

George Nicholas Verne, MD, MACP, AGAF**CAREER PROFILE**

Academic physician executive with more than 30 years of progressively responsible leadership in academic medicine, healthcare systems, physician practice management, biomedical research, and medical education. Extensive experience leading complex statewide academic health enterprises through periods of strategic growth, organizational transformation, accreditation, and institutional change. Collaborative servant leader with a proven record of advancing education, research, clinical operations, faculty development, philanthropy, and statewide partnerships while achieving measurable institutional outcomes.

- Visionary leadership and effective inter-professional team building
- Highly skilled in team-member leadership development, mentoring, and coaching
- Strategic plan implementation and achieving outcomes using balanced scorecards
- Organizational transformation and leading change
- Operational and fiscal management of large budgets and large staff
- Medical executive leadership, credentialing and privileging, professionalism
- Accreditation, inspection, and quality management
- Process improvement, continuous improvement

SELECTED CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Enterprise Leadership	Academic Leadership	Research Leadership	National Leadership
\$1.1B Academic Health Enterprise	8-Year LCME Accreditation	\$61M Research Portfolio	Institute Director, ANMS
3,200 Faculty	100% USMLE Step 1 & 2 Pass Rate	Carnegie R1 Designation	Former President, ANMS
2,300 Residents	4 Statewide Campuses	25+ Years NIH & VA Funding	AAMC Council of Deans
10 Health Systems	Statewide UME & GME Expansion	\$40M+ Philanthropic & Legislative Support	NIH & VA Standing Study Sections

UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE COLLEGE OF MEDICINE — Memphis, Tennessee 2019–Present

The University of Tennessee College of Medicine is a statewide academic medical center with campuses in Memphis, Knoxville, Chattanooga, and Nashville and partnerships with ten affiliated health systems.

Lemuel W. Diggs Chair in Medicine
Chair, Department of Medicine
Senior Associate Dean for Statewide Operations and Strategy
Interim Dean, College of Medicine

Responsible for statewide academic strategy across four campuses and ten affiliated health systems, encompassing more than 3,200 faculty, 2,300 residents, 800 medical students, and a \$1.1 billion

academic enterprise. Departmental responsibilities include oversight of more than 220 full-time and 350 volunteer faculty, 120 Internal Medicine residents, and 125 staff members across five affiliated hospitals, an ambulatory surgery center, a medical office building, and 15 outpatient sites.

Enterprise Leadership and Strategic Growth

- Recruited and onboarded seven division chiefs and more than 70 faculty across all Internal Medicine subspecialties.
- Expanded the Department of Medicine's statewide clinical and academic footprint through strategic ambulatory expansion and health system partnerships.
- Developed and strengthened partnerships with multiple hospital and health systems, including a new affiliation with West Tennessee Healthcare in Jackson, Tennessee.
- Expanded statewide undergraduate and graduate medical education programs across the Memphis, Knoxville, Chattanooga, and Nashville campuses.
- Established a new rural Internal Medicine Residency Program at Maury Regional Medical Center.
- Added five primary care residency positions and launched three new fellowship programs.

Academic Excellence and Innovation

- Achieved full eight-year LCME accreditation only ten weeks after appointment as Interim Dean.
- Increased AAMC Graduation Questionnaire satisfaction from 89% to 96%.
- Achieved 100% USMLE Step 1 and Step 2 pass rates.
- Increased the Department of Medicine's three-year ABIM pass rate from 84% to 100%.
- Increased Internal Medicine clerkship student satisfaction from 82% to 100%.
- Expanded undergraduate and graduate medical education opportunities throughout the statewide campuses.
- Developed AI-supported research, curricular-development, and continuous quality-improvement initiatives.
- Created AI-enabled educational dashboards and launched the RADIANCE research-matching portal for medical students, residents, and junior faculty.

Research and Faculty Development

- Expanded the College of Medicine research portfolio to \$61 million.
- Helped lead the University of Tennessee Health Science Center to its first Carnegie R1 research designation.
- Increased Department of Medicine NIH funding from \$2.5 million to \$6.5 million.
- Secured the Department of Medicine's first NIH T32 institutional training grant in more than 25 years.
- Launched the inaugural College of Medicine Research Retreat to establish institutional research priorities and promote interdisciplinary collaboration.
- Implemented a faculty development and mentoring program for junior faculty.
- Created and launched a faculty professionalism coaching program.
- Recruited new faculty and division leaders across the clinical, educational, and research missions.

Clinical Operations and Health System Partnerships

- Expanded the Cancer Center and developed three new infusion centers and inpatient unit.
- Led the expansion of COVID-19 testing capacity from approximately 250 to more than 2,500 PCR tests per day.
- Established multidisciplinary Long COVID outpatient referral clinics.
- Opened ten ambulatory clinic locations to expand access to specialty and primary care services.
- Strengthened clinical and academic relationships with affiliated hospitals and health systems across Tennessee.
- Expanded community-based clinical services through three UT Health Hubs serving medically underserved populations.

Financial Stewardship and Philanthropy

- Provided budgetary oversight and financial stewardship for a \$1.1 billion academic enterprise, including approximately \$700 million across multiple faculty practice plans.
- Established a Fiscal Sustainability Working Group that eliminated a \$4.2 million prior-year carryover deficit.
- Negotiated more than \$10 million in additional academic support for the College of Medicine.
- Raised more than \$18 million in philanthropic support for medical student scholarships and academic priorities.
- Secured a \$25 million legislative appropriation for a new gross anatomy laboratory.
- Initiated planning for a new \$310 million College of Medicine academic building and an associated \$40 million philanthropic campaign.
- Established three new endowed chairs and launched a grateful patient philanthropy program.

