

## **Donna Vene-Dwyer, MS, RD, LDN**

Registered Dietitian | Clinical Nutrition & Nursing Home Standards-of-Care Expert

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### **PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY**

Registered Dietitian with over 20 years of clinical and leadership experience in acute care hospitals, nursing homes, hospice, and consulting settings. Extensive background in CMS regulatory compliance, documentation standards, interdisciplinary care delivery, and survey readiness.

Experience includes service as an Expert Clinical Nutrition Witness providing objective standards-of-care analysis, medical record review, and written expert reports in litigation involving clinical nutrition practice in acute care and nursing home settings, including nutrition support and enteral (tube) feeding management. Recognized for impartial clinical judgment, attention to documentation detail, and adherence to evidence-based nutrition standards.

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### **AREAS OF EXPERT CONSULTATION**

Acute Care Hospital Standards of Care

Nursing Home & Skilled Nursing Facility Standards

CMS & State Regulatory Compliance

Weight Loss & Failure-to-Thrive

Malnutrition Risk Identification

Nutrition Support & Enteral (Tube) Feeding Management

Aspiration Risk & Feeding Protocol Compliance

Therapeutic Diet Implementation

Pressure Injury Nutrition Standards

Diabetes Management in Institutional Settings

Interdisciplinary Care Planning & Documentation Review

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### **EXPERT WITNESS EXPERIENCE**

#### **Expert Clinical Nutrition Witness (Consulting Engagement)**

Retained by: Quintairos, Prieto, Wood & Boyer, P.A. – Dallas, Texas

April 2020

- Retained as expert in litigation involving clinical nutrition standards of care.
  - Reviewed and analyzed medical records, deposition testimony, and case materials.
  - Evaluated compliance with professional standards, CMS regulations, and accepted clinical practices.
  - Prepared written expert report and provided objective clinical opinions to legal counsel.
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## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

### **Northern Dauphin Nursing & Rehabilitation – Millersburg, PA**

#### **Registered Dietitian**

2021 – Nov. 2025

- Managed therapeutic diets, physician-ordered supplements, and weight management interventions.
  - Collaborated with nursing, therapy, and social services teams in interdisciplinary care planning.
  - Oversaw menu compliance, sanitation standards, and documentation accuracy.
  - Completed MDS, EMR, and Care Plan documentation.
  - Ensured compliance with CMS and state survey requirements.
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### **Crandall Corporate Dietitians**

#### **Consulting Dietitian**

2022 – 2024

- Conducted quarterly clinical nutrition and meal service audits at contracted facilities.
  - Provided regulatory guidance and staff education to support compliance and operational standards.
  - Assisted with implementation of corporate menu programs and therapeutic diet systems.
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### **Kindred Hospice – Camp Hill, PA**

#### **Clinical Dietitian**

2014 – 2021

- Completed nutritional assessments and individualized care planning for hospice patients.
  - Provided education on end-of-life nutrition, swallowing precautions, therapeutic diets, tube feeding, wound healing, and diabetes management.
  - Supported interdisciplinary care teams addressing complex metabolic and palliative needs.
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### **BAYLOR HEALTH CARE SYSTEM – TEXAS**

2000 – 2013

Baylor Trophy Club- Trophy Club Texas

Consulting Dietitian

### **Baylor Heart and Vascular Hospital – Dallas, TX**

## **Director of Nutrition Services**

2004 – 2008

- Directed all clinical nutrition and patient meal services for specialty hospital.
- Maintained continuous Joint Commission and CMS survey readiness.
- Participated in multidisciplinary infection control, quality, and safety committees.

## **Baylor Medical Center – Trophy Club, TX**

### **Consulting Dietitian**

2008 – 2011

- Directed clinical nutrition and patient meal service operations.
- Ensured Joint Commission and CMS compliance.
- Led quality improvement initiatives and interdisciplinary collaboration.

## **Baylor All Saints Medical Center – Fort Worth, TX**

### **Clinical Nutrition Manager / Assistant Director of Patient Services**

2003 – 2004

- Managed clinical dietitians and dietary department staff.
- Monitored patient satisfaction and departmental performance metrics.
- Ensured Joint Commission compliance.

## **Baylor Medical Center – Grapevine, TX**

### **Clinical Dietitian**

2000 – 2003

- Completed clinical nutrition assessments for ICU, surgical, neonatal, and long-term care units.
- Provided inpatient and outpatient nutrition education.

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## **EDUCATION**

Master of Science in Nutrition

Texas Woman's University – Denton, TX

Bachelor of Science in Dietetics and Institutional Administration

Texas Woman's University – Denton, TX

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## **CREDENTIALS**

Registered Dietitian (RD)

Licensed Dietitian Nutritionist (LDN) – Pennsylvania