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**SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS**

- Extensive nursing experience in specialty areas of: Post Anesthesia Care Unit (PACU), Interventional Radiology, Operating Room, Emergency Department, Clinical Research, Home Health, Surgeon’s Office, Community Physician’s Clinics, Hospital Staff Nurse - NICU/OB/High Risk Antepartum.
- Interventional Radiology Nurse, Radiology Nurse Educator, and Nurse Navigator – responsible for assisting in all invasive radiology procedures and select cardiac procedures, educating the staff on relevant topics, updating the Policy & Procedure manuals, and coordinating the care of breast cancer patients, from suspicious mammogram to biopsy to treatment.
- Screened and reported on cases for Attorneys, who represented clients who had taken a Drug, in the class-action lawsuit against a Pharmaceutical Company.
- Designed and coordinated several Quality Improvement Projects as well as created an Out-Patient Surgery Center Patient Survey, which was analyzed, graphed, and reported monthly.
- Community Nurse-Practitioner Project in a Clinic setting, initiated by a Family Physician and overseen by two University Professors from the University of Calgary, ultimately responsible to a large group of physicians for completing non-essential MD examinations and procedures;
- Nurse-Manager for a General Surgeon, coordinating the startup of a new Office, and setting up a Surgical Suite for procedures within the office while overseeing patients care.
- Co-led along with a Social Worker, a weekly Perinatal Follow-up Support Group for parent of premature babies, for two years while working in the NICU Department.
- Home Care Coordinator for Calgary Health Services visiting clients in their homes and coordinating appropriate services to enable them to stay in their home.
- Research Coordinator for Human Clinical Trials; designed, implemented, coordinated, and supervised a large protocol on a study medication which proven remarkably effective in the treatment of Ankylosing Spondylitis, and which is now on the market by prescription; directly involved in patient care in many investigative clinical trials.

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

2013–Present PGW Medical Legal Nurse Consultants, LLC – President. Houston, Texas area.

**Registered Nurse, Certified Legal Nurse Consultant (CLNC)**

- Review, evaluate, and render an opinion on medical cases to determine merit.
- Provide the type of report as requested by the attorney.
- Access to over four thousand experts to consult, testify, or find the best expert to assist with your case.

2016 - 2025 **PCM TRIALS, Denver, CO**

**Certified Mobile Research Nurse (CMRN), Houston, Texas**

- Trained and certified to follow GCP and complete trial-specific training to provide alternate-site visits for subjects enrolled in clinical trials.
- Provide source documentation for each visit and a variety of clinical services including assessments, injections, infusions, and blood draws.

2015 – 2021 **Highland Surgery Center** (previously called CrossPoint Surgical Center), Houston, Texas  
**Pre-Op / PACU Staff Nurse PRN**

- Responsible for the delivery of safe, quality care to patients undergoing a wide variety of surgical procedures in an outpatient surgery setting.
- The Facility had several name changes and when Covid hit, staffing was reduced. I resigned at that time.

2013 – 2017 **TexMed One Source Staffing, Houston, Texas**  
**RN PACU PRN**

- Responsible for providing safe and appropriate care to a wide variety of individuals in all age groups, undergoing surgical procedures in Outpatient Surgical settings.

Feb–Nov 2015 **Center for Advanced Surgical Treatment (CAST), Richmond, Texas 77406**  
**Pre-Op, OR, PACU Staff Nurse and Pharmacy Coordinator.**

- Responsible for providing safe and appropriate care to adults undergoing Spine Surgery from Pre- Admission Assessment, Pre-Op, OR, PACU, and post-op follow-up.
- Implementation and coordination of new electronic system called the Smart Cabinet by Logi-Tag for the efficient and safe delivery of medications, collaborating with the surgeon, pharmacists, and the owners of the system. Responsible for the ordering of and logi-tag identification while maintaining the inventory as set by Anesthesia.

2010 – 2013 **Christus St. Catherine Hospital, Katy, Texas, and Methodist West Houston**  
**Houston, Texas**

**Interventional Radiology Nurse, Radiology RN Educator, Nurse Navigator**

- Responsible for monitoring patients and insuring patient safety, comfort, and emotional well-being during the often-times uncomfortable and invasive radiological procedures, and providing Conscious Sedation as directed.
- Responsible for working side by side with the radiologist and pathologist to ensure adequate samples obtained and that the patient successfully recovered from the procedure.
- Responsible for patient education and understanding of their procedure, before, during, and following the procedure. Follow-up calls to patients completed.
- Responsible for collaborating with the radiologist, mammography, and ultrasound technologists, and overseeing the care and education of those patients identified with suspicious mammograms to biopsy the treatment options available to them.
- St. Catherine Hospital closed and purchased by Methodist System.