TULANE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE — New Orleans, Louisiana

2014–2019

Tulane University School of Medicine is an academic medical center with campuses in New Orleans, Metairie, and Covington and partnerships with three affiliated health systems.

Harry B. Greenberg Chair in Medicine Chair, Department of Medicine Chief Medical Officer, HCA Tulane Health System

Responsible for the academic, research, clinical, and operational missions of the Department of Medicine and for physician executive leadership within the HCA Tulane Health System. Oversight encompassed more than 980 full-time and 730 volunteer faculty, 110 Internal Medicine residents, and 95 staff members across three affiliated hospitals and ten outpatient clinic locations.

Enterprise Leadership and Strategic Growth

- Recruited and onboarded six division chiefs and more than 45 faculty across all Internal Medicine subspecialties.
- Expanded Tulane Medicine's regional clinical presence through strategic ambulatory expansion and strategic health system partnerships.
- Developed and strengthened partnerships with three affiliated hospitals and health systems.
- Expanded the Tulane Cardiovascular Center and developed three new cardiac laboratories.
- Integrated, credentialed, and onboarded more than 500 physicians following the addition of HCA North Shore Hospital to the Tulane Health System.
- Secured a \$7 million investment from HCA to expand primary care services throughout the greater New Orleans region.

Academic Excellence and Innovation

- Led the Department of Medicine to recognition as the Tulane School of Medicine's Outstanding Department in 2016 and 2018.
- Helped guide the School of Medicine through successful eight-year LCME reaccreditation.
- Increased Internal Medicine clerkship student satisfaction from 78% to 98%.
- Increased the three-year ABIM pass rate from 88% to 98%.
- Expanded graduate medical education through the creation of three new fellowship programs.
- Established a multidisciplinary Palliative Care Program comprising five providers, four registered nurses, and dedicated support staff.

Research and Faculty Development

- Increased Department of Medicine NIH funding from \$3.2 million to \$7.8 million.
- Secured two new NIH T32 institutional training grants.

- Recruited new faculty and division leaders across the department's clinical, educational, and research missions.
- Implemented a faculty wellness and development program for junior faculty.
- Expanded opportunities for research training, faculty mentorship, and academic advancement.
- Strengthened the department's research infrastructure and physician-scientist development programs.

Clinical Operations and Health System Partnerships

- Served concurrently as Chief Medical Officer for the HCA Tulane Health System, providing physician executive leadership across three hospitals.
- Directed a system-wide electronic medical record upgrade across all three HCA Tulane Health System hospitals.
- Improved inpatient HCAHPS and patient satisfaction scores at Tulane University Hospital from 72% to 92%.
- Expanded subspecialty medicine services through the development of five ambulatory clinics.
- Expanded outpatient neurophysiology testing center and sleep labs across three new sites in New Orleans.
- Expanded primary and specialty care access through eight new ambulatory sites and a \$7 million HCA-supported primary care initiative.

Financial Stewardship and Philanthropy

- Secured a transformational \$25 million gift for the John W. Deming Department of Medicine.
- Received the Tulane President's Award for Outstanding Philanthropic Achievement.
- Established two new endowed faculty chairs.
- Launched a grateful patient philanthropy program to support faculty, research, education, and clinical priorities.
- Secured a \$7 million HCA investment to expand primary care services throughout New Orleans.
- Leveraged institutional, health system, and philanthropic resources to support sustained departmental growth.

EARLIER EXECUTIVE AND ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS MEDICAL BRANCH — Galveston, Texas

2011–2014

**Blanton Distinguished Professor of Internal Medicine
Associate Chair, Department of Internal Medicine
Chief, Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology
Program Director, Gastroenterology Fellowship Program
Medical Director, Gastroenterology Service Line**

- Provided academic, clinical, and operational leadership for the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology and the health system's gastroenterology service line.
- Expanded University of Texas Medical Branch's clinical footprint by establishing new gastroenterology services in League City, Texas.
- Directed faculty recruitment, program development, quality improvement, and strategic growth across inpatient and ambulatory gastroenterology services.
- Led the Gastroenterology Fellowship Program and advanced graduate medical education, trainee development, and faculty mentorship.
- Chaired the Clinic Operations Committee and Outpatient Ambulatory Council, contributing to enterprise-wide ambulatory strategy and operational improvement.
- Served in institutional leadership roles involving clinical affairs, capital planning, business development, value analysis, faculty-practice governance, and quality.
- Maintained a nationally recognized NIH- and VA-funded translational research program focused on visceral pain, intestinal permeability, and gastrointestinal disorders in Gulf War veterans.

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY WEXNER MEDICAL CENTER — Columbus, Ohio 2006–2011

Professor and Inaugural Chief, Division of Gastroenterology, Hepatology, and Nutrition
Program Director, Gastroenterology Fellowship Program
Medical Director of Endoscopy

- Recruited as inaugural chief to establish and lead the newly organized Division of Gastroenterology, Hepatology, and Nutrition.
- Built the division's academic, clinical, research, and educational infrastructure and expanded faculty leadership and subspecialty programs.
- Directed the Gastroenterology Fellowship Program and strengthened trainee recruitment, education, mentorship, and professional development.
- Provided operational and quality leadership for endoscopy services and participated in departmental and faculty-practice financial governance.
- Secured a \$5 million philanthropic gift supporting the Inflammatory Bowel Disease Center.
- Expanded the division's research capacity while maintaining an externally funded translational research program.

