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**Summary of Qualifications**

Dedicated **Nurse** with comprehensive experience providing physician support and patient care in various medical settings now available to help you with legal nurse consultation.

Detail-oriented and organized professional who balances daily tasks and priorities in a busy environment, remaining calm and focused in stressful situations.

Possess strong verbal and written communication skills, partnering with attorneys, physicians, patients, and their families to ensure top quality care.

* + 29 years of surgical experience circulating and scrubbing in orthopedics, cardiovascular, laparoscopic, urology, neurology, gynecology, plastics, and ENT departments.
  + 10 years of procedural background teaching, monitoring, sedating, and recovering in GI lab.
  + Five years of floor nursing experience within respiratory care unit for patients with chronic respiratory illnesses and post-op pulmonary surgery patients.
  + Author of fiction, non-fiction, and children’s books, currently searching for publishers.
  + Recent student, with ability to research and write reports effectively.

**Education / Licensure / Certification**

Chamberlain College of Nursing, Addison, IL

**Bachelor of Science in Nursing**, September, 2018

Lutheran Hospital School for Nurses, Moline, IL

**Diploma in Nursing**, 1985

Licensure:

Registered in Colorado and Washington.

Member of the **NACLNC** – National Alliance of Certified Legal Nurse Consultants

Certification:

* Certified Legal Nurse Consultant 2019
  + Basic Life Support (BLS), American Heart Association, 1984-Present
  + Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS), American Heart Association, 2003- Present
  + Certified Nurse Operating Room (CNOR), American Board for Specialty Nursing Certification

**Work Experience**

Harmony Surgery Center, Fort Collins, CO June 2019 – present

**operating room staff nurse**

* Circulating duties for all services in an outpatient setting including ent, plastics, general, urology, orthopedic, podiatry, laparoscopy, ophthalmology

Kaiser Permanente, Capitol Hill, Seattle, WA October 2017 – May 2019

**Operating Room Staff Nurse**

* Circulating duties for all services in a hospital setting including ENT, Plastics, gynecology, general, urology, orthopedics, podiatry, laparoscopy

Surgery Center of Fort Collins, Fort Collins, CO Jan 2014 – Jul 2017

**Operating Staff Nurse / Health Nurse**

* + Performed circulating duties for back surgery, ENT, plastics, gynecology, and colonoscopy for a physician-owned practice with four operating rooms, three overnight rooms, and 24-hour observation.
  + Provided instruction and education to patients in-person or via the phone.
  + Coordinated transition from surgery to recovery, providing physical care as well as emotional support and encouragement; administered injections and medications with strict attention-to-detail to physician orders.
  + Consulted with other care providers to assess patient needs and develop treatment plan.
  + Ensured cleanliness of surgical areas; followed all OSHA guidelines.
  + Trained and mentored four nurses and served as a resource for office processes and procedures.
  + Processed paperwork; maintained complete and up-to-date patient files, adhering to HIPPA regulations.
  + Selected to perform OR staff scheduler and materials management duties when colleagues went on leave, quickly learning new processes to order supplies and equipment.

Skyline Surgery Center, Loveland, CO Feb 2005 – Jan 2016

**Operating Room Staff Nurse**

* + Assisted with establishing new outpatient center, including analyzing and defining surgical flow and OR organization to be intuitive, smooth, and conducive to a high quality of care.
  + Functioned as circulating nurse in orthopedics, including total joint replacements and shoulder surgery.

Skyline Endoscopy Center, Loveland, CO Feb 2005 – Jan 2016

**GI Lab Staff Nurse**

* + Maintained two exam rooms in busy practice with 24 colonoscopies and upper GI scopes performed daily.
  + Sedated and monitored patients during exams, offering comforting while ensuring safety and stability.
  + Rotated specific job duties daily, communicating and coordinating with coworkers to perform office tasks while providing patient care.

McKee Medical Center, Loveland, CO Feb 2004 – Feb 2005

**GI Staff Nurse**

* + Collaborated with patient care team to deliver health services and support in 115-bed, acute-care hospital.

Fort Collins Surgery Center, Fort Collings, CO Aug 2000 – Jan 2004

**Operating Room Staff Nurse / Daily OR Staff Scheduler**

* + Prepared staff schedule for the following day based on room occupancy projections.
  + Performed scrubbing tasks in operating room.

Good Shepherd Hospital, Barrington, IL 1996 – 2000

**Operating Room Staff Nurse**

* + Circulated and learned scrubbing procedures while providing patient care at Level II trauma center.

Trinity Medical Center (previously Lutheran Hospital, Moline, IL 1985 – 1996

**Operating Room Staff Nurse (1991-1996)**

**Floor Nurse (1985-1991)**