2008 – 2010 Katy St. Catherine Surgery Center, Katy, Texas  
**PACU RN, and Pharmacy Coordinator**

- Accountable for the safe, high quality health care delivery by staff for post-operative patients undergoing a variety of diverse types of surgeries in an outpatient surgery setting, from PACU admission to discharge; providing comprehensive patient and family education and follow-up.
- Collaborated with the Pharmacist and being accountable for ordering and the secure and safe management of all medications used within the facility.
- Coordinating the preparation of information and presentation boards for the facility for Joint Commission Accreditation for Outpatient Surgery Center Survey, and we were successful.
- The Facility closed due to the Doctors' and management impasse.

2005 – 2008 University of Texas Clinical Research Center, Houston, Texas, and  
Kingsland Surgery Center, Katy, Texas.  
**Clinical Research Coordinator, and PACU Staff RN**

- Research Coordinator for Human Clinical Trials; designed, implemented, coordinated, and supervised a large protocol on a study medication, which is now on the market for Ankylosing Spondylitis;
- Directly involved in patient care in many investigative clinical trials. Participated in an extraordinarily complex Hypothermia Clinical Trial and delivered Chemotherapy during the individual's treatment; responsible for extensive monitoring, providing conscious sedation, recovering, and securing a safe patient transfer to an inpatient bed for an overnight observation stay.
- Responsible for the delivery of post-operative care per the Standards of Care set forth by the American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses.
- Designed and coordinated several Quality Improvement Projects as well as created an Out-Patient Surgery Center Patient Survey, which was analyzed, graphed, and reported monthly.

2004 – 2005 Medical Research Consultants, Houston, Texas  
**Legal Nurse Consultant**

- Responsible for a complete screening and review of medical charts for Attorneys representing clients who had taken the diet drug Fen-Phen and other related appetite suppressants, developing a timeline of events, and reporting findings to help determine if the case was meritorious and defensible or was not. These cases were associated with the large class action lawsuit against a Pharmaceutical Company Wyeth, which is now owned by Pfizer, Inc.
- This work was conducted on a contract basis and completed online from home. The company underwent a massive layoff of personnel in 2005.

- 2003 – 2004 Polly Ryon Memorial Hospital, Richmond, Texas  
**Emergency Department Staff RN and PACU Staff RN**
- Responsible for the safe and professional delivery of care to pediatrics to adult patients seeking help in emergency situations, from triage, trauma, major, and minor scenarios.
  - Responsible for the timely reporting of changes in patient status, test results, and any relevant information to the physicians, while collaborating with other staff and personnel in a team effort to meet the patients' healthcare needs and ensure a safe and appropriate discharge to another unit, or to home.
  - Responsible for the delivery of safe, quality care to patients undergoing a wide variety of diverse types of surgeries in a hospital setting, from children to seniors.
- 2000 – 2003 Christus St. Catherine Hospital, Katy, Texas  
**PACU Staff RN**
- Responsible for the delivery of all aspects of safe, quality care to patients in Post Anesthesia Care Unit undergoing a wide variety of diverse types of surgeries in a hospital setting, from babies to seniors, for both inpatient and outpatient patients.
  - Participated in various committees to improve patient outcome and engaged in the development of a Pain Management protocol and the implementation of a pain scale in the hospital and on the PACU record.
- 1997 – 2000 Memorial City Hospital and Memorial Hermann Southwest Hospital, Houston, TX.  
**OR RN, ER Staff RN, PACU Staff RN**
- Participated in and successfully completed an Operating Room Internship program.
  - Responsible for the safe and professional delivery of care to pediatrics to adult patients seeking help in emergency situations, from triage, trauma, major, and minor scenarios.
  - Responsible for the timely reporting of changes in patient status, test results, and any relevant information to the physicians, while collaborating with other staff and personnel in a team effort to meet the patients' healthcare needs and ensure a safe and appropriate discharge to another unit, or to home.
  - Responsible for the delivery of all aspects of safe, quality care to patients in Post Anesthesia Care Unit undergoing a wide variety of diverse types of surgeries in a hospital setting, from children to seniors, for both inpatient and outpatient patients.
- 1992 – 1997 Calgary Health Services / Home Care, Calgary, Alberta, Canada  
**RN Home Health Care Coordinator**
- Responsible for a case load of up to forty-five to sixty clients living in the community; from coordination, organization, arrangement of care, home visits, verification of the appropriate ancillary staff, admissions, client reviews and updates with management;
  - Participated in weekly staff and planning meetings, office time, and geriatric consultations re: patients and families at specialty hospital, with the different entities involved in the patient's care; participated in family consultations.

