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Biography (Abridged)

- B.S. in Pharmacy (1980) Southwestern Oklahoma State University
 - Practicing pharmacist for 22 years.
- MBA (1994) West Texas A & M University
 - Outstanding graduate student in the College of Business
- PhD in Pharmacy Administration (1999) University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy
 - Fellow--American Foundation for Pharmaceutical Education
 - Phi Kappa Phi, and Rho Chi national academic honor societies
- Creighton University School of Pharmacy and Health Profession Faculty since 1999
 - Simonsmeier Award (American Society for Pharmacy Law and American Pharmacists Association) for outstanding article on pharmacy law in the period (January 2006-December 2007)
 - Pete Ellerbeck Memorial Award for Excellence in Teaching, Leadership and Professionalism (2008)
 - Outstanding Educator of the Year, 2006 (Pharmacy class 2009)
 - Distinguished Service Award, 2004 -2005
 - Tenured Associate Professor
 - Director of the Non-Traditional Doctor of Pharmacy Program
 - Affiliate member of the Center for Health Policy and Ethics
 - Faculty affiliate Creighton Health Services Research Program
- Research interests
 - The pharmacy benefit management (PBM) industry
 - Costs of health care services
 - Optimizing the pharmacy benefit for the health plan sponsor
 - Automating the oversight of the sponsor's PBM

Academic Publications (PBM articles only)

1. Siracuse, Mark V., Clark, Bart E., **Garis, Robert I.**, The Spread: Further Evidence of an Undocumented Source of PBM Revenue. *American Journal of Health-System Pharmacy*. (Accepted 2007 expected publication April 2008).
2. Garrett, Allison D., **Garis Robert I.**, Leveling the Playing Field in the Pharmacy Benefit Management Industry, *Valparaiso University Law Review*, Vol. 42(1), Fall 2007.*
3. Rentmeester, Christy A., **Garis, Robert I.**, Discounts, Rebates and Spreads: When is Profit in the Healthcare Sector Fair?, *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law* 33:5, September 2008
4. **Garis, Robert I.**, Bramble, James D., Rea, Michael, Anderson, Philip. Evaluating the Costs of Brand-name and Generic Prescriptions Dispensed by Mail Versus Retail, *Drug Benefit Trends*, 2007 Vol. 19 pp.15-19.
5. McLean, Robert, **Garis, Robert I.**, “Accounting Principles, Revenue Recognition, and the Profitability of Pharmacy Benefit Managers”, *Research in Social and Administrative Pharmacy*, Vol. 1 (1), First quarter 2005.
6. **Garis, Robert I.**, Clark, Bartholomew E., “The Spread: An Undocumented Source of Pharmacy Benefit Manager Revenue”, *Journal of the American Pharmaceutical Association*, Vol. 44 (1), Jan/Feb. 2004, pp.15-21.
7. **Garis, Robert I.**, Clark, Bartholomew E, Siracuse, Mark V., Makoid, Michael, C., Examination of the Value of Pharmacy Benefit Managers, *American Journal of Health System Pharmacy*, Vol. 61 (1), pp. 81-85. (2004)
8. Vuchetich, Phillip J., **Garis, Robert I.**, and Jorgensen, Allison, “Evaluation of Cost Saving to a State Medicaid Department Following a Sertraline Tablet-splitting Initiative”, *Journal of the American Pharmaceutical Association*, Vol. 43 (4), July/August 2003, pp. 497-502.
9. Clark, Bartholomew E., **Garis, Robert I.**, Letter to the editor-concerning the article, Joyce, GF, Escarce, JJ, Solomon, MD, and Goldman, DP. “Employer Drug Benefit Plans and Spending on Prescription Drugs”, *Journal of the American Medical Association*, 2003; 289 (4): 423.

* Article was awarded the Simonsmeier Award by the American Society for Pharmacy Law and the American Pharmacists Association as the outstanding article on pharmacy law in the period January 2006 through December 2007.

Popular Press Articles

1. Garis, Robert, Clark, Bartholomew, Siracuse, Mark, “Is the PBM truly transparent? Trust but verify.”, *U. S. Pharmacy Review* 2006

2. **Garis, Robert I.**, Clark, Bartholomew E., Siracuse, Mark V., “Shining the Light on Non-Transparent PBM Cash Flows”, America’s Pharmacist, Vol. 126 (11), pp. 20-25. November 2004.
3. **Garis, Robert I.**, Kissell, Judith Lee, “Untangling the Medicare Drug Discount Card Thicket”, Pharmacy Times, Vol. 70, (5), p. 80. May 2004.
- 4 **Garis, Robert I.**, Clark, Bartholomew E., Makoid, Michael C., “Restructure PBM incentives to boost cost savings”, Business Insurance, September 30, 2002.
5. Makoid, Michael C., **Garis, Robert I.**, Inside the Cost of Prescriptions Drugs, Creighton University Magazine, Fall 2001, pp.16-23.

Academic and Invited Presentations

Over 60 presentations (nearly 50 on the PBM industry)

Media Interviews / Pharmacy Benefit Management (PBM) articles

The Wall Street Journal
 Forbes Magazine
 The Boston Globe
 National Law Journal
 Associated Press
 United Press International
 Thastreet.com
 The Journal News
 The Saint Louis Post Dispatch
 Employee Benefits News
 Business Insurance
 Drug Cost Management Report
 Drug Benefit Trends
 The Baltimore Sun
 Public Health Radio
 Others available by searching Google for “Garis and Pharmacy Benefit”
 KHOU CBS-TV affiliate in Houston, TX
 WOWT NBC-TV affiliate Omaha NE

Other:

- Founder and CEO of Win-Rx, LLC (2002)
 - Pharmacy Benefit Consulting Company
- Founder and CEO of Pharmacy Benefit Diagnosis Suite (PBDS) (2006)
 - Software application
- Expert witness in pharmacy benefit litigation
- Consultant to corporate sponsors and state legislators on PBM issues