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Top Skills

Nursing

Chart Review

Quality Assurance

Certifications

Certified Legal Nurse Consultant

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Home Health RN at ASSURED HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE
Colville, Washington

Summary

I help attorneys win their medical-related cases!

Dedicated, highly motivated Legal Nurse Consultant with expert knowledge in medical records interpretation for both litigation and insurance review; significant oversight experience in nursing care standards and hospital operations compliance. Superb written and verbal communication skills; proficiency in JCAHO/state regulations for health care organizations. Adept in public health areas such as prenatal care, accident prevention, and communicable diseases. Seeking independent consulting opportunities requiring comprehensive knowledge of nursing standards of care and superior analytical skills pertaining to the litigation of medical cases.

I am an expert at getting through large volumes of medical records very quickly, can help ease the pain of deciphering confusing electronic medical record documentation and can save attorneys time and money by screening cases before they pay for expensive medical experts. I am uniquely qualified to identify relevant issues such as tampering with the medical record, deviations from standards of care as well as having firsthand knowledge of the inner workings of a hospital.

Working with patients from neonates to geriatrics in medically-complex settings has given me ample opportunities to develop and maintain competencies and knowledge of medical techniques, information and treatments. Add to this my sound judgment and uncanny ability to react to a quickly changing landscape and willingness to step up to any challenge which presents itself, I offer a much needed perspective on the interrelationship between the practices of nursing and the law.

As a member of the National Alliance of Certified Legal Nurse Consultants, I have instant access to over 4,000 CLNCs who can

testify to nursing issues and to help locate reputable MDs to testify to medical issues.

I look forward to showing you what I can do for you!

Experience

ASSURED HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE

Home Health RN

September 2018 - Present (1 year 11 months)

Spokane, WA

I provide skilled nursing care for those who require such and wish to recuperate in the comfort of their own home. I see patients who have a multitude of diagnoses such as CHF, COPD, DM and dementia. Since most are covered by Medicare, I am becoming somewhat of an expert at the ins and outs of this very complicated insurance system. ICD codes are no longer an unfathomable maze!

I also work with a long list of medial devices such as wound vacs, feeding and IV pumps and can add another electronic medical record charting system to my repertoire: OASIS.

Simi Expert Consulting, LLC

Certified Legal Nurse Consultant

October 2015 - Present (4 years 10 months)

Colville, Washington

-extend a much-needed perspective on interrelationship between the practices of nursing and the

law

-review medical records and find connections between seemingly unrelated details

-decipher and translate medical jargon

-consultations with both plaintiff and defense attorneys

-offer a wide array of 30 (thirty) services including, but not limited to:

- 1) screening cases for merit
- 2) defining deviations from/adherences to standards of care
- 3) assess alleged damages and/or injuries
- 4) organize medical records
- 5) conduct literature searches
- 6) locate expert witnesses
- 7) develop written reports (from simple to complex)

Buena Vista Healthcare
Geriatric and Longterm Nursing
September 2015 - Present (4 years 11 months)
Colville, WA

- assist residents needing skilled nursing care to recover from critical injury and extensive surgery
- perform nursing skills, respond to changes in condition and provide physical and psycho-social support to residents and their families
- collaborate with physicians, social workers, physical therapists and other members of the interdisciplinary team
- care for elderly and chronically incapacitated residents across the life span having numerous diagnoses (e.g. dementia, coronary artery disease, diabetes mellitus, chronic kidney disease); including end-of-life and comfort care
- supervisory responsibilities: oversee all aspects of each resident's care; delegate tasks, ensure accountability and supervise/evaluate performance of tasks for LPNs and CNAs
- resident assessment and care planning utilizing the nursing process
- pain assessment and management
- assess and manage emergency situations
- integrate family teaching and support from admission through discharge
- provide end-of-life care

Pediatric Home Care
Private Duty RN III
July 2016 - July 2019 (3 years 1 month)
Colville, WA

I provided 1:1 nursing care for medically-fragile children dependent on technology and compassion. Family-centered care is an absolute necessity as is having excellent communication skills.

