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CURRICULUM VITAE

My nursing experience consists of more than 41 years of a variety of nursing experiences. Experienced in Acute Care Settings; Infection Prevention, ICU, ER, OR and Procedural Labs, Medical/Surgical Floors, Long Term Care, and in a college teaching nursing classes. Also managed and worked in Telephone Triage, using computers, algorithms and telephones for patient care.

Currently active memberships in National APIC organization. Certified in Infection Control since 2012 (CIC). Member of NACLNC, with certification in Legal Nurse Consulting (CLNC) since 2021. License to practice nursing in the state of Kansas. Recently received my multi-state nursing license.

EXPERIENCE:

Certified Legal Nurse Consultant

March, 2021 to present

Completed 45 hours of continued nursing training in Legal Nurse program. Currently working with several law firms in Kansas and Ohio. I provide services in: General Personal Injury, Products Liability, Medical and Non-Medical, Device Related, Toxic Tort and Environmental, Workers' Compensation and Workplace Injury, Criminal, Medical Malpractice, COVID related cases, Any Case Where Health, Injury, or Illness is an Issue. Services I provide:

- Screen cases for merit
- Independent Medical Examinations, with report
- Assessing and Analyzing Medical Records and Case Reports
- Identify and review relevant medical records and hospital policies and procedures
- Organize, summarize, interpret, translate medical records
- Chronologies of case content
- Identify applicable standards of care and noted deviations
- Identify causation and damages, and contributing factors
- Screen for medical record tampering
- Develop written reports
- Locate expert witnesses

CIC Consultant work as Infection Preventionist, CIC (Certified Infection Control)

2021–to present

I assist small hospitals with their Infection Prevention practices, advising how to be compliant with federal and state regulations, while taking care of their patient's needs. I offer practical insights to run their Infection Control program.

Winfield Senior Living Community

September, 2020 to January 22, 2021

Director of Nursing and Infection Prevention. Completed Infection Prevention Survey with KDAD and the State of Kansas without any deficiencies. Initial training as the Director of Nursing. Wound & Skin Expert for residential care. Promoted nursing standard of care, following and adapting care plans to meet the needs of the

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individual residents. Managed all nursing staff. Active member of the management team, responsible for Quality Improvement and Safety.

Ascension Via Christi Hospital

April, 2015 to September, 2020

Infection Control Specialist, utilizing my CIC to serve in the capacity of Infection Prevention in all Ascension Via Christi Hospitals in Kansas. Primary focus is CLABSI/CAUTI reduction, leading the Line Management Team to work through Process Improvement Process. Worked with Resource Group to bring in proper products to assist with patient safety and to fight infections. Served as one of six in the IP Department, collaborating with the Quality department. Successfully decreased our blood culture contaminations in our ED and through the hospital. Participated on the Oncology Team, Antibiotic Stewardship, Education, Ascension Teams and other areas as needed. Active APIC member, both locally and nationally, serving on the Board for past seven years. Currently serving as Vice President of Wichita Chapter APIC.

KICC-Kansas Infection Control Consultants

2012-2015

Assisted other healthcare facilities to become compliant with Infection Prevention regulations and practices.

William Newton Hospital

August, 2007 – April, 2015

Worked in various departments, ER, Medical Surgical, ICU, and house supervisor, finally focusing as Infection Control/Employee Health Nurse, starting January, 2008. Responsible for Surveillance & Prevention of Diseases and Health, monitoring & health promotion of Employees, IC education, and reporting data to NHSN (National Healthcare Safety Network--Infection Control branch of the CDC).

Cowley County Community College•Arkansas City, KS

July 2005 – December, 2006

Lead Instructor and Manager over all adjunct instructors. Initiated the Educational Program for all CNAs, CMAs, Restorative Aides, and Home Health Aides. Created Policies and Procedures for newly licensed Allied Health Program for Cowley College in the State of Kansas.

Good Samaritan Village Nursing Home

August 2000 – June 2005

Staff Development Coordinator—providing education for all staff in this Rehab and Long-Term Care Nursing facility. Member of the administrative team.

