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Summary of Qualifications

As a Certified Legal Nurse Consultant with experience in a variety of nursing disciplines including: critical care, patient education, clinical nursing instruction and general medical-surgical nursing, I bring a wealth of knowledge and assessment skills to every case. I explain how the medical facts and current scientific research impact your cases. As a former patient educator, I have special skills in translating complex medical information into layman's terms a jury can understand.

Professional Experience

LHB Medical-Legal Consulting, LLC, Columbia, SC

Legal Nurse Consultant

- Responsible for analyzing and interpreting medical records to identify deviations and adherence to standards of care, pre-existing conditions, damages and the analysis of billing records.
- Assist in locating testifying experts to establish the standards of relevant issues.
- Conduct scientific literature searches to establish the foundation of the medical issues for each case.
- Interview clients and meet with health care providers regarding mechanisms of injury, causation and damages issues.

Midland Technical College, Columbia, SC

Adjunct Nursing Instructor

- Responsible for clinical instruction and supervision of nursing students on a neurosurgical floor and medical intensive care unit.
- Coordinated patient care between staff nurses, physicians, ancillary personnel, and nursing students.
- Analyze nursing care plans for appropriateness of content, interventions and evaluation of outcomes.

Richland Memorial Hospital, Columbia, SC

Cardiovascular Patient Educator

Cardiac Rehabilitation Nurse

- Responsible for pre and post procedure teaching, patient education and discharge instruction for patients undergoing cardiac catheterization, pacemaker implantation, automatic implantable defibrillator implantation and patients enrolled in Phase 1 Cardiac Rehabilitation or with newly diagnosed myocardial infarction.
- Responsible for cardiac monitoring and chest pain evaluation of all Phase 1 Cardiac Rehabilitation patients before, during, and immediately after exercise program.

Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, Tn.

Medical & Cardiac Intensive Care Unit

Staff Nurse II

- Responsible for total patient care including patient assessments, medication administration, tube feedings, and life support equipment as well as notifying physicians of changes in patient condition, and coordinating patient treatment and services between multiple disciplines.
- Assisted with staff education, coaching, and mentoring as well as patient and family education.
- As charge nurse evaluated staffing requirements, patient assignments, and organization of unit activities on a medical & cardiac intensive care unit.

Greenwood Memorial Hospital, Bowling Green, Ky.

Staff Nurse, Surgical Unit

- Responsible for all patient care including patient assessments, medication administration, and tube feedings as well as notifying physicians of changes in patient condition, and coordinating patient treatment and services between multiple disciplines.
- Responsible for patient and family education and discharge instruction.

Westlake Cumberland Hospital, Columbia, Ky.

Staff Nurse, Intensive Care Unit

- Responsible for total patient care including patient assessments, medication administration, tube feedings, and life support equipment as well as notifying physicians of changes in patient condition, and coordinating patient treatment and services between multiple disciplines.
- Responsible for patient and family education and discharge instruction.

Education

- Certified Legal Nurse Consultant, Vickie Milazzo Institute, Houston, Tx.
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, Ky.
- RN Diploma, Kentucky Baptist Hospital School of Nursing, Louisville, Ky.

Professional Memberships

- American Association of Legal Nurse Consultants
 - American Association of Legal Nurse Consultants Awareness Committee
- South Carolina Chapter American Association of Legal Nurse Consultants
 - President Elect 2012
- National Alliance of Certified Legal Nurse Consultants
- American Association of Critical Care Nurses
- American Association of Medical-Surgical Nurses
- American Nurses Association
- South Carolina Nurses Association

Lectures

- Traumatic Brain Injury, National Business Institute, June 2011