Donna Vene-Dwyer, MS, RD, LDN

Registered Dietitian | Clinical Nutrition Consultant | Expert Witness

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Professional Profile

Registered Dietitian with more than 25 years of progressive clinical, consulting, and leadership experience in acute care hospitals, nursing homes, skilled nursing facilities, assisted living communities, hospice, and healthcare consulting. Extensive expertise in medical nutrition therapy, nutrition assessment, clinical documentation, electronic health records (EHR), MDS documentation, CMS regulatory compliance, interdisciplinary care planning, quality improvement, and food and nutrition services operations.

Recognized for objective clinical judgment, meticulous medical record review and analysis, and the ability to evaluate complex clinical issues using evidence-based practice, regulatory requirements, and accepted standards of care. Experienced in collaborating with interdisciplinary healthcare teams to improve clinical outcomes, ensure regulatory compliance, and implement evidence-based nutrition interventions across diverse healthcare settings.

Provides independent expert consultation in healthcare litigation involving registered dietitian standards of care, medical record analysis, clinical documentation analysis, food and nutrition services operations, CMS regulatory compliance, and MDS documentation. Available for both plaintiff and defense consultation.

Areas of Clinical Expertise

- Registered Dietitian Standards of Care
- Nursing Homes & Skilled Nursing Facilities
- Acute Care Hospital Nutrition
- Medical Nutrition Therapy
- Malnutrition, Unintentional Weight Loss & Pressure Injury Nutrition
- Medical Record Analysis & Clinical Documentation
- Electronic Health Records (EHR)
- MDS Documentation
- CMS & State Regulatory Compliance
- Food & Nutrition Services Operations
- Hydration Management & Dehydration Risk
- Enteral (Tube) Feeding Management
- Therapeutic Diet Implementation
- Physician Diet Order Compliance
- Diabetes Management in Institutional Healthcare

Professional Experience

Independent Clinical Nutrition Expert Witness

Hall Booth Smith, P.C. – Birmingham, Alabama

March 2026 – Present

Retained by defense counsel to provide an independent evaluation of whether nutrition care met the applicable standard of care through comprehensive medical record analysis, clinical documentation analysis, and expert consultation.

Consulting Dietitian
Crandall Corporate Dietitians – Pennsylvania
2022 – 2024

Registered Dietitian
Northern Dauphin Nursing & Rehabilitation – Millersburg, Pennsylvania
2021 – November 2025

Clinical Dietitian
Kindred Hospice – Camp Hill, Pennsylvania
2014 – 2021

Baylor Health Care System
Dallas–Fort Worth, Texas (2000–2013)

- **Consulting Dietitian** – Baylor Medical Center Trophy Club (2008–2013)
- **Director of Nutrition Services** – Baylor Heart and Vascular Hospital (2004–2008)
- **Clinical Nutrition Manager / Assistant Director of Patient Services** – Baylor All Saints Medical Center (2003–2004)
- **Clinical Dietitian** – Baylor Medical Center Grapevine (2000–2003)

Previous Expert Witness Engagements
Independent Clinical Nutrition Expert Witness
Quintairos, Prieto, Wood & Boyer, P.A. – Dallas, Texas

Consulting Engagement (circa 2010–2012)
Retained by defense counsel to provide an independent clinical nutrition standards-of-care analysis in medical malpractice litigation.

Education

Master of Science in Nutrition
Texas Woman's University – Denton, Texas

Bachelor of Science in Dietetics and Institutional Administration
Texas Woman's University – Denton, Texas

Professional Credentials

Registered Dietitian (RD)
Licensed Dietitian Nutritionist (LDN), Pennsylvania