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA COLLEGE OF MEDICINE — Gainesville, Florida **MALCOM RANDALL VA MEDICAL CENTER**

1997–2006

Assistant Professor to Associate Professor of Medicine with Tenure
Medical Director, Shands Hospital Physiology Laboratory at the University of Florida
Chief, Gastroenterology and Hepatology Section, Malcom Randall VA Medical Center

- Established an independent NIH- and VA-funded translational research program focused on visceral pain and gastrointestinal disorders.
- Led the VA Gastroenterology and Hepatology Section and chaired the VA Research and Development Committee and Institutional Review Board.
- Developed a national reputation in neurogastroenterology, visceral pain, and Gulf War-associated gastrointestinal illness.
- Received two University of Florida President's Awards for Outstanding Faculty Teaching and the Exemplary Research Service Award.

NATIONAL LEADERSHIP

- Institute Director, American Neurogastroenterology & Motility Society
- Former President, American Neurogastroenterology & Motility Society
- Member, AAMC Council of Deans (2023-2025)
- NIH Standing Member, NIDDK DDK-F Study Section
- Standing Member, Veterans Affairs Gastroenterology Merit Review Panel
- Master, American College of Physicians

ACADEMIC CURRICULUM VITAE

George Nicholas Verne, MD, MACP, AGAF

Academic physician executive, physician-scientist, and national medical education leader with more than 30 years of leadership in academic medicine, biomedical research, and healthcare systems. Extensive experience leading statewide academic enterprises, advancing education and research, and building nationally recognized programs through collaborative servant leadership.

University of Tennessee College of Medicine

2019–Present Lemuel W. Diggs Chair in Medicine
2019–Present Professor & Chair, Department of Medicine
2019–Present Senior Associate Dean for Statewide Operations & Strategy
2019–Present Executive Director, Digestive Disease Center
2023–2025 Interim Dean, College of Medicine

Graduate Medical Training

1995–1997 NIH GCRC Research Fellow, Medical University of South Carolina
1993–1995 NIH T32 Gastroenterology Basic Research Fellow, University of Florida
1992–1993 Gastroenterology Fellow, University of Florida
1989–1992 Internal Medicine Resident, Albany Medical College

Medical & Undergraduate Education

1989 MD, Upstate Medical University, Syracuse, NY
1985 BS, Biology (Minor in Chemistry) Le Moyne College | Summa Cum Laude
1983 Jefferson Community College, Math/Science, High Honors, Watertown, NY

American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM) Certifications

Internal Medicine (1992; MOC Active) | Gastroenterology (1995; MOC Active)

Licensure: Tennessee: 60200 | Florida: ME63713

Previous Academic Appointments

Tulane University School of Medicine (2014–2019)

- Harry B. Greenberg Chair in Internal Medicine
- Professor and Chair, Department of Medicine
- Chief Medical Officer, HCA Healthcare

University of Texas Medical Branch (2011–2014)

- Blanton Distinguished Professor of Internal Medicine
- Professor and Associate Chair, Department of Medicine
- Program Director, Gastroenterology Fellowship Program
- Chief, Division of Gastroenterology & Hepatology
- Medical Director, Gastroenterology Service Line

The Ohio State University (2006–2011)

- Professor and Inaugural Chief, Division of Gastroenterology, Hepatology, & Nutrition
- Program Director, Gastroenterology Fellowship
- Medical Director of Endoscopy

University of Florida College of Medicine (1997–2006)

- Assistant Professor → Associate Professor of Medicine with Tenure
- Chief, Gastroenterology and Hepatology Section, Malcom Randall VA Medical Center

Selected Honors and Awards

2025	UT Faculty Senate Award for Outstanding Service
2025	UT Alumni Recognition for Exemplary Leadership
2025	UT Dean's Faculty Advisory Committee Award for Outstanding Leadership
2023	Leadership & Engagement for Aspiring Physicians Award
2022	Elected Master, American College of Physicians
2019	Tulane President's Award for Outstanding Philanthropic Achievement
2018	Tulane Department of Medicine, Outstanding Department of the Year
2016	Induction into Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society at Tulane University
2016	Tulane Department of Medicine, Outstanding Department of the Year
2012	JCC Lifetime Professional Achievement Award
2011	AGA Masters Award: Outstanding Achievement in Basic Digestive Sciences
2007	Exemplary Research Service Award, University of Florida
2004	President's Award for Outstanding Faculty Teacher, University of Florida
2001	Best Research Presentation, University of Florida
1999	President's Award for Outstanding Faculty Teacher, University of Florida
1997	Applause Award, Medical University of South Carolina
1995	Best Fellow of the Year Award, University of Florida
1992	Outstanding Resident of the Year Award, Albany Medical College
1985	Who's Who Among Students in American Universities & Colleges
1985	Beta Beta Beta Biological National Honor Society
1983	Outstanding Math-Science Student
1983	Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society

Executive Leadership Programs

2022–2023	University of Tennessee Executive Leadership Institute
2022	Professional Fundraising for Deans and Academic Leaders
2021	Dale Carnegie Training: Leadership Mastery Course, "How to Challenge Yourself and Others to Greatness." New York City, NY
2019	AAMC Masterclass for Associate Deans and Department Chairs, Washington, DC
2018	Promoting Professionalism: Safety, Reliability, and Accountability, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
2018	AAMC Organizational Leadership in Academic Medicine for New Associate Deans and Department Chairs, Atlanta, GA
2017	Resiliency Training: Organizational Strategies to Alleviate Burnout Increase Wellness in Academic Medicine, MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX
2014	AAMC Executive Development Seminar for Associate Deans and Department Chairs, Tempe, AZ
2013	The Leadership Challenge Workshop University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, TX
2012	Beyond Budgeting in Academic Medicine Conference, MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX

