assessment and Treatment of Chronic Pain Patients
Department of Anesthesiology
(HMC)

2002 Undesirable Outcomes in Anesthesia: Patient and Provider Perspectives
Anesthesiology Grand Rounds
(HMC)

2001-Present Residency & Well-Being conference
(HMC)

9/2001 Understanding Families Facing Medical Adversity
"Touching the Future of Children"
(PSU, Harrisburg)

6/2001 The Role of Psychologists in Medical Ethics: A Systems Approach
Pennsylvania Psychological Association's Annual Meeting
Pittsburgh, PA

4/2001 The Psychology of Well-being
Anesthesiology Grand Rounds
(PSU, Hershey)

10/2001 The Role of Psychologists in Medical Ethics: A Systems Approach
Pennsylvania Psychological Association's
Continuing Education and Ethics Conference
Exton, PA

12/2000 Psychological Evaluation & Patient Selection for Pump Implant Procedures
Implantable Fusion Pumps:
Clinical Practice for the Management of Chronic Pain

(PSU)

1/2000 Brain Death and Persistent Vegetative State
Ethics Committee
(HMC)

12/1999 Psychological Impact of Chronic Pain
Issues in Pain Management
(PSU)

10/1999 Delivering Bad News
A Skills Based Approach to End of Life Care:
Effective Interventions for the New Millennium
(PSU)

Graduate lectures and Symposia (Nurses/Faculty/Practicing Pediatricians) (continued):

8/1999 A Family Systems Approach to End of Life Decision Making in a Pediatric Intensive Care Unit: Dealing with Difficult Families.
Pennsylvania Society of Critical Care Medicine
Hershey, PA

6/1999 Burnout and Balance in Medical Practice
Anesthesiology Grand Rounds
(HMC)

5/1999 Burnout and Balance in Family Practice
2nd Annual Family Practice Review Course Keynote Presentation
Lancaster, PA

5/1999 Psychological Evaluation & Patient Selection for Pump Implant Procedures
Implantable Fusion Pumps:
Clinical Practicum for the Management of Chronic Pain
(PSU)

4/1999 Psychotherapy with Chronically Ill Patients
American Healthcare Institute, Baltimore, MD

3/1999 Using Competence to Promote Change Among Staff and Families Facing Medical Adversity.
Pediatric Grand Rounds
(HMC)

2/1999 Stress Management in the Workplace: Mastering the Challenge of Change
Penn State Geisinger Health System
Wilkes Barre, PA

12/1998 Psychological Evaluation & Patient Selection for Pump Implant Procedures
Implantable Fusion Pumps: Clinical Practicum for the Management of Chronic Pain
(PSU)

5/1998 Burnout in Family Practice
Family Medicine Review Course,
(PSU)

12/1997 Coping with Chronic Illness: Is There a Method to Our Madness?
Anesthesiology Grand Rounds
(HMC)

10/1997 Psychological Assessment and Treatment of Chronic Pain Patients
(PSU)

Graduate lectures and Symposia (Nurses/Faculty/Practicing Pediatricians) (continued):

12/08 Understanding Families Facing Medical Diversity. Penn State Hershey Medical Center; Pediatric Bone Marrow Transplant Nursing Update.

5/1996 Pediatric Gastroesophageal Reflux: The Parents Perspective
American Pseudo-obstruction and Hirschsprung's Disease Society
St. Petersburg, FL

7/1996 Caring for the Dying: Components of a Training Model at a VA Hospital
University of Pennsylvania Cancer Center
4th Annual Scientific Symposium and Retreat
Philadelphia, PA

8/1995 Personality Structure in Pediatric Leukemia Survivors: Can it Inform Us?
Family-Oriented Psychological Services and Research in Pediatric Oncology Settings
Annual Meeting of the American Psychological Association
New York, NY

4/1995 Caring for the Dying: Components of a Training Model at a VA hospital
American Association for Cancer Education
1995 Annual Meeting
Tampa, FL

3/1995 Personality Structure as a Construct for Understanding Psychological Functioning in Pediatric Leukemia Survivors.
Society for Personality Assessment, 1995 Midwinter Meeting.
Atlanta, GA

2/1994 Training Multidisciplinary Staff: Behavioral Interventions to Reduce Procedure Related Distress for Pediatric Leukemia Patients.
Third International Symposium on Pediatric Pain
Philadelphia, PA

4/1993 Analgesia Protocol for Procedures in Oncology
University of Pennsylvania Cancer Center Research Symposium and Retreat
Philadelphia, PA

Grants:

Completed:

