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### **Your Practice**

After 10 years in private practice, I returned to academic medicine. I have been in leadership for the PM&R residency training program at Dell Medical School in Austin, TX since 2017. I have served as the associate program director and now the program director. My practice has shifted towards general PM&R from outpatient musculoskeletal care and sports medicine. I oversee a unique resident continuity clinic and perform/ teach electrodiagnostics.

### **Your life outside of work**

My 2 daughters will be playing collegiate volleyball which has been our family's passion outside of work. One is studying engineering and playing in Indiana. The other will be playing sand volleyball at Oregon.

### **What accomplishments/honors are you particularly proud of that you would like to share with members?**

I have been proud of my career shift into academic medicine and I think my career exemplifies the unique opportunities that PM&R offers in our ability to re-create our practice over time. I bring a pragmatic approach to residency training. I have been recognized as a "Top Doctor" by my colleagues for the last 5 years. I've recently been promoted to Associate Clinical Professor within the Department of Neurology at Dell Medical School.