Current National Professional Leadership

2025–Present	Institute Director , American Neurogastroenterology & Motility Society
2015–Present	Editorial Board , <i>American Journal of Physiology-GI & Liver Physiology</i>
2026–Present	Community Engagement Committee, American Physiological Society

Prior National Professional Leadership

2023–2025	AAMC Council of Deans
2023–2025	President , American Neurogastroenterology & Motility Society
2020–2023	President-Elect , American Neurogastroenterology & Motility Society
2022–2025	Research Policy Committee, American Gastroenterological Association
2022	Chair, Epigenetics in disorders of GI sensorimotor dysfunctions, AGA
2019–2022	Associate Editor , <i>Journal of Investigative Medicine</i>
2019–2022	AGA Practice Guidelines Committee for Irritable Bowel Syndrome
2018–2023	Co-Chair , American College of Physicians Maintenance of Certification
2018–2021	Councilor, Southern Society for Clinical Investigation
2017–2021	Chair, Brain-Gut Axis Committee, American Gastroenterological Association
2018–2020	Treasurer , American Neurogastroenterology & Motility Society
2018–2020	American Gastroenterological Association Council Nominating Committee
2016	Chair, Visceral Pain Taxonomy, American Pain Society
2016	Co-Chair, NIDDK Research Symposium on Irritable Bowel Syndrome
2016–2018	AGA Government Affairs Committee
2015–2019	Governor's Council , Louisiana Chapter, American College of Physicians
2015–2024	Editorial Board , <i>Gastroenterology</i>
2015–2017	Co-Chair, APM New Chairs and Emerging Leaders Committee
2014–2018	Councilor, American Neurogastroenterology & Motility Society
2014–2017	Chair, Research Committee, American Neurogastroenterology & Motility Society
2014	Chair, Pain Taxonomy Subcommittee on Visceral Pain, American Pain Society
2013–2017	Member, Executive Committee: Gulf War Era Cohort and Biorepository
2013–2014	Chair, Irritable Bowel Syndrome Symposium, AGA
2011–2013	Board of Directors , Texas Chapter, American College of Physicians
2012	AGA Chair, Genetics/Molecular Epidemiology
2011–2017	Member, Research Awards Panel, American Gastroenterological Association
2012	ANMS Chair, Opioid Bowel Dysfunction
2012	AGA Chair and Organizer, Intestinal Permeability Scientific Session
2011	NIH CTSA Panelist: Sustaining CNS-Centricity via Afferent Drive
2010–2013	Editorial Board , <i>The American Journal of Gastroenterology</i>
2009–2011	Co-Chair , Governor's Council, Ohio Chapter, American College of Physicians
2006–2008	AGA Chair and Organizer, Translational Brain-Gut Axis
2005–2007	AGA Chair and Organizer, Upper Gastrointestinal Motility Disorders
2001–2004	AGA Chair and Organizer, Intestinal Motility Committee

Current Federal Grant Review Service

2024–Present	Standing Member, NIDDK DDK-F Study Section
2022–Present	Standing Member, Veterans Affairs, Gastroenterology Merit Review Panel

Previous Federal Grant Review Service

2019–2023	Chair, NIDDK Fellowships in Digestive Diseases & Nutrition
2021	Chair, NIDDK Gastroparesis Consortium Review
2018–2019	Chair, Deep Phenotyping Review, Veterans Affairs Office of R&D
2017–2018	Member, NIDDK Integrative & Molecular Gastroenterology Study Section
2017–2019	Member, NIDDK Fellowships in Digestive Diseases & Nutrition
2017	Chair, UO1 NIDDK Grant Study Panel
2016	Chair, National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health
2016	Chair, NIDDK Gastroparesis Clinical Centers

2016	Member, NIDDK Toxicology, Digestive, Kidney and Urology
2016	Member, Special Emphasis Panel, HSR&D Veterans Affairs Office of R&D
2015–2016	Chair, Member Conflict: NIDDK CIMG and GMPB
2015	Chair, NIAID Clinical Trial Implementation
2013–2018	Member, Research on Gulf War Illness, Veterans Affairs Office of R&D
2013–2017	Member, NIDDK Gastrointestinal Mucosal Pathobiology Study Section
2013–2017	Member, Immunology & Dermatology A, Veterans Affairs Office of R&D
2013	Chair, NIDDK Pilot and Feasibility Studies in Digestive Diseases & Nutrition
2013	Member, NIDDK Small Business: Digestive Diseases
2013	Chair, NCCIH Mechanistic Research on CAM Natural Products
2012	Chair, NINDS Specialized Centers of Research on Sex Differences
2012	Member, NIGMS Special Emphasis Panel
2012	Chair, NIDDK Pilot/Feasibility Clinical Research Studies in Digestive Diseases
2012	Member, NIH CSR Pioneer Awards
2011–2014	Member, Neurobiology-A Integrated Review Group, Veterans Affairs Office R&D
2011–2013	Chair, Neurobiology C Integrated Review Group, Veterans Affairs Office of R&D
2011	Chair, NIDDK Pilot/Feasibility Studies: Digestive Diseases & Nutrition
2011	Chair, NIDDK Special Emphasis Panel on Studies Related to Diabetes
2011	Chair, NIDDK R24 Special Emphasis Panel
2011	Chair, NIGMS Special Emphasis Panel
2010–2011	Member, Neurobiology C Integrated Review Group, Veterans Affairs Office R&D
2010	Chair, NCCIH Clinical Trials Special Emphasis Panel
2007	Chair, NIDDK Digestive Sciences Special Emphasis Panel
2007	Member, NIDDK Hepatobiliary Pathophysiology Study Panel
2006–2012	Member, NIDDK Clinical Integrative Gastrointestinal Pathophysiology