Janssen Pharmaceutical Unrestricted Educational Grant
"A Skills Based Approach to End of Life Care: Effective Interventions For the New Millenium"
$13,000

Grants (continued):

Completed (continued):

Four Diamonds Fund: Clinical & Educational Grant
To provide services to the Division of Pediatric Oncology (50% effort)

1999	$23,490
2000	$35,000
2001	$35,000
2002	$53,040
2003	$55,860
2004	$67,991
2005	$62,605
2006	$67,118
2007	$69,594
2008	$71,229

The Women's Committee of the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
"A Multidisciplinary Approach to Pediatric Heart and Heart/Lung Transplantation"
1996
$21,000

Administrative Support Work:

2003-Present Director of Student Development:
Office of Student Affairs
Penn State College of Medicine

1999-2002 Director of Management

Department Of Anesthesiology
University and Children's Hospital at the Milton S. Hershey Medical Center

Service to Public and Private Organizations:

4/2005 Community Service Day

4/2004 Community Service Day

Articles:

1. Blackall G.F., Melnick S.A., George J., Wilson P.K., Lerner S.M. Professionalism in medical education: The development and validation of a survey instrument to assess attitudes toward professionalism, Medical Teacher 29, e58-e62, 2007.

2. Blackall G.F., Just be yourself, Academic Medicine, 82, 1, 82, 2007.

3. Blackall G. A brief lapse. Arch Pediatric Adolesc Med. 159, Nov 2005.

Articles (continued):

4. Blackall, G.F., Green, M.J. & Simms, S. Application of systems principles to resolving ethical dilemmas in medicine. The Journal of Clinical Ethics, 16, 1, 20-28, 2005.

5. Blackall, G.F. The cries of a child. Contemporary Psychology., 49, 1, 81-82, 2004.

6. Isaacson J.E., Moyer M., Schuller, H.G., Blackall G. Clinical associations between tinnitus and chronic pain. Otolaryngology – Head Neck Surgery, 128 (5): 706-710, 2003.

7. Blackall, G.F. & Simms, S. Resolving therapeutic impasses in medical settings: A case study. Families, Systems & Health, 20, 3, 253-264, 2002.

8. Blackall, G.F. Relighting your fire, Family Practice Management, October, p. 60, 1999.

9. Borr-Sand, R., Blackall, G.F., Abrahm, J., & Healy, K. A survey of physicians' education in caring for the dying; Identified needs for training. Journal of Cancer Education, 13, 242-247, 1998.

10. Kazak, A.E., Penati, B., Waibel, M.K. & Blackall, G.F. The Perception of Procedures Questionnaire (PPQ): Psychometric properties of a brief parent report measure of procedural distress. Journal of Pediatric Psychology, 21, 2, 195 -207, 1997.

11. Kazak, A., Penati, B., Boyer, B.A., Himelstein, B., Brophy, P., Waibel, M.K., Blackall, G.F., Daller, R. & Johnson, K. A randomized controlled prospective outcome study of a psychological and pharmacological intervention protocol for procedural distress in pediatric leukemia. Journal of Pediatric Psychology, 21, 5, 615-631, 1997.

12. Kazak, A.E., Blackall, G.F., Boyer, B.A., Brophy, P., Buzaglo, J., & Himelstein, B. Implementing a pediatric leukemia intervention for procedural pain: The impact on staff. Family Systems and Health, 14, (1), 43-56, 1996.

13. Blackall G.F. Functional Constipation: Which way out? Gut Waves 1, 2, pp.3, 1996.

14. Blackall, G.F. Celiac teens and the gluten-free diet. Gluten Free Living, 1, 2, pp.7, 1996.

15. Kazak, A.E., Blackall, G.F., Himelstein, B., Brophy, P. & Daller, R. Producing systemic change in pediatric practice: An intervention protocol for reducing distress during painful procedures. Family Systems Medicine, 13, 2, 173-185, 1995.

Books:

1. Blackall G.F., Simms S., Green M.J., Breaking the cycle: How to turn conflict into collaboration when you and your patients disagree.. American College of Physicians, Philadelphia, PA (in press).

2. Blackall, G.F. & Wilson, K. Psychological techniques in pain management. In: Pain Medicine: A Comprehensive Review, 2nd Ed, Raj, P. (Ed.). St. Louis: W.B. Saunders, 2003.

Books (continued):

3. Blackall, G.F. Psychological techniques in pain management. In: Practical Handbook of Pain, 3rd edition, Raj, P. (Ed.) Philadelphia, Mosby, 2000.

Journal Reviewer:

International Journal for Healthcare and Humanities

Ad Hoc Reviewer:

Journal of Pediatric Psychology

Medical and Pediatric Oncology