

Resume

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Summary: Certified Legal Nurse Consultant experienced with case analysis for Plaintiff and Defense Attorneys. Objectively and thoroughly analyze records for merit and defensible issues, analyze injuries, causation issues, standards of care. Master's prepared Registered Nurse with hospital and nursing home clinical experience, management, case management, teaching, electronic medical records systems, and utilization review experience. Demonstrated success in combining nursing expertise and in-depth knowledge of healthcare systems and applying it to assist attorneys with medically related cases.

CURRENT WORK

- Ongoing legal nurse consulting business development focusing on nursing home litigation, medical malpractice, personal injury
- Providing direct care for geriatric individuals with dementia, psychiatric conditions, and medical illnesses

PRIOR NURSING EXPERIENCE

Hospital Nurse Reviewer

- Reviewed electronic medical records of patients admitted to 6 hospitals of a major healthcare system
- Screened emergency department records, histories and physicals, consult reports, diagnostics, labs, physician orders, physician progress notes, medications, nursing documentation
- Applied Milliman (MCG) Care Guidelines and evaluated medical and nursing care
- Communicated clinical criteria regarding medical necessity to insurance companies
- Reviewed hundreds of electronic medical records every month and collaborated with attending physicians regarding patients' clinical status and plans of care

Nurse Educator (University and Hospital settings)

- Nursing classroom instructor – taught theory courses entitled “Legal Ethical Aspects of Nursing” and “Medical Surgical Nursing” to baccalaureate nursing students
- Nursing clinical instructor – taught medical surgical nursing in hospitals to junior and senior baccalaureate nursing students

Nursing Home Supervisor

- Provided direct care for geriatric residents in a Medicare/Medicaid certified nursing home
- Developed knowledge regarding nursing home standards of care and regulatory requirements
- Directly supervised nursing home staff on evening shift; only RN in the facility housing 130 residents
- Collaborated with Director of Nursing and Nursing Home Administrator and recommended changes to policies and practices related to resident safety

Home Health Care Intake Nurse

- Reviewed medical records from hospitals and clinics and developed comprehensive home care plans
- Developed knowledge regarding home care standards of care and regulatory requirements

Hospital Nurse Case Manager

- Reviewed hospital medical records and assessed compliance with quality care standards
- Performed utilization review of hospital medical records for appropriateness of care provided and communicated information to insurance companies
- Assisted patients with nursing home placement for short term rehabilitation or long term care

Hospital Clinical Systems Educator

- Developed broad based knowledge of hospital care delivery systems and physician office practices
- Project Leader for Joint Commission Information Management standards compliance for three hospitals
- Taught physicians and clinical staff (nursing and non-nursing) regarding use of computer systems
- Assisted information technology systems analysts to develop and install computerized patient orders systems

Nurse Manager and Hospital Administrative Supervisor

- Clinical and business manager for medical, surgical, and ICU units
- Evening shift supervisor for a community hospital
- Wrote nursing policies and procedures
- Reviewed and analyzed hospital incident reports
- Interfaced with hospital counsel during investigations regarding potential lawsuits
- Functioned as interim hospital risk manager and developed strategies to decrease liability exposure
- Provided case review with opinion for hospital defense attorney

Staff Nurse and Charge Nurse

- Provided direct nursing care for hospital medical, surgical, orthopedic, and cardiac patients, and for nursing home residents on a geriatric psychiatric unit
- Developed knowledge regarding hospital standards and nursing home standards of care

KEY PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Achieved the highest level of nursing clinical practice (human resources categories)
- Chaired unit based quality assurance committees
- Chaired code 4 committees (patient emergency response teams)
- Chaired medication error reduction committees
- Inducted into Sigma Theta Tau (national honor society for nursing) based on scholastic accomplishments
- Included in WHO's WHO in American Nursing from 1990 to 1997

EDUCATION and CERTIFICATIONS

- Certified Legal Nurse Consultant through the Vickie Milazzo Institute
- Certified Personal Trainer through the American Council on Exercise
- Master of Science in Nursing Administration; Marquette University, Milwaukee; cumulative grade point average 4.0
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing; University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee; cumulative grade point average 3.488
- Washington High School, Milwaukee; graduated with honors

PUBLICATIONS

Lash, Christine L. 1990. Tapping Information Sources When Dealing with an Impaired Nurse. M.R. Bleich, M.J. Bratton (Eds). *Information Management and Computers*. Baltimore:Williams & Wilkins.

Lash, Christine L. 1989. *Power Orientations of Chief Nurse Executives and Relationships to Individual and Organizational Characteristics*. Master's Thesis. Marquette University. Milwaukee, Wisconsin.