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L E G A L N U R S E C O N S U L T A N T

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

I am a certified emergency nurse with nearly ten years of experience in the emergency setting, including employment in the community hospital, level 1 trauma center, comprehensive stroke center, and primary PCI/chest pain center. I provide assistance as a consulting expert in the realm of general nursing and emergency specialty nursing.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

LEGAL NURSE CONSULTANT

Kelsey Ridgeway Legal Nurse Consulting, LLC | Greenville, SC | April 2024-present

- Analyze medical records; Organize records, Bates Stamp records, identify missing and duplicate records
- Screen cases for merit and assist with the identification of duty, breach of duty, causation, and damages/injury
- Recognize potential defendants and serve as liaison between attorney and medical personnel
- Review and define hospital policies and standards of care
- Identify standards of care and deviations
- Create verbal, written, and comprehensive reports of the medical record
- Search records to find critical litigation
- Explain medical terminology
- Provide expert witness opinions/testimony and find appropriate medical experts

REGISTERED NURSE-ACUTE CARE-EMERGENCY SERVICES

Prisma Health, Hillcrest Hospital | Simpsonville, SC | Dec 2022-present

Prisma Health-Greenville Memorial Hospital | Greenville, SC | June 2017-Sept 2021, April 2022-Dec 2022

Laurens County Memorial Hospital | Laurens, SC | June 2016-June 2017

- Assessment, planning, implementation, and evaluation of patient care with interdisciplinary collaboration for pediatric and adult populations
- Maintain patient safety by adhering to patient care standards and policies/procedures
- Triage patients by ESI acuity level by obtaining chief complaint, medical history, vital signs, and anticipated resources
- Perform phlebotomy, patient care, patient stabilization and resuscitation
- Administer medications and perform treatments according to physician order; advocating for patients for appropriate treatment as needed

- Assist behavioral health patients through moments of psychiatric distress through open communication, patience, and understanding
- Provide patient education at discharge, admission, and throughout the emergency visit regarding plan of care, treatment, medications, follow-up care, and self-care
- Charge nurse on 50-75% of shifts (*June 2017-September 2021, Dec 2022-present*)
- Trauma Nurse Leader while at Greenville Memorial Hospital
 - Attended monthly meetings for education and collaboration on the treatment of critically ill trauma patients that arrive to the ED either from Emergency Medical Services or private vehicle
- Received acknowledgement for fantastic patient care by teammates, including a featured article published on Prisma website

REGISTERED NURSE-ACUTE CARE-THE FAMILY BIRTHPLACE

Prisma Health-Patewood Hospital / Greenville, SC / Sept 2021-April 2021

- Assessment, planning, implementation, and evaluation of patient care with interdisciplinary collaboration for antepartum and postpartum women
- Maintain patient safety by adhering to patient care standards and policies/procedures
- Continuous fetal monitoring with appropriate interventions for distressed fetus or contraction patterns if needed
- Patient education in regards to labor and delivery and postpartum care
- Triage obstetrics patients according to complaint, vital signs, cervical dilation/effacement, and fetal monitoring outcomes

EDUCATION

BSN Nursing

University of South Carolina-Upstate; Greenville, SC

August 2014-May 2016

- *Academic Excellence Award, April 2016*
- *USC Upstate Research Symposium Winner, First Place, Health and Human Services, April 2016*

BS Marine Science with Biology Minor

Coastal Carolina University; Conway, SC

August 2007-May 2011

CERTIFICATIONS & LICENSES

- Registered Nurse Licensure, *South Carolina, Compact State License*
 - License number 235039-Active
- Certified Emergency Nurse (CEN), *Board of Certification for Emergency Nurses*
- Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS), *American Heart Association*
- Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS), *American Heart Association*
- Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP), *American Academy of Pediatrics*
- Emergency Nurse Pediatric Course (ENPC), *Emergency Nurses Association*
- Trauma Nursing Core Course (TNCC), *Emergency Nurses Association*
- CPI Crisis Intervention, *Crisis Prevention Institute*

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT/EDUCATION

Legal Nurse Secrets - 2024

Online Course with Instructors Abigail Stanley, RN, LNC and Catherine Spears, MSN, RN, LNC

- Assess cases for duty, breach of duty, causation, and damages
- Foundations of report writing, including medical chronologies, written reports, verbal reports, and narrative reviews
- Marketing and advertising

J.E.R.K. Conference – October 2025

PRESENTATIONS/RESEARCH

- Kennedy, A. & Ridgeway, K. (2020, November 16). *Obstetrical Trauma Emergencies* [Presentation]. Trauma Nurse Leader, Greenville, SC, United States.
 - Literature review of prenatal complications caused by physical trauma and the necessary treatments/interventions. Presented at Trauma Nurse Leader meeting for educational purposes.
- Ridgeway, K. (2016, April 8). *The effects of witnessed cardiopulmonary resuscitation on family grief* [Presentation]. USC Upstate Research Symposium, Spartanburg, SC, United States.
 - Literature review of family grief response after witnessing cardiopulmonary resuscitation of a family member in order to demonstrate the benefits to the grief and recovery processes.

SKILLS

- Collaboration and communication with multidisciplinary team
- Time management, organization, and prioritization
- Nursing education and training
- Understanding of hospital policies, procedures and protocols, electronic medical records, and patient safety interventions/requirements
- Persuasive writing with proper grammar, formatting, and punctuation
- Critical thinking and assessment
- Proficient in Adobe Acrobat, Excel, Microsoft 365, Epic
- Ability to explain medical terminology concisely and straightforwardly
- Ability to remain calm in high stress environments and situations
- Intermediate level Spanish speaking and reader

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- American Association of Legal Nurse Consultants, November 2025-present
- Juris Education Resource Knowledge (J.E.R.K.), August 2025-present
- LNCEXchange, June 2025-present
- ENA Member, July 2024-July 2025
- Trauma Nurse Leader, October 2018-present
- Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing Member, April 2016-May 2017
- Student Nurse Association Member, August 2014-May 2015

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

- Written feature on Prisma Health website outlining excellent nursing care, May 2024
 - I recognized a life-threatening diagnosis for a patient, called an abdominal aortic aneurism. I brought my assessment to a physician and advocated for expedited evaluation. The physician then ordered the appropriate testing to provide a diagnosis. I provided recommendations on medications/treatments needed and consulted with pharmacy for the appropriate dose. Because of my assessment and interventions, the patient survived.
- Daisy Award Nomination, May 2023
 - Award nomination for excellent patient care
- Nursing Excellence Award Nomination, April 2017
 - I was nominated by a physician assistant for a nursing excellence award during my first year of nursing.
- Multiple Stellar Star Awards, various years
 - Awards presented to employees that have been recognized by colleagues or patients/family for their care and commitment.