- 1990 – 1992 Jeffrey Way, MD, FAAC General Surgeon Private Practice, Calgary, AB, Canada  
**RN Office Nurse Manager and Coordinator of In-Office Surgical Suite**
- Responsible for the overall operations of a surgeon’s office from booking patient pre- and post-operative appointments, patient education, surgery bookings, billing, and post-operative care of patients as needed.
  - Responsible for setting up a surgical suite within the office: from ordering equipment, instruments, supplies, and instrument sterilization and care, to staffing, and the general functioning of the suite.
- 1980 – 1991 Holy Cross Hospital and Rockyview General Hospital, Calgary, AB, Canada  
**RN Staff Nurse**
- Responsible for direct patient care to all ages but with a focus in the specialty areas of NICU, Labor & Delivery, Maternity, Antepartum High Risk, Gynecology, CCU, ER, and Psychiatry.
  - Active Participant in a Hospital wide Bereavement Committee, and a co-leader for a Perinatal Follow-Up Group for parents of premature infants.
- Prior to 1980 Community Health Clinic, Nurse Practitioner Project, Calgary, AB, Canada  
**RN Nurse Practitioner** in a Community Clinic Setting
- Initially responsible to one family practice MD, who taught, then gave and supervised many responsibilities related to his family practice that did not require a physician to complete; practice grew to completing medical tasks and responsibilities allocated by thirteen different MDs in a community setting.
  - Responsible for patient education, follow-up calls, home visits, and accurate reporting back to the appropriate physician.
  - Supervised and evaluated students from the University of Calgary for their clinical rotation through a community setting in a physicians’ practice setting.
- 1970-1971 **RN Staff Nurse** at Holy Cross Hospital
- Worked as a Staff Nurse on a Male Medical Floor, rotating shifts, then transferred to the Maternity floor for further experience as a new nurse.

## EDUCATION

- Certified Mobile Research Nurse through PCM, Denver, Co. 2016
- Certified Legal Nurse Consultant – CLNC® Certification Program, Vickie Milazzo Institute, Houston, Texas. 2013
- Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing, President’s Honors, Chamberlain College of Nursing, St. Louis, MO. Member - Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society. 2013
- Pre-Nursing courses completed, University of Calgary, Calgary, Alberta, Canada.
- Community Nurse-Practitioner Project, University of Calgary, Calgary, Alberta, Canada.
- Diploma in Nursing, Holy Cross Hospital School of Nursing, Calgary, Alberta, Canada. 1970

## **PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS**

- Certified Legal Nurse Consultant – CLNC® Certification Program, Vickie Milazzo Institute.
- Registered Professional Nurse – Texas Board of Nurse Examiners
- Registered Professional Nurse – College & Association of Registered Nurses Alberta (Associate membership).
- ACLS – Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support – American Heart Association
- PALS – Pediatric Advanced Life Support – National Board of Emergency Care Certifications
- BLS – Basic Life Support – American Heart Association

## **AWARDS**

- Miss Hope of the Canadian Cancer Society in 1969-1970 as a Nursing Student.  
Traveled to various locations in Alberta to encourage fundraising for Cancer Research
- . Received two different scholarships during that same time in Nursing training for continuing education.  
Dates not recorded at that time.

## **PUBLICATIONS – ARTICLES**

- Article “Speaking after 25 Years” was published in a Canadian Nursing Magazine on this case study done on a psychiatric patient. This patient, who had been committed to a large Mental Hospital twenty-five years earlier, had not spoken a word during that time, but started to speak when I was finishing my nursing rotation and completing this study.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

- “Cancer Can Be Beaten.” Delivered numerous presentations around the province of Alberta, Canada as the Canadian Cancer Society Nurse Representative.
- Grand Rounds presentation for the Holy Cross Hospital Bereavement Committee on “Allowing Yourself to Heal Following the Loss of your Baby.”
- “My Experience as a Mother of a Premature Baby.” Presented at the Alberta Children’s Hospital at a conference of Professionals and lay people associated with the Perinatal Follow-Up Clinic.
- Active Member of the Toastmaster’s Club for public speaking; delivered presentations related to healthcare issues.