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SENIOR HEALTHCARE EXECUTIVE

A comprehensive and successful record demonstrating progressively responsible healthcare management with extensive experience in quality benchmarking, accreditation, and risk surveillance for ambulatory care and hospital settings nationally using an evidence-based approach. Excellent leadership and team building skills based on health outcomes data to drive improved patient care outcomes.

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Developed a rural HRSA-funded Mobile Health Unit improving access to reproductive healthcare
- Led CMS/AHIP framework and health equity groups representing providers and payors to improve healthcare outcomes
- Directed AHRQ/NQF Common Formats portals for reporting adverse events
- Created over seventy clinical frameworks and research requests that integrated national guidelines, federal patient safety standards, best practices, and CMS/HEDIS/PQRS/JCAHO quality metrics to support pharmacy, retail clinical, and home care services
- Authored three regulatory manuals and developed a national physician performance measure set

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO-COLLEGE OF NURSING, Chicago, IL (2024-present)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FACULTY PARTNERSHIPS & PRACTICE

Based in Chicago, the College of Nursing is an accredited and respected leader in nursing education, research, and practice. Additional campuses include Peoria, Quad Cities, Rockford, Springfield, and Urbana.

- Partnered with the UIC Peoria campus to implement an HRSA-funded Mobile Health Care Unit supporting increased access to reproductive health services for rural communities.
- Led collaborations with community health clinics serving individuals with substance abuse, economic and housing challenges

NATIONAL QUALITY FORUM, Washington, DC (2021-2023)

DIRECTOR EMERGING INITIATIVES

The not-for-profit nonpartisan membership-based organization with expertise in measures and standards to enhance improvements in healthcare and improved patient outcomes.

- Implemented the Core Quality Measure Consortium Health Equity Workgroup with CMS and AHIP
- Created Preliminary Analyses recommendations to CMS on Measures Under Consideration (MUC)
- Developed several business proposals for private sector projects on social determinants of health
- Supervised the development of the 2022 Annual Report for Congress

ADJUNCT FACULTY GRADUATE NURSING SCHOOL LEWIS UNIVERSITY, Romeoville, IL (2020-present)

Private university offering undergraduate and graduate programs for nurses.

- Online professor teaching Advanced Research to graduate nursing students

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PLASTIC SURGEONS, Arlington Heights, IL

DIRECTOR QUALITY & PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT (2016-2021)

National physician membership organization supporting the development of clinical guidelines, performance measures, and health policy deliverables.

- Developed a Plastic Surgeon Excellence Certification proposal using multiple metrics

- Developed systematic methodologies for research-based deliverables including guidelines and measures that allowed publication in the peer-reviewed Plastic Surgery & Reconstructive Journal (PRS)
- Implemented a Qualified Clinical Data Registry (QCDR) in 2016 which has been approved yearly by CMS
- Implemented a Quality Department with a team of staff to develop evidence-based guidelines and performance measures

WALGREENS CORPORATE OFFICE, Deerfield, IL. (2011-2015)
The largest drugstore multifaceted chain nationally.

PROGRAM MANAGER, CLINICAL AFFILIATIONS, HEALTH CARE CLINICS (2014-2015)

- Responded to research requests supporting Health Care Clinics
- Investigated health outcome trends from health clinics regionally
- Monitored gaps in nurse practitioner medical record documentation

MANAGER, GUIDELINE DEVELOPMENT & LITERATURE REVIEW (2011-2014)

- Designed standard operating procedures to support an academic approach to frameworks and research requests serving the corporate office and retail sites including pharmacy, specialty pharmacy, home infusion care, and retail clinics
- Integration of best scientific evidence, best practices, peer review literature, federal regulations, patient safety standards, 1000, and accreditation into research deliverables

RESURRECTION MEDICAL CENTER, Chicago, IL (2008-2009)

DIRECTOR OF QUALITY

- Responsible for overall hospital quality and patient safety including initiating root cause analyses and preparing staff for accreditation
- Staff responsible for monitoring clinical trends across various service lines

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF DERMATOLOGY ASSOCIATION, Schaumburg, IL (2000-2007)

SENIOR MANAGER GUIDELINE DEVELOPMENT & RESEARCH (2003-2007)

MANAGER, GUIDELINES (2000-2003)

- Built a department with a team of staff