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Professional Summary

Certified Legal Nurse Consultant with more than a decade of experience providing medical-record analysis, case evaluation, and expert clinical insight to attorneys, insurance carriers, and legal teams. Brings 30 years of high-acuity critical care experience across ICU, CVICU, PCU, PACU, and cardiovascular surgery recovery, offering a deep understanding of standards of care, clinical decision-making, and hospital operations.

Skilled in identifying deviations from standards, clarifying complex medical issues, and translating clinical findings into clear, actionable information for legal strategy. Known for precision, thoroughness, and the ability to distill large volumes of medical data into concise, defensible reports. Highly adaptable, detail-oriented, and committed to supporting legal teams with objective, evidence-based clinical expertise.

Core Competencies

Medical-Legal Expertise

- Medical-record review & case analysis
- Identification of deviations from standards of care
- Chronologies, timelines & event mapping
- Case merit screening & expert clinical insight
- Interpretation of ICU, cardiovascular, surgical & emergency-care records
- Support for plaintiff and defense teams
- Clear, concise written communication for legal audiences

Clinical Authority

- 30 years of high-acuity critical care experience
- ICU, CVICU, CCU, PCU & PACU expertise

- Cardiovascular surgery recovery & cardiac monitoring
- Advanced assessment & clinical decision-making
- Ventilator, vasoactive infusion & complex-drip management
- Emergency response & rapid stabilization

Professional Strengths

- Analytical, detail-driven, and highly organized
- Strong clinical judgment and ability to interpret complex data
- Skilled at simplifying medical issues for non-clinical audiences
- Reliable, objective, and committed to accuracy
- Excellent written and verbal communication

EMR Proficiency

Meditech • EPIC • Cerner • McKesson • Star

Legal Nurse Consulting Experience

Northwest Legal Nurse Consulting, Lakeside, MT

Certified Legal Nurse Consultant 2010–present

- Provide comprehensive medical-record review, case analysis, and expert clinical interpretation for attorneys and legal teams.
- Develop detailed chronologies, timelines, and summaries to clarify events and support case strategy.
- Identify deviations from standards of care and assess case merit across a wide range of medical specialties.
- Translate complex clinical information into clear, concise, and defensible reports for legal audiences.
- Consult on ICU, cardiovascular, surgical, medical, emergency, and pediatric cases, leveraging extensive critical-care background.

Clinical Experience

Logan Health Medical Center, Kalispell, MT

Shift Unit Supervisor, Progressive Care Unit • Staff Nurse, Intensive Care Unit 2022–present

Community Medical Center, Missoula, MT

Charge Nurse, Intensive Care Unit 2019–2022

Travel Nurse Across America, Little Rock, AR

Travel ICU Nurse – Multi-Care Hospitals, Seattle, WA 2018–2019

North Valley Hospital, Whitefish, MT

Charge Nurse, Special Care Unit 2017–2018

Baptist Memorial Hospital–Desoto, Southaven, MS

Head Nurse, ICU / Cardiovascular ICU 2009–2017

Cardiovascular Physicians of Memphis, Memphis, TN

Rounding Cardiovascular Nurse 2007–2008

St. Francis Hospital–Bartlett, Bartlett, TN

Lead RN, Post-Anesthesia Care Unit (Adult & Pediatric) 2005–2007

Williamson Medical Center, Franklin, TN

Staff Nurse, Critical Care Unit & Coronary Care Unit 2000–2005

Baptist Hospital, Inc., Nashville, TN

Cardiovascular Surgery Recovery Nurse 1999–2000

Baptist Hospital of East Tennessee, Knoxville, TN

Staff Nurse, ICU / Cardiovascular ICU 1996–1999

Methodist Hospital of Memphis, Memphis, TN

Staff Nurse, ICU / Coronary Care Unit 1995–1996

Professional Certifications

- Certified Legal Nurse Consultant (CLNC), National Alliance of Certified Legal Nurse Consultants — 2010
- Certified Critical Care Nurse (CCRN), American Association of Critical-Care Nurses — 2012
- Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS)
- Basic Life Support (BLS)
- NIH Stroke Scale (NIHSS)