



### **2026 Board of Directors Applicant Bio: Joseph Hwang**

Joe is originally from Huntsville, Alabama. He earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Microbiology with a Minor in Clarinet Performance and a Master of Education in Physical Activity and Health at Auburn University. Joe has worked in three different hospital systems as a medical laboratory scientist with a focus on hematology and blood bank. He graduated summa cum laude with a Master of Public Health and Master of Medical Science in Physician Assistant Studies at Mercer University.

Joe has an extensive background as a lab director and lab consultant for urgent care clinics. He is an adjunct faculty and preceptor for the PA programs at Mercer University and South College in Atlanta, regularly taking pre health students for shadowing and PA students on clinical rotations.

Joe has spoken and taught at various state, regional, and national conferences on point of care ultrasound and diagnostic testing/interpretation for the urgent care setting. He is currently the regional medical director for four ExperCARE urgent care clinics in Alabama.

He is passionate about evidence-based medicine, developing efficient workflows in the urgent care, equipping clinicians with the expertise to appropriately order and interpret diagnostic tests, antibiotic and steroid stewardship, and point of care ultrasound. Joe currently holds eight world records in powerlifting including a 584lb deadlift and 613lb squat at 163lb body weight.