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Professional Summary

Senior Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist with more than 14 years of advanced anesthesia experience at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center. Expertise in complex oncologic anesthesia, including high-acuity urologic oncology procedures, thoracic surgery, neurosurgery, orthopedic surgery, gynecologic oncology, and pediatric oncology. Active clinical educator and committee member.

Selected Clinical Specialties

Surgical Oncology • Oncologic Urology • Partial Nephrectomy • Radical Nephrectomy • IVC Thrombectomy • Thoracic Oncology • Pediatric Oncology • Neurosurgery • Orthopedic Surgery • Gynecologic Oncology • General Anesthesia • Remote Site Anesthesia • Airway Management • Hemodynamic Monitoring • Perioperative Optimization

Professional Experience

The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center | Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist | 2011–Present

- Provide advanced anesthesia care for adult and pediatric oncology patients.
- Deliver anesthesia for thoracic, neurosurgical, orthopedic, gynecologic, urologic, and pediatric oncology procedures.
- Provide anesthesia care for complex oncologic urology procedures including partial nephrectomy, radical nephrectomy, and IVC thrombectomy.
- Perform comprehensive pre-anesthesia evaluations and individualized anesthesia planning.
- Precept SRNAs, medical students, and undergraduate college students.
- Member, Preceptor Committee.
- Member, Clinical Practice Committee (CPC).

Kaiser Permanente South Bay Hospital | Registered Nurse – Preoperative & PACU | 2008–2009

Valley Healthcare Systems | Travel Registered Nurse – Preoperative & PACU | 2007–2008

Memorial Hermann Hospital | Registered Nurse – Shock Trauma ICU & PACU | 2004–2007

- Served on the hospital-wide Code Team.
- Participated in staff education and preceptorship.

Education

Master of Science in Nursing – Anesthesia, Kaiser Permanente School of Anesthesia
Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Texas Woman's University
Associate Degree in Nursing, San Jacinto College
Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA), University of Houston–Clear Lake

Professional Licenses

Texas Registered Nurse License #706462 (Active)
Texas APRN-CRNA License #AP121130 (Active)
California Registered Nurse License #702534 (Active)
California CRNA License #4095 (Active)

Certifications

CRNA • ACLS • PALS • BLS

Professional Memberships

American Association of Nurse Anesthesiology (AANA) • Texas Association of Nurse Anesthetists (TANA)

Honors & Awards

Houston Chronicle Salute to Nurses Award – Top 200 Nurse (2023)
Outstanding Student Award – Texas Woman's University (2006)
Dean's List – University of Houston (1999–2000)