

## Joseph Olivarez, P.A.-C

Mr. Olivarez was appointed to the Board effective October 1, 2023, and is serving as the Board's first Physician Assistant Board Member.

Mr. Olivarez has been with Swift Institute since September of 2004. He received his certificate in PA studies in 1995 from the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific, in Pomona, CA.

Mr. Olivarez started his career in medicine in 1985 as a Navy corpsman. He spent four years in the Navy working as a surgical technologist. Upon his honorable discharge from the Navy, he continued work as a surgical technologist while pursuing his degree at Mount San Antonio College, in Walnut, California. Since becoming a PA, Mr. Olivarez has worked with both orthopedic and neurosurgical spine surgeons. He has assisted on thousands of spine surgeries throughout his career.

Mr. Olivarez has remained active in the education of physician assistants. He is an associate clinical professor of Spinal Neurosurgery at the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine. He also serves on the Community Faculty Advisory Board for the University of Nevada School of Medicine. Previously, he served as a clinical preceptor for Western University, Samuel Merritt College Physician Assistant Program, and Touro University Primary Care Physician Assistant Program. Mr. Olivarez has received special recognition for achievements and knowledge of surgery and is certified by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants. He is also a Fellow member of the Association of Neurosurgical Physician Assistants and the Nevada Academy of Physician Assistants.

In his spare time Mr. Olivarez enjoys spending time with his wife and two sons. He is an avid cyclist as well.