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Colon and Rectal/General Surgery, Kaiser Moanalua Medical Center

**EDUCATION**

Fellow, Colon and Rectal Surgery  
Division of Colon and Rectal Surgery, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN

Resident, General Surgery  
Department of Surgery, Oregon Health & Science University, Portland, Oregon

Intern, General Surgery  
Department of Surgery, Oregon Health & Science University, Portland, Oregon

University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry, Rochester, New York  
MD

Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pennsylvania  
Bachelor of Arts, Majors in Chemistry and Music

**EMPLOYMENT**

August 2008 – present  
Attending surgeon in Colon and Rectal/General Surgery  
Kaiser Moanalua Medical Center, Honolulu, HI

6/1998-8/1998  
Tri-County Family Medicine  
Summer Research Fellow

9/1994-5/1997  
Swarthmore College  
Laboratory Teaching Assistant

**LICENSURE**

American Board of Colorectal Surgery Certifying Exam 9/2009; Certificate number  
American Board of Colorectal Surgery Qualifying Exam 3/2008  
American board of Colorectal Surgery ongoing MOC, current  
American Board of Surgery Certifying Exam, 10/2007; Certificate number  
American Board of Surgery Qualifying Exam, 8/2007  
American Board of Surgery Recertifying Exam passed 11/30/2016  
USMLE Step III, 6/2002  
USMLE Step II, 4/2001  
USMLE Step I, 6/1999  
State of Hawaii License (Number )

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

2018 Healthcare Association of Hawaii Healthcare Hero

Best Doctors of America; Honolulu, Hawaii: 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021.

Teaching Staff of the Year, Tripler Army Medical Center/Kaiser Moanalua Medical Center General Surgery Residency, June 2009 and June 2014

Northwest Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons Resident Paper Competition, 2<sup>nd</sup> place. August 2006

Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Society, Oregon Health & Sciences University Chapter  
June 2005

Karen E. Deveney Award for Excellence in Clinical Research, Portland Surgical Society. June 2005

**COMMITTEES AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Director of Peer Review Activities, Hawaii Permanente Medical Group. July 2019-present.

Member, Board of Directors, Hawaii Permanente Medical Group. January 2013-December 2018.

Cancer Liason Physician, State of Hawaii Chair, July 2017-present

Vice President, Hawaii Chapter, American College of Surgeons, July 2019-present.

Secretary-Treasurer, Hawaii Chapter, American College of Surgeons, January 2015-2019.

Member, Board of Directors. Hawaii Permanente Medical Group. December 2012-present.

Fellow, American College of Surgeons

Fellow, October 2012 - present; Member, Spring 2005-2012

Member, Pacific Coast Surgical Association

January 2011 - present

Assistant Clinical Professor, John A. Burns School of Medicine, University of Hawaii at Manoa. 2009-present.

Director of Surgical Education (General Surgery Residency Site Director), Kaiser Moanalua Medical Center

January 2009 - 2018

Member, American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons

Spring 2006 - present

Surgical Residency Education Committee ("SWAT" team), Resident representative

October 2004 - June 2005

**BIBLIOGRAPHY****Journal Articles**

Sawai RS. Management of Colonic Obstruction: A Review. Clin Colon Rectal Surg. 2012;25(4):200-203.

Gee AC, Sawai RS, Differding J, Muller P, Underwood S, Schreiber MA. The influence of sex hormones on coagulation and inflammation in the trauma patient. Shock. 2007. ePub.

Kiraly LN, Differding JA, Enomoto TM, Sawai RS, et al. Resuscitation with normal saline vs. lactated ringers modulates hypercoagulability and leads to increased blood loss in an uncontrolled hemorrhagic shock swine model. *J Trauma*. 2006;61(1):57-64.

JP Cullen, S Sayeed, RS Sawai, NG Theodorakis, PA Cahill, JV Sitzmann, and EM Redmond. *Pulsatile flow-induced angiogenesis: Role of G<sub>i</sub> Subunits*. *Arteriosclerosis, Thrombosis, and Vascular Biology* 2002;22(10):1610-6.

P Frame, R Sawai, W Bowen, C Myerowitz. *Preventive dentistry: practitioners' recommendations for low-risk patients compared to scientific evidence and practice guidelines*. *American Journal of Preventive Medicine* 2000;18(2):159-62.

### **Book Chapters**

R Martindale, RS Sawai. Sepsis and Infection. In the A.S.P.E.N. Nutrition Support Core Curriculum: A Case-Based Approach – the Adult Patient. Gottschlich MM, ed. American Society for Parenteral & Enteral Nutrition. 2007

### **Abstracts and Presentations**

R Sawai, D Herzig, K Lu, K Deveney. *Deficiencies in genetic testing for hereditary colorectal cancer in the state of Oregon*. Oregon/Washington American College of Surgeons Regional Meeting. June 2006. (oral presentation)

R Sawai, K Deveney. *Hypercoagulability and inflammatory bowel disease*. Northwest Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons. August 2005. (oral presentation)

R Sawai, J Watters, J Differding, M Schreiber. *Circulating IL-8 is predictive of inflammatory dysfunction in trauma*. Eastern Association for the Surgery of Trauma 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Assembly. January 2006. (oral presentation)

R Sawai, J Watters, J Differding, M Schreiber. *Circulating IL-8 may be predictive of dysfunctional inflammation in trauma*. Portland Surgical Society Research Competition. June 2005. (oral presentation)

R Sawai, J Watters, J Differding, T Wiesberg, P Muller, M Schreiber. *Increasing resuscitation fluid tonicity does not increase the inflammatory response in uncontrolled hemorrhagic shock*. 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society of University Surgeons, Nashville, Tennessee. February 2005. (oral presentation)

R Sawai, J Watters, J Differding, M Schreiber. *Circulating IL-8 in trauma patients*. American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma Regional Competition, Region X, Olympia, Washington. December 2004. (oral presentation)

R Sawai, J Watters, J Differding, T Wiesberg, P Muller, M Schreiber. *7.5% Saline with dextran resuscitation causes dysfunctional inflammation in uncontrolled hemorrhagic shock*. American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma Regional Competition, Region X, Olympia, Washington. December 2004. (oral presentation)

R Sawai, K Deveney, M Whiteford. *Risk factors for pelvic sepsis after colectomy in patients with inflammatory bowel disease*. Northwest Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons, Whitefish, Montana. August 2004. (oral presentation)

### **Other Activities**

Participant (surgeon), Aloha Medical Mission to Comayagua, Honduras. January 2016.

Participant (surgeon), Aloha Medical Mission to Tuguegarao, Philippines. February 2014.