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Clinical Interests	Dr. Utter has clinical expertise in the fields of trauma surgery, emergency general surgery, and critical care. He has active research interests in the optimal circumstances for chest tube removal, the effectiveness of counseling techniques in reducing problematic drinking behavior, the survival of donor blood cells following transfusion (called "micro chimerism"), the influence of blood transfusion on outcomes from traumatic brain injury, and indicators of the quality of health care. He has participated in extramurally funded projects on the topics of alcohol-related counseling (Robert Wood Johnson Foundation), microchimerism (National Institutes of Health), and quality of care indicators (Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality).
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Internships	UC Davis Medical Center, Sacramento, California, 1998
Residency	UC Davis Medical Center, Sacramento, California, 2003
Fellowships	Harborview Medical Center, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington, 2005
Board Certifications	American Board of Surgery, 2004 American Board of Surgery - Surgical Critical Care, 2005



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Professional Memberships

American Association for the Surgery of Trauma
American Society of Hematology
Association of Academic Surgeons
Pacific Coast Surgical Association
Surgical Outcomes Club
UC Davis Center for Healthcare Policy and Research

Honors and Awards

Scott Murphy Lecture, Biomedical Excellence for Safer Transfusion Collaborative, 2007
2nd place (clinical category), Region IX Resident Paper Competition, 2001
2nd place (clinical category), Region IX Resident Paper Competition, 2000

Select Recent Publications

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