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Current Positions

Joint Commission Resources, Oak Brook IL

- Consultant-provide domestic and international consultative services for organizations interested in improving patient safety and in preparing for accreditation. Participated as the lead consultant in the new product development process for the Pediatric Patient Safety Suite of Services including publications and educational programs.

Advance for Nurses, a Merion Publication

- Article Review

Past Positions

Advocate Hope Children's Hospital, Oak Lawn IL

- 1997-2007 Manager of Clinical Operations Neonatal/Pediatric Transport Team, Pediatric Intensive Care Unit and Interim Manager of Clinical Operations for the Center for Pediatric Subspecialists
- Pediatric Advanced Life Support Course Director
- Pediatric Emergencies for Prehospital Providers Course Director
- January 2006-October 2006 Interim Manager of Clinical Operations for the Pediatric ECHO Lab and the Keyser Pediatric Cancer Clinic. .
- September 2003-February 2005 Interim Manager of Clinical Operations for the Pediatric Surgical Heart Unit and Pediatric Intensive Care Unit
- September 2002-March 2004 Interim manager of Clinical Operations for the Pediatric Ambulatory Care Clinics
- January 2002-present Manager of Clinical Operations of the Neonatal/Pediatric Transport Team
- 1995-2002 Transport Coordinator the Neonatal/Pediatric Transport Team
- Various nursing positions from 1984 including general med/surgical, neonatal intensive care unit, general pediatrics, pediatric rehab, pediatric intensive care, neonatal/pediatric transport, vascular access team, and acute pain service.

Education

- Walden University, Minneapolis, MN
 - Currently enrolled in the MBA program
 - Expected graduation date October 2009

- Lewis University, Romeoville, IL
 - Master of Science in Nursing
 - Member of Sigma Theta Tau
 - Recipient of Outstanding Graduate Student Award
 - Nominated by faculty to deliver graduation address
- Lewis University, Romeoville, IL
 - Bachelor of Science in Nursing
 - Member of Sigma Theta Tau
- Evangelical School of Nursing
 - Diploma in Nursing
 - Student Representative on the Curriculum Committee
 - Nominated by peers to deliver graduation address

Certifications

- Advanced Cardiac Life Support
- Basic Life Support
- Emergency Nursing Pediatric Course-Instructor Status
- Neonatal Resuscitation-Instructor Status
- Pediatric Advanced Life Support Course- National Faculty for Illinois
- Pediatric Emergencies for Prehospital Professionals-Instructor Status
- S.T.A.B.L.E.- Instructor Status
- Trauma Nursing Core Course-Instructor Status

Professional Memberships

- American Academy of Pediatrics-Transport Medicine Section
- American Heart Association- PALS Regional Faculty Status 2000-present
 - Member of the Northern Emergency Cardiovascular Care Task Force
 - Participated in the 2000 & 2005 American Heart Association Guidelines Roll-Out
- American Heart Association –PALS National Faculty Status 2003-2007
 - Member of the Northern Emergency Cardiovascular Care Task Force
 - Member of the Illinois Emergency Cardiovascular Care Committee
 - Committee Chair of the Illinois PALS Subcommittee
 - Participated in the 2000 & 2005 American Heart Association Guidelines Roll-Out
- American Association of Critical Care Nurses
- Illinois Medical Response Team 2002-2006
- Sigma Theta Tau
- Society of Critical Care Medicine
- American Organization of Nurse Executives
 - *Awarded 2004 Aspiring Nurse Leader Award in June 2004*

Professional Activities

- October 2006-Shanghai First International Pediatric Critical Care Symposium
 - Symposium Chair and Faculty
- October 2006-Shanghai Pediatric Advanced Life Support Course
 - Course Director for PALS Course
- July 2006-The Third Annual Advocate Children's Hospitals Nursing Conference in Oakbrook, IL.
 - Planning committee member
- May 2006-Advocate Dimensions of Excellence
 - Poster Presentation of ECMO Transport
- January 2006-April 2006-American Heart Association National Faculty. Responsible for dissemination of AHA 2005 Guideline Science changes to the state of Illinois PALS Regional Faculty and Training Center Coordinators.
- October 2005-American Academy of Pediatrics Annual Conference, Transport Medicine Section in Washington, DC.
 - Poster presentation on Transport Team Education and Competencies
- July 2005-Second Annual Advocate Children's Hospitals Nursing Conference in Oakbrook, IL.
 - Planning committee member
 - Faculty-Pediatric Mock Codes
- May 2005-Advocate Dimensions of Excellence in Rosemont, IL.
 - Panel Presentation on Neonatal/Pediatric Transport Medicine
- March 2005-present Member of the Chicago Pediatric Patient Safety Consortium
 - Site Coordinator
 - Qualitative research into pediatric patient safety.
- September 2004-Emergency Cardiovascular Care Conference, New Orleans, LA.
 - Poster Presentation on Pediatric Mock Codes
- July 2004-The First Annual Advocate Children's Hospitals Nursing Conference in Oakbrook, IL.
 - Planning committee member
 - Faculty-Pediatric Trauma
- March 2004-Emergency Cardiovascular Care Conference, Indianapolis, IN.
 - Faculty-Pediatric Trauma
- March 2003-Emergency Cardiovascular Care Conference, Peoria, IL.
 - Faculty-Pediatric Mock Codes
- November 2002-Region VII Emergency Medicine Conference, Matteson, IL.
 - Faculty-Pediatric Trauma
- September 2002-American Academy of Pediatrics Transport Medicine Conference, Boston, MA.
 - Planning committee member
 - Faculty-Transport Administration
- June 2000-American Academy of Pediatrics Transport Medicine Conference, Chicago, IL.
 - Planning committee member
 - Faculty-Skills Lab for Neonatal/Pediatric Team Members

- August 1999-Consulting to Our Lady of the Lakes Medical Center in Baton Rouge, LA.
 - Provided a didactic lecture sessions for registered nurses and respiratory care practitioners on Pediatric Transport Medicine
- October 1998-American Academy of Pediatric Annual Meeting, Transport Medicine Section, San Francisco, CA.
 - Presentation on Education Beyond our Borders
- September 1998-Bellin Hospital, Green Bay, WI.
 - Presentation on Pediatric Transport Medicine delivered to registered nurses and respiratory care practitioners
- June 1998-American Academy of Pediatrics Transport Medicine Conference, Chicago, IL
 - Planning committee member
 - Faculty-Skills Lab for Neonatal/Pediatric Transport Team Members
 - Faculty-Developing a Neonatal/Pediatric Transport Team
- November 1997-University Hospital of San Juan Puerto Rico.
 - Developed the one week didactic and competency education for pediatric transport medicine for physicians, registered nurses, and respiratory care practitioners

Publications

October 2006-Contributing author in the revision of the American Academy of Pediatrics Guidelines for Neonatal/Pediatric Transport Medicine.

March 2006-Participated on the Editorial Advisory Board for the Advance for Nurses New Grad, New Career special annual edition.

2004-Contributing author for Food for the Body & Soul, Advocate Christ Medical Center.

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