Dean On Call Telephone Triage•Madison, WI

1997-1998

Coordinator/Manager of new telephone triage program—worked with Dean Medical and St. Mary's Hospital to lead the 24/7 Telephone Triage 1997-1999. 1-800-57NURSE. Created policies and procedures, managed and educated all staff regarding medical algorithms in computerized program to assist the members of Dean Health Care.

Stoughton Hospital• Stoughton, WI

May, 1996-2000 (PRN from 1997-1998)

ICU and ER nurse from 1996-1997. Because New Cardiopulmonary Rehab Director of New program at Stoughton Hospital, creating the policy and procedures, hiring staff and caring for rehab patients. Worked in Cardiac clinics at Stoughton Hospital.

Luther Hospital – Mayo affiliate•Eau Claire, WI

1988—1996

Intermediate Care and Critical Care (CCU). Specialist in Inserting PICC lines (peripherally inserted central catheters).

Private Duty Nursing•Kearney, NE area

1985—1988

Provided one-on-one private duty care for individual patients in their homes.

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Home Health Care/Hospice•Warsaw, IN

1983-1985

Director of New Hospice Program. Managing nursing staff and directed 45 community volunteers for Hospice work with dying patients in their home.

Kosciusko Community Hospital•Warsaw, IN

1981-1983

ICU nurse. Began my nursing career providing direct critical care.

EDUCATION:

RN-Diploma 1981 from Bryan Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in Lincoln, NE
University of Nebraska-Lincoln: Pre-studies for nursing (1977-1979)
High School of Gothenburg, NE in 1977, graduated as Valedictorian

SKILLS & CERTIFICATIONS:

- CLNC: Completed course and exam to be a Certified Legal Nurse Consultant in 2021
- Member of NACLNC (National Alliance of Certified Legal Nurse Consultants) since 2021
- CIC: Certified in Infection Control (2012 & 2017)
- Member of APIC (Association of Professionals in Infection Control & Epidemiology) since 2012
- Team Building, Process Improvement (A-3 process), Communication Skills, Public Speaking, Teaching, power of persuasion, Leadership, Positive Attitude and Promotion, Chart extraction, surveillance, and customer service. Computer Skills, ie. Excel, Word, Power Point, NHSN submissions, surveillance.

PUBLIC SPEAKING & PUBLISHED PRESENTATION

- **Article “Nurse Convicted of Criminal Murder for Medication Error” submitted and published in Fall, 2022 edition of newsletter for Kansas Trial Lawyers Association.**
- **SHEA (Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America) Conference: April, 2021**
Poster Presentation at National Infection Prevention Conference for Medical Professionals regarding Process Improvement program to reduce Blood Culture Contaminations in large Level 1 Trauma Emergency Departments in Midwest Metro Hospital.
- **Summit on Quality with Kansas Healthcare Collaboration in Wichita, KS: Spring, 2019**
Poster Presentation on Quality Process Improvement Project for Ascension Via Christi Hospitals.
- **CPE-Central Plains Expo—Professional Educational Organization: 2012-2019**
Attended yearly, and served as Officer/Board Member starting in 2013 through 2019. Public speaker 2015, 2017, and 2018. Spoke on Infection Prevention, Environmental Compliance in Infection Prevention, and Practical Methods for Hospital Compliance in Infection Prevention.
- **KHA—IP (Kansas Hospital Association) Conference: 2015-2020**
Each Spring the KHA Board, which I served as a representative, we planned and organized a conference to assist the newer Ips in the state of Kansas. I have served on this committee from 2017-2020.

VOLUNTEER IN COMMUNITY:

- **Cornerstone Bible Fellowship: Worship Team, AWANA children’s program**
- **Mission Trips with Medical Teams: Guyana, 1996; Myanmar, 2006**
- **Wichita Chapter APIC Board: At Large Member, 2013-2014; Vice President, 2015, 2018; President, 2016, 2019; Past President, 2017.**

PREVIOUS EXPERT TESTIMONY:

- N/A at this time

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.