Institutional Leadership and Governance

2023–2025	Member, ULPS LeBonheur Hospital Board
2023–Present	Member, University Clinical Health Board
2023–Present	Member, Regional One Health Hospital Board
2022–2023	Co-Chair, Search Committee for Vice Chancellor for Strategic Partnerships
2022–2023	Co-Chair, Search Committee for Chair of Pathology
2021–2022	Member, Senior Associate Dean of Faculty Affairs Search Committee
2021–2022	Co-Chair, Search Committee for Chair of Emergency Medicine
2021–Present	UTHSC Planning and Budget Committee
2021–Present	Chancellors Advisory Committee
2021–Present	Executive Research Committee, Memphis VAMC
2020–Present	College of Medicine Strategic Planning Committee
2020–Present	COM Quality Improvement Compliance Committee (QICC)
2019–2023	Member, UT College of Medicine Admissions Committee
2019–2020	Member, Search Committee for Associate Dean of Diversity
2019–2020	Co-Chair, Search Committee for Chair of Obstetrics and Gynecology
2019–2023	Dean's College of Medicine Executive Committee
2019–2023	Regional One Health Medical Executive Committee
2019–2025	Regional One UTROP Physicians Board of Directors
2019–2023	Regional One Peer Review Committee
2019–Present	University Clinical Health Finance, Audit, and Compensation Committee
2019–Present	University Clinical Health Board of Directors
2016–2019	Institutional Review Board Committee
2014–2019	Dean's Executive LCME Task Force Committee
2014–2019	Member, Tulane Medical School Admissions Committee
2014–2019	Member, Tulane University Medical Group Executive Board Committee
2014–2019	Dean's Executive Leadership Committee
2014–2019	Tulane University Health Center Medical Executive Committee

2014–2019	Veterans Administration Partnership Council Charter
2014–2019	Solid Organ Transplant Executive Committee
2013	Oversight Committee, Operational Planning & Project Management
2013	Health System Capital Equipment Committee
2013	Business Development and Managed Care Council
2012–2014	Vice Chairs for Clinical Affairs Committee
2012–2014	Gastroenterology and Nutrition Course Committee
2012–2014	Member, MSRDP Board of Directors
2012–2014	Chair, Clinical Value Analysis Team
2012–2014	Chair, AVP Health System Business Selection Committee
2011–2014	Endowed Faculty Positions Review Committee
2011–2014	Faculty Group Practice Guidelines Committee
2011–2014	Member, UTMB Medical School Admissions Committee
2011–2014	Chair, Clinic Operations Committee/Outpatient Ambulatory Council
2011–2014	Mentor, Medical Student Research Program
2011–2014	Internal Medicine Quality Committee
2006–2011	Department of Internal Medicine Finance Committee
2006–2011	OSUP Executive Board and Finance Committee
2006–2011	Graduate Medical Education Committee
2006–2011	Veterans Administration Affiliation Partnership Council Charter
2006–2011	Promotions & Tenure Committee
2006–2011	Medical School Admissions Committee
2006–2011	Internal Medicine Residency Selection Committee
2006–2011	Medical Student Summer Research Program
2000–2003	Chair, VA IRB Committee
2000–2006	Chair, VA Research and Development Committee

Research Mentorship	Training Dates	Academic Position
*Whitt Knapple, MD	1995-1997	Gastroenterology Fellow, MUSC
*Lars Aabakken, MD	1995-1997	Gastroenterology Fellow, MUSC
Girish Mishra, MD	1995-1997	Gastroenterology Fellow, MUSC
*Daniel Kulling, MD	1995-1997	Gastroenterology Fellow, MUSC
*Michael Sabetai, MD	1997-1999	Surgery Resident, Univ of Florida
Chris Cosgrove, MD	1997-1999	Medicine Resident, Univ of Florida
*Francis Zayas, MD	1997-2000	Faculty, Yale University
Constantine Marousis, MD	1997-1999	GI Fellow, Univ of Florida
*Lehyl Smogyi, MD	1997-1999	GI Fellow, Univ of Florida
*Scott Wofford, MD	1997-1999	GI Fellow, Univ of Florida
*Jim Gordon, MD	1997-1998	GI Fellow, Univ of Florida
*Nathan Himes, MD	1999-2001	Medical Student, Harvard
*Consuelo Soldevido, MD	1999-2003	Faculty, Univ of Florida
*Shay Ross, MD	2000-2001	GI Fellow, Univ of Florida
Chris Sanchez, DVM, PhD	2001-2003	Graduate Student, Univ of Florida
*Lene Sorenson, PhD	2000-2003	Graduate Student, Denmark
Lee Kaplan, PhD	2001-2002	Graduate Student, Boston Univ
*Vishal Gupta, MD	2000-2001	GI Fellow, Univ of Florida
*John Kulda, MD	1999-2001	Surgery Resident, Univ of Florida
*Rebecca Dunphy, MD	2000-2002	Faculty, University of Chicago
*Kalemeth Gopinath, PhD	2000-2004	Post-Doctoral Fellow, Univ of Florida
*Christine Covelli, MD	2002-2003	GI Fellow, University of Alabama
*Ryan Gaible, MD	2004-2005	GI Fellow, Ohio State University
*Greg Meis, DO	2008-2009	GI Fellow, Ohio State University
*Baharak Moshiree, MD	2004-2006	Faculty, Wake Forest University
Steve Hymen, PhD	2003-2007	Graduate Student, UNC Chapel Hill

