

MED-LINK Consultation

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EDUCATION:

- 1994 **Bachelor of Science in Health Care Administration (BSHCA)**, St. Joseph's College, Windham
Maine
- 1968 **Diploma Registered Nurse**, Roosevelt Hospital School of Nursing, New York, New York

SPECIALTY TRAINING/ CERTIFICATION:

1999-Present **Legal Nurse Consultant Certified (LNCC)**

One of only 700+ LNCC's in the US Nationally Board Certified by the professional nursing organization and credentialing body of the American Association of Legal Nurse Consultants (AALNC), Chicago, IL; LNCC eligibility criteria and exam is administered by the national AALNC Certification Board reflective of the current spectrum of LNC practice/ expertise in the adjudication process focusing on issues of medical/ nursing negligence and/ or malpractice, standards of care, and/ or damages; personal injury; workers' compensation; product liability/ toxic tort; risk management; criminal/ forensic practice; & administrative health law.

- Participated in the 1st pilot program testing for the AALNC National Board Certification process of Legal Nurse Consultants, Dallas, Texas (April 1998).
- Compiled over 500 didactic educational hours focusing on adjudication process and the role of legal nurse consultants as an evolving advanced practice nursing specialty.

1997-Present **Certified Nurse Operating Room (CNOR)**

1997-Present **Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) Provider**

1994-Present **Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) Provider**

CLINICAL SCOPE OF NURSING PRACTICE:

Possess 38 years of general nursing practice experience including Coronary Care (CCU) and Dialysis; Current role emphasis and clinical nursing expertise focuses on Operating Room/ Surgical Nursing practice for the past 33 years in both generalized and specialty surgical procedures in Ophthalmology, Orthopedics, ENT, Gynecology, Neurology, Trauma, Laparoscopy, Endoscopy, Laser and Pain Management including Pre-operative and Post-operative medical surgical nursing care.

LEGAL NURSE CONSULTING SCOPE OF PRACTICE & EXPERTISE

MED-LINK Legal Nurse Consulting Services, Hacienda Heights, CA., is a professional nurse-managed service-oriented business. Professional services specializing in consultative health care investigation; screening cases for merit; expert case review and analysis; medical/ nursing research; procurement of, and consulting with, experts for deposition or trial testimony; and providing legal support services to attorneys regarding the health care issues of litigation. Current and prospective clientele include both plaintiff and defense counsel who practice in the field of health care law, medical malpractice and negligence, personal injury, and workers' compensation. LNC market niche services include:

- Extensive experience with both plaintiff and defense counsel including arbitration, and Federal Courtroom testimony.
- Extensive DME experience and acute assessment skills providing defense medical examination (DME/ IME) accompaniment.
- Developed Standards of Care regarding "The Obstetrical Patient Undergoing Non-Obstetrical Surgery"

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS/ POSITIONS HELD:

- Sept 2006 Assistant Treasurer Greater La Puente Valley, Meals on Wheels
March 2004 American Association of Legal Nurse Consultants member **Executive Board as Secretary/Treasurer**, served 2 year term.
March 2004 California Federated Republican Women, Member Board of Directors as **Legislative Analyst For Health Care Issues**, served 2 year term.
March 2003 Member American College of **Forensic Examiners**
April 2002 Served on **AALNC** Nominating Committee
Jan 2001 Served on **AALNC** Certification Board (AALNC-CB) Audit Panel
1998-1999 President of the LA Chapter of the **AALNC**; served 2 terms
1995-1997 Secretary of the LA Chapter of the **AALNC**; served 2 terms
1993-Present American Association of Legal Nurse Consultants (**AALNC**), Member
1976-Present Association of peri-Operative Registered Nurses (**AORN**), Member
1986-1991 Appointed as a **Los Angeles County Hospitals Commissioner**; served 5 terms
1988-1989 Appointed to the **Los Angeles County School of Nursing Advisory Board**; served 2 terms
1988 Appointed to the **Los Angeles County Nursing Resources Advisory Board**; served 1 term

PROFESSIONAL NURSING EXPERIENCE/ EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

- 2003-Present **Adjunct Assistant Professor Mt. San Antonio College**; Walnut, CA. Clinical Instructor Medical/Surgical, and Peri-operative Nursing, part time, RN Program.
1984-Present **Surgical OR Nurse/ Relief Charge Nurse**, Citrus Valley Health Care Partners: Queen of the Valley Hospital Campus, West Covina, CA
1982-1984 **Charge Nurse Medical-Surgical Unit/ Relief House Supervisor**, Park Avenue Hospital, Pomona, CA
1976-1982 **Surgical OR Staff Nurse**, Whittier Hospital Medical Center, Whittier, CA
1974-1976 **Surgical Staff Nurse/ Relief Supervisor**, Huntington Hospital, Huntington, N.Y.
1971-1974 **Private Duty Nurse**, North Shore Hospital, Manhasset, N.Y.
1969-1971 **Charge Nurse**, Middletown State Mental Hospital, N.Y.
1968-1971 **Staff Nurse, Coronary Care Unit (CCU), Dialysis, Operating Room**, Horton Memorial Hospital, Middletown, N.Y.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS:

- October 2002 Guest Lecturer at Beverly Hills/Century City Legal Secretaries Association, Beverly Hills, **"Advantages of Working With Legal Nurse Consultants."**
May 2001 Guest Lecturer at Annual Perioperative Nurse Symposium: **"Trends Affecting Perioperative Care Delivery."** Queen of the Valley Hospital, West Covina, CA
February 2001 Featured Guest Speaker at Neonatal Nurse Review Course: **"NICU Documentation: Legal Issues & Avoiding Sources of Liability."** Queen of the Valley Hospital, West Covina, CA
April 2000 Featured Guest Speaker at the 11th Annual National Conference of the American Association of Legal Nurse Consultants (AALNC), St. Louis, MO. Lecture presentation focused on **"The Legal Nurse Consultant's Vital Role In a Defense Medical Examination."**

PUBLICATIONS:

- Pollock, D.A. (2000). The LNC's Vital Role in a Defense Medical Examination. ***The Journal of Legal Nurse Consulting***, 11(1), 8-13.

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES:

Registered Nurse: California

REFERENCES AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

