
CARRIE ALANI

PROFILE

Experienced nurse consultant with 30+ years of clinical practice, executive leadership, and program development. Specialty in adult and pediatric palliative, hospice, home health and long term care. Proven expertise in chart reviews, standards of care analysis, deviation identification and institutional policy audits. Strong background in forensic nursing, elder abuse and neglect and advocacy for the vulnerable. Award-winning author and healthcare journalist of more than 100+ works focused on clinical ethics, nursing, quality of care and op/ed pieces that led to public action.

CORE COMPETENCIES

- Expert chart review and forensic analysis
- Standards of care and deviation identification
- Elder abuse and pediatric neglect cases
- Policy and procedure compliance audits
- End-of-life and palliative forensics
- Documentation, EMR and risk review
- Legal testimony and affidavit support
- SANE trauma-informed pediatric and adult review

CONSULTING EXPERIENCE

PRINCIPAL, BLUE DUCK HEALTHCARE CONSULTING - 2011-PRESENT

- Provide legal nurse consulting services for agencies nationwide
- Perform detail chart reviews and written case analyses in elder abuse, pediatric neglect
- Consult on forensic nursing elements, including alignment with institutional policies and procedures.
- Author compelling summaries and timelines to support legal arguments and deposition preparation
- Create timely, relevant and compelling articles for healthcare media, speechwriting and ghostwriter for national medical thought leaders.

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CURRENT CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

MANAGER, INPATIENT HOSPICE, ADVOCATE AURORA – 2020-PRESENT

Responsible for direct oversight of Illinois' largest healthcare system inpatient care program including nine hospitals. Served on Post-Acute Ethics Committee, Committee on Narrative Medicine. Proficient quality evaluation, educator on end-of-life care, expert in palliative and hospice standards across the age and disease spectrum.

VP CLINICAL SERVICES, V CARE HOSPICE – 2015-2020

Led and launched fledgling hospice agency across Northern Illinois footprint. Managed accreditation and quality metrics. Responsible for all clinical operations of the agency.

DIRECTOR OF PEDIATRIC SERVICES, JOURNEYCARE – 2006-2011

Built and scaled a program that became one of the top-ten US providers of pediatric hospice and palliative care. Provided direct care and trained teams in documentation and standards of care. Active member of the Greater Illinois Pediatric Palliative Care Coalition.

DIRECTOR, MARYVILLE CHILDREN'S HEALTHCARE CENTER - 2011-2014

Turned around struggling pediatric transitional care facility to revenue-generating entity in 18 months. Delivered forensic insight in cases involving harm and policy deviation. Supported medically-fragile children and adolescent victims of abuse and neglect.

MEDIA AND JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE

HEALTH WRITER AND REPORTER, NBC-TV, CHICAGO

INVESTIGATIVE REPORTER, ABC-TV,

INVESTIGATIVE REPORTER, THE BETTER GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

ASSISTANT EDITOR, CORPORATE WRITER, NURSINGSPECTRUM/NURSE.COM

EDUCATION

Drew University - Doctorate/Medical Humanities and Bioethics - in progress

LaSalle University - MA, Healthcare Journalism

DePaul University - BSN, Nursing

LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATIONS

Registered Nurse, State of Illinois

Certified Hospice and Palliative Nurse (CHPN)

Certified Hospice and Pediatric Palliative Nurse (CHPPN)

Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) - certification in process

AWARDS AND PUBLICATIONS

Author of more than 100 published articles spanning all aspects of healthcare, including topics on world hunger, the nursing shortage, organ donation, physician assisted suicide.

- Jane Pauley Healthcare Media Award Winner - 1999, 2000
- Writer of the Year, NursingSpectrum - 1999-2005, 2007, 2009
- Excellence in Reportage, National Black Nurses Association, 1999
- Writer of Distinction, American Association of Nurse Anesthetists 2002
- Author, *Healed* (2023, Amazon).
- Author, *Stranger in the Manger* (2014, Tate).
- The Dirty Business of Dying: From Charitable Endeavor to Cut-Throat Enterprise, Hospice in America is a Shameful Shadow of its Former Self. *Pall Med Hosp Care Open J.* 2020; 6(1). Doi: 10.1740/PMHCOJ-6-134.

REFERENCES

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