*Nathan Roth, PhD	2002-2006	Graduate Student, Univ of Florida
*Karen Chung, PhD	2002-2006	Post-Doctoral Fellow, Univ of Florida
Steve Telloni, MD	2008-2009	Chief Resident, UNC Chapel Hill
*Sunan Kutty, MD	2009-2010	Faculty, Brown University
*Barry Pronold, MD	2006-2007	Faculty, Ohio State University
*Anthony Rodrigues, PhD	2003-2007	Medical Student, Tufts University
*Jason Craigs, PhD	2002-2006	Graduate Student, Univ of Florida
*John Lieb, MD	2003-2007	Faculty, Univ of Pennsylvania
Jonathan Congeni, MD	2007-2009	GI Fellow, Ohio State University
*Kara Dreher, PhD	2007-2011	Graduate Student, Ohio State Univ
*Ashok Tuteja, MD	2007-2012	Faculty, Univ of Utah
Theodore Doukides, D.O.	2009-2010	GI Fellow, Columbia University
Ann Nguyen, MS	2012-2013	Medical Student, UTMB
*Shahzad Merwat, MBBS	2012-2013	Faculty, UTMB
*Sarpreet Basra, MD	2012-2013	Faculty, UTMB
*Scott Larson, MD	2012-2013	Faculty, UT Houston
*Habeeb Salameh, MBBS	2013-2014	Medicine Resident, UTMB
*Ali Kokal, MD	2014-2016	GI Fellow, Tulane University
*Buyi Zhang, MS	2015-2019	Graduate Student, Tulane University
*Christine Necessary, MS	2015-2019	Medical Student, University of Utah
*Luis M. Colon-Perez, PhD	2018-2021	Post-Doctoral Fellow, Univ of Florida
*Amber Thacker, MD	2019-2025	Faculty, Univ of Tennessee
*Dawit Jowhar, MD	2022-2025	GI Fellow, Univ of Tennessee
*Amir Saeed	2025-Present	GI Fellow, Univ of Tennessee
Louis Yn	2025-Present	GI Fellow, Univ of Tennessee
*Steve Lander	2025-Present	GI Fellow, Univ of Tennessee

**=Co-Author Publication*

Graduate Thesis Committee Service

+Chris Sanchez, DVM, PhD	2001-2003	Graduate Student, Univ of Florida
*Lene Sorenson, PhD	2000-2003	Graduate Student, Denmark
Lee Kaplan, PhD	2001-2002	Graduate Student, Boston Univ
+Steve Hymen, PhD	2003-2007	Graduate Student, UNC Chapel Hill
*Nathan Roth, PhD	2002-2006	Graduate Student, Univ of Florida
*Anthony Rodrigues, PhD	2003-2007	Medical Student, Tufts University
*Jason Craigs, PhD	2002-2006	Graduate Student, Univ of Florida
*Kara Dreher, PhD	2007-2011	Graduate Student, Ohio State Univ
+*Buyi Zhang, MS	2015-2019	Graduate Student, Tulane University
+*Luis M. Colon-Perez, PhD	2018-2021	Post-Doctoral Fellow, Univ of Florida

+ =Chair of graduate thesis committee

**=Co-Author Publication*

Former trainees now serve as professors, division chiefs, department chairs, NIH-funded investigators, and academic leaders throughout the United States and internationally.

Research Innovation

The Verne lab has pioneered translational research defining the molecular mechanisms of intestinal permeability and gastrointestinal signaling through integration of human studies, animal models, extracellular vesicle biology, non-coding RNA biology, and innovative experimental platforms, leading to the identification of novel therapeutic targets for post-inflammatory gastrointestinal disorders.

Current Grant Support

1. National Institutes of Health, R01 DK099052 (PI: Verne & Zhou), *Mechanisms of Altered Gastrointestinal Dysfunction*, 09/13-08/26, total costs \$3,078,000
2. Department of Veterans Affairs, CX001477 (PI: Verne & Zhou) *Mechanisms of Gulf War Illness* 04/17-09/27, total costs \$4,775,069
3. Department of Veterans Affairs, CX002910 (PI: Verne & Zhou), *Mechanisms of Gastrointestinal Disorders in Deployed Veterans*, 04/26-03/30, total costs \$1,920,136

Pending Grant Support

National Institutes of Health, R01 DK147908-01A1 (PI: Verne & Zhou), *Mechanisms of Gut Barrier Dysfunction*, 01/27-12/31, total costs \$3,764,818

Past Grant Support

1. National Institutes of Health, R01 DK118959 (PI: Verne & Zhou), *Mechanisms of Gastrointestinal Post-Inflammatory Disease*, 06/20-05/25, total costs \$1,710,000
2. Veterans Administration, Merit Review, CX000642 (Verne, PI), Somatic Hypersensitivity in Veterans with IBS, 4/12-3/16, total costs \$1,050,000
3. National Institutes of Health, R21 AT005291 (Verne, PI), Randomized Placebo-Controlled Trial of Glutamine for Patients with IBS, 9/10-8/13, total costs \$566,176
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Invited Lectures

2025

- American Neurogastroenterology & Motility Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, “Enteric Nervous System Symposium.”
- American Neurogastroenterology & Motility Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, “Wyle J. Dodds, MD & Sushil K. Sarna, PhD Endowed Lectureship.”

