

## Resume

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**Summary:** Certified Legal Nurse Consultant experienced with case review and analysis for Plaintiff and Defense Attorneys. Ability to objectively and thoroughly analyze records for merit and defensible issues, analyze injuries, causation issues, standards of care. Master's prepared Registered Nurse with broad based clinical experience, management, case management, teaching, and utilization review experience. Demonstrated success in combining nursing expertise and in-depth knowledge of healthcare systems, and applying it to any type of legal case involving medical and/or nursing issues.

## NURSING EXPERIENCE

### Acute Care Nurse Reviewer (Most Recent Position)

- 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, medications, nursing documentation
- Applied Milliman (MCG) Care Guidelines which supported quality medical and nursing care
- 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 course entitled “Legal Ethical Aspects of Nursing” to baccalaureate nursing students (class size 35 to 48)
- Nursing clinical instructor – taught medical surgical nursing in acute care hospitals to junior and senior level baccalaureate nursing students

### Acute Care 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

### Nurse Manager and Hospital Administrative Supervisor

- Clinical and business manager for medical surgical units
- Interfaced with hospital counsel during investigations regarding potential lawsuits
- Reviewed and analyzed hospital incident reports
- Assisted hospital Risk Manager and developed strategies to decrease liability exposure
- Wrote nursing policies and procedures
- Provided case review with opinion for a hospital defense attorney (as an independent consulting expert)

### **Long Term Care Nursing Supervisor**

- Provided direct nursing care for geriatric residents in a skilled nursing facility
- Developed knowledge regarding long term care standards of care and regulatory requirements
- Provided administrative oversight for long term care nursing staff and 130 residents
- Ensured that care was provided in an efficient, safe, and quality manner

### **Staff Nurse and Charge Nurse**

- Provided direct nursing care for medical, surgical, orthopedic, cardiac patients
- Developed expertise regarding acute care standards of care

### **Home Health Care Intake Nurse / Home Care Coordinator**

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

## **INFORMATION SYSTEMS EXPERIENCE**

### **Project Manager and Application Analyst**

- Developed broad based knowledge of hospital care delivery systems and physician office practices
- Project Leader for JCAHO Information Management standards preparations for three hospitals
- Worked with physicians and a wide range of clinical staff (nursing and non-nursing)
- Installed and maintained clinical healthcare systems applications

## **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.