MedStaff
Travel Registered Nurse
August 2014 - July 2015 (1 year)
California and Washington States

- care of critically-ill and healthy infants 24-40+ weeks gestation

- care of infants medically dependent (i.e. respiratory devices, invasive lines, feeding tubes)
- pre- and post-operative care
- patient assessment and care planning utilizing the nursing process
- pain assessment and management
- assess and manage emergency situations
- integrate family teaching and support from admission through discharge
- participate in primary nursing to ensure continuity of care
- provide end-of-life and post-mortem care
- consult with auxiliary department care personnel
- admit and discharge patients
- assist MDs and NNPs with procedures

Neonatal Intensive Care, Pediatric Intensive Care and Pediatric Nursing Care

NICU, PICU, Pediatric Nurse

July 1990 - July 2015 (25 years 1 month)

California and Washington States

- extensive experience caring for premature, critically ill and medically dependent infants and children, birth through 18 years of age
- abundant use of a plethora of medical devices (e.g. ventilation, invasive lines, monitors)
- substantial attendance at high and low risk deliveries in operating rooms, labor and delivery rooms, the emergency department and other hospitals
- considerable participation in emergency situations
- ample charge nurse responsibilities (e.g. staffing, liaison with MDs, patient safety)
- intimate knowledge of electronic medical documentation systems

HRN Services

Travel Registered Nurse

December 2013 - August 2014 (9 months)

Tacoma, Washington

- patient assessment and care planning utilizing the nursing process
- care of critically-ill and healthy infants 24-40+ weeks gestation
- care of infants medically dependent (i.e. respiratory devices, invasive lines, feeding tubes)
- assist MDs and NNPs with procedures

- pain assessment and management
- assess and manage emergency situations
- integrate family teaching and support from admission through discharge
- consult with auxiliary department care personnel
- admit and discharge patients

Procel Nurses & Allied

Travel and Registry Registered Nurse

March 2008 - December 2013 (5 years 10 months)

California

- patient assessment and care planning utilizing the nursing process
- care of critically-ill and healthy infants 24-40+ weeks gestation
- care of infants medically dependent (i.e. respiratory devices, invasive lines, feeding tubes)
- assist MDs and NNPs with procedures
- pain assessment and management
- assess and manage emergency situations
- integrate family teaching and support from admission through discharge
- attend deliveries and transports
- provide end-of-life and post-mortem care
- consult with auxiliary department care personnel

Pinewood Nursing Center

Geriatric, Longterm, and Dementia Nursing

June 2011 - November 2011 (6 months)

Colville, Washington

- patient assessment and care planning utilizing the nursing process
- pain assessment and management
- assess and manage emergency situations
- provide end-of-life and post-mortem care
- consult with auxiliary department care personnel
- charge nurse duties
- provide long-term care to the adult population and those with dementia

Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center

Pediatric, NICU, PICU RN II

July 1990 - March 2007 (16 years 9 months)

Pomona, California

- patient assessment and care planning utilizing the nursing process
- care of critically-ill and healthy infants 24-40+ weeks gestation

- care of infants medically dependent (i.e. respiratory devices, invasive lines, feeding tubes)
- pre- and post-operative care
- assist MDs and NNPs with procedures
- pain assessment and management
- assess and manage emergency situations
- integrate family teaching and support from admission through discharge
- participate in primary nursing to ensure continuity of care
- attend deliveries and transports
- provide end-of-life and post-mortem care
- consult with auxiliary department care personnel
- proctor/mentor newly-graduated/minimally-experienced nurses
- admit and discharge patients
- charge nurse duties
- float to related units
- committee participation (QA, policy and chart review, customer satisfaction)

Pro Care One Nurses

Travel Registered Nurse

June 2000 - June 2002 (2 years 1 month)

California

- patient assessment and care planning utilizing the nursing process
- care of critically-ill and healthy infants 24-40+ weeks gestation
- care of infants medically dependent (i.e. respiratory devices, invasive lines, feeding tubes)
- pain assessment and management
- assess and manage emergency situations
- integrate family teaching and support from admission through discharge
- provide end-of-life and post-mortem care

Education

Chaffey Community College

Associate's Degree, Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse · (1986 - 1990)