- MUSC College of Medicine Conference, Charleston, SC, “Navigating the Future of Academic Health Science Centers: Challenges and Opportunities.”
- Augusta University, Augusta, GA, “What Makes an Excellent Provost, A Vision for Academic Leadership at Augusta University.”

2024

- American Neurogastroenterology & Motility Symposium, Basic Concepts in Neurogastroenterology and Motility, “Little bits from big brains: Cutting-edge work from young investigators in neurogastroenterology.”
- American Neurogastroenterology & Motility Symposium, Clinical Virtual Symposia, “Little bits from big brains: “Esophageal motility testing.”
- American Neurogastroenterology & Motility Symposium, Guiding Practice, “Translating IBS societal guidelines to patient care.”
- World Federation of Neurogastroenterology and Motility Meeting, Hybrid Basic and Clinical Session, “Non-conventional treatment approach for visceral pain.”

2023

- American College of Physicians Annual Scientific Meeting, Chicago, IL, “ACP Rapid Board Review 2023 Pre-Course: Gastroenterology.”
- MUSC GI/Hepatology Research Conference. “Intestinal Permeability: A Gateway for Gastrointestinal Disease”
- American Neurogastroenterology & Motility Symposium, Basic Concepts in Neurogastroenterology, “Hydrogen Breath Testing: Emerging Concepts and Technologies for Researchers in Neurogastroenterology.”
- 12th World Congress of Microcirculation, Beijing, China, “Role of the Vascular Endothelium in Irritable Bowel Syndrome”

2022

- American College of Physicians Annual Scientific Meeting, Chicago, IL, “ACP Rapid Board Review 2022 Pre-Course: Gastroenterology.”
- American Gastroenterology Association, Chicago, IL, “Emerging Role of Epigenetics in Disorders of the Gastrointestinal Sensorimotor Dysfunctions.”
- American Gastroenterology Association, Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, “Role of non-coding RNA in IBS.”
- Annual MUSC GI/Hepatology Update Conference and Reunion. Clarence Legerton Lecture, “Emerging Role of Epigenetics in Gastrointestinal Disease.”
- American Neurogastroenterology & Motility Symposium, Abdominal Pain: The role of visceral organ cross talk, “Bowel-bladder interactions in IBS.”
- American Neurogastroenterology & Motility Symposium, Basic Concepts in Neurogastroenterology, “Emerging Concepts and Technologies for Researchers in Neurogastroenterology.”

2019

- American College of Physicians Annual Scientific Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, “Maintenance of Certification Exam Preparation Course: Gastroenterology.”

2018

- American College of Physicians Annual Scientific Meeting, New Orleans, LA, “Maintenance of Certification Exam Preparation Course: Gastroenterology.”
- American College of Physicians Annual Scientific Meeting, New Orleans, LA, “Clinical Triad: Periprocedural Management of Oral Anticoagulants: When and How to Stop.”

2017

- American College of Physicians Annual Scientific Meeting, San Diego, CA, “Maintenance of Certification Exam Preparation Course: Gastroenterology.”
- Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN, Research Seminar, “Epigenetic Regulation of Intestinal Permeability in Irritable Bowel Syndrome.”

2016

- Pancreas Fest Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA, “Basic Science Approaches to Mechanisms of Pain.”

- 2nd Federation of Neurogastroenterology & Motility Meeting, San Francisco, CA, “Emerging Role of Epigenetics and miRNA in IBS.”
- 2015**
- Texas Club of Internists, New Orleans, LA, “Irritable Bowel Syndrome 2015: Where are we?”
- 2014**
- Tulane University College of Medicine, New Orleans, LA, Department of Medicine Research Grand Rounds, “Epigenetic Regulation of Intestinal Permeability.”
 - Annual Meeting American Gastroenterology Association, Little Brain-Big Brain: Enteric neuronal correlates of neurologic disease, Chicago, IL, “Fibromyalgia and IBS: What is the Connection?”
 - University of Oklahoma College of Medicine, Oklahoma City, OK, OCNS Research Seminar, “miRNA Modulation of Viscerosensory Pathways.”
 - Morehouse School of Medicine, Atlanta, GA, Department of Medicine Grand Rounds, “Affordable Care Act: Impact on Internal Medicine.”
- 2013**
- University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, TX, The 22nd Annual Essentials in Internal Medicine, The 2013 Department of Internal Medicine Alumni Society Meeting, “Approach to the Patient with Fecal Incontinence.”
 - Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX, Division of Gastroenterology & Hepatology Grand Rounds, “Mechanisms of Central Sensitization in Visceral Pain Disorders.”
 - Texas Society for Gastroenterology & Endoscopy Annual Meeting, “The Role of Intestinal Hyperpermeability in Gastrointestinal Disorders.”
 - The Texas Gulf Coast Gastroenterological Society Annual Meeting, “Advances in the Management of the Irritable Bowel Syndrome.”
- 2012**
- University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, TX, The 21st Annual Essentials in Internal Medicine, The 2012 Department of Internal Medicine Alumni Society Meeting, “Irritable Bowel Syndrome.”
- 2011**
- UCLA, Los Angeles, CA, Center for Neurobiology of Stress, Research Conference, “Mechanisms of Hypersensitivity in IBS.”
 - Third Annual Translational Pain Research Symposium, Gulf Coast Cluster for Translational Pain Research, Houston, TX, “Hypersensitivity in the Irritable Bowel Syndrome.”
 - Annual Meeting of the American Gastroenterology Association, Translational Symposium, Intestinal Permeability in Health and Disease, Chicago, IL, “Role of Glutamine and miRNA in Intestinal Permeability.”
 - Annual Meeting of the Neurogastroenterology & Motility Scientific Meeting, St. Louis, MO, New Insights on Pathophysiology and Treatment of IBS and Chest Pain, “Micro RNAs and Intestinal Permeability in IBS.”
- 2010**
- University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, TX, Division of Gastroenterology & Hepatology Research Conference, “Central Sensitization in Visceral Pain Disorders.”
 - MedCentral Health System-Mansfield Hospital, Mansfield, OH, Grand Rounds, “Irritable Bowel Syndrome: Past, Present, and Future.”
 - University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, TX, Department of Neuroscience Grand Rounds, “Visceral and Somatic Hypersensitivity in the Irritable Bowel Syndrome.”
- 2009**
- Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, Gastroenterology Grand Rounds, “Neural Mechanisms of Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders.”
 - The American Association of Equine Practitioners, Columbus, OH “Central Sensitization in Visceral Pain Disorders.”
- 2007**
- The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, Division of Gastroenterology, Hepatology & Nutrition Core Lecture Series, “Introduction to Gastrointestinal Motility.”

