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Expert Witness

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EDUCATION

Jackson Memorial Hospital 1986
Diploma in Nursing

Miami-Dade Community College 1986
Associates Degree in Nursing

Georgetown University 1995
Neonatal Nurse Practitioner Certification

University of Phoenix 2007
BSN - MSN/Ed

S. Piedmont Community College 2012
EMT-B

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AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

Board Certified Neonatal Nurse Practitioner

Neonatal Resuscitation Instructor

PICC Inserter

PALS - Pediatric Advance Life Support

BLS - Basic Life Support

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

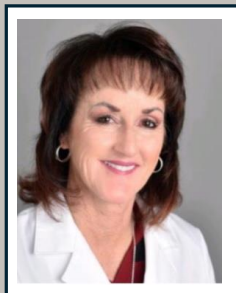
39 years of experience in the field of Neonatology/Newborn Care of which the last 29 years as a Board-Certified Neonatal Nurse Practitioner, primarily functioning in a maximum level Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (IV)

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

EPI (Extremely Premature Infant), brain injury (therapeutic hypothermia/total body cooling), infants with respiratory failure, ECMO (heart/lung bypass), congenital heart defects, high risk neonatal deliveries, meconium aspiration of the newborn, care of medically complicated infants (infants with tracheostomies and feeding tubes), pediatric cardiothoracic surgical infants, Persistent Pulmonary Hypertension of the Newborn (PPHN), routine newborn care and neonatal resuscitation

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

ACP Legal Nurse Consulting, LLC		2016 - Present
<i>Legal Nurse Consultant/ Expert Witness</i>		
Coastal Children's Services - Camp Lejeune	Jacksonville, NC	2006 - Present
<i>Neonatal Nurse Practitioner</i>		
10-bed level II NICU		
Atrium Health Levine Children's Hospital	Charlotte, NC	2006 - Present
Atrium Heath Cabbarrus		
Atrium Health Pineville		
Atrium Health Union		
Atrium Health University		
<i>Neonatal Nurse Practitioner</i>		
85-bed level IV NICU		
Naval Medical Center	Portsmouth, VA	2016 - 2020
<i>Locum Tenen Neonatal Nurse Practitioner</i>		
24-bed level III NICU		
Valley Health	Winchester, VA	2011 - 2012
<i>Locum Tenen Neonatal Nurse Practitioner</i>		
44-bed level III NICU		



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COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS

Neonatal Family Support Group
Chairperson/ Founder

NICU Quality Improvement

Neonatal Code Committee

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Academy of Pediatrics

National Assoc. of Neonatal Nurses

National Assoc. of Neonatal Nurse Practitioners

Carolina Assoc. of Neonatal Nurse Practitioners

Association of Neonatal Nurses

American Assoc. of Legal Nurse Consultants

American Academy of Legal Nurse Consultants

Juris Educational Resource Knowledge for
Legal Nurse Consultants

Honduras Medical/ Dental Mission Organization
Director of Medical Clinic

Catawba Valley Medical Center Hickory, NC 2006 - 2011

Per Diem Neonatal Nurse Practitioner

20-bed level III NICU

Sanford USD Medical Center Sioux Falls, SD 2005 - 2008
Locum Tenen Neonatal Nurse Practitioner 2017 - 2018

42-bed level III NICU

First Health - Moore Regional MC Pinehurst, NC 2002 - 2005

Neonatal Nurse Practitioner

13-bed level III NICU

Brevard Neonatology Melbourne, FL 1996 - 1997

Neonatal Nurse Practitioner

10-bed level II NICU

St. Joseph's Hospital Savannah, GA 1994 - 1996

Clinical Nurse

20-bed level II NICU

Memorial Medical Center Savannah, GA 1990 - 1994

Neonatal Transport Nurse

82-bed level III NICU

Jackson Memorial Hospital Miami, FL 1986 - 1990

Neonatal Staff Nurse/ Transport Nurse

60-bed level III NICU

EDUCATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Education of staff nurses, NNP students, medical students and medical residents

Preceptor for newly hired Neonatal Nurse Practitioners

Present multiple lectures to include teleconferences for Neonatal Outreach Program

NRP instructor for annual renewal/initial certifications for staff and physicians

Developed/revised unit policies, procedures, and standards of care for level III NICU

Developed/maintain staff annual competencies and exams