2006

- University of South Florida, Sarasota, FL, Gut Club, "Advancing the Treatment of Chronic Constipation and IBS with Constipation."
- University of Georgia, Augusta, GA, Research Conference, "Central Sensitization in Irritable bowel syndrome."

2005

- American Pancreatic Association/National Pancreas Foundation, Symposium on Inflammation and Pain in Pancreatic Disorders, Chicago, IL, "Central Sensitization in Visceral Pain Disorders."
- University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA, Cutting Edge in Gastroenterology Symposium, "New Treatments for Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease."

2004

- University of South Florida, Tampa, FL, Gut Club, "Update in Prokinetic Agents to Treat Gastrointestinal Motility Disorders."
- American Academy of Physician Assistants Conference, Chicago, IL, Plenary Session, "Workup and Treatment of Chronic Constipation."
- University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC, Research Conference, "Central Sensitization in Visceral Pain Disorders."
- North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Administration, "Colorectal Cancer Detection and Management in Veterans Health Administration Facilities."

2003

- Veterans Administration Cooperative Trials, Chicago, IL, "Improving Mortality of Patients with Advanced Cirrhosis Using Immunonutrition Therapy."
- University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL, "Update in Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease."

2002

- University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, IL, Medical Grand Rounds, "Irritable Bowel Syndrome: past, present, future."
- University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, IL, Research Conference, "Neuroimaging in functional bowel diseases."
- Emory University, Atlanta, GA, Research Conference, "Neuroimaging in the irritable bowel syndrome."
- Wake Forest University, Winston Salem, NC, Research Conference, "Evidence for centrally mediated pain in the irritable bowel syndrome."
- University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA, Research Conference, "fMRI Neuroimaging of Visceral Pain."

2001

- Orlando Regional Medical Center, Orlando, FL, Medical Grand Rounds, "An update in the Irritable Bowel Syndrome."
- University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, 32nd Annual Topics in Internal Medicine, "Irritable Bowel Syndrome."

2000

- American Academy of Physician Assistants Conference, Chicago, IL, Plenary Session, "Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease."
- Florida Society of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians, Orlando, FL, Lecture Symposium, "Update on the Irritable Bowel Syndrome."

1999

- University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, 30th Annual Topics in Internal Medicine, "Update in Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease."

1997

- State University of New York Upstate Medical Center, Division of Gastroenterology, Syracuse, NY, Gastroenterology Grand Rounds, "Hypersensitivity in Functional Bowel Disorders."
- University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA, Gastroenterology Grand Rounds, "Visceral Hypersensitivity in the Irritable Bowel Syndrome."

- University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, Gastroenterology Grand Rounds, “Central Nervous System Modulation of Visceral Hypersensitivity.”
- University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH, Gastroenterology Grand Rounds, “Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders in Veterans.”

1995

- Texas Tech University School of Medicine, Lubbock, TX, Gastroenterology Grand Rounds, “Myenteric Neuronal Neuropathies.”
- University of Utah School of Medicine, Salt Lake City, UT, Gastroenterology Research Conference, “Small Intestinal Manometry: Indications and Therapeutic Options.”
- Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC, Medical Grand Rounds, “Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease.”

1994

- Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC, Digestive Disease Center Grand Rounds, “Atypical Manifestations of Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease.”
- Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, OH, Gastroenterology Grand Rounds, “Chronic Intestinal Pseudo-obstruction.”
- Tulane University Medical Center, New Orleans, LA, Gastroenterology Research Conference, “Pathophysiology of Chronic Motility Disorders.”

Philanthropic Gifts Raised

2025

Giving Day	\$6,823,000
University of Tennessee College of Medicine, Memphis, TN	

2025

Medical Student Summer Research Fellowship	\$360,000
University of Tennessee College of Medicine, Memphis, TN	

2024

Medical Student Summer Research Fellowship	\$330,000
University of Tennessee College of Medicine, Memphis, TN	

2024

Family Campaign	\$10,376,000
University of Tennessee College of Medicine, Memphis, TN	

2023

Charles M. Mansbach Distinguished Lectureship in Gastroenterology	\$60,000
University of Tennessee College of Medicine, Memphis, TN	

2021

Arnold Postlethwaite Memorial Lectureship	\$100,000
University of Tennessee College of Medicine, Memphis, TN	

2018

John W. Deming Gift for the Department of Medicine	\$25,000,000
Tulane University School of Medicine, New Orleans, LA	

2010

Abercrombie & Fitch Gift for the Digestive Disease Center	\$5,000,000
Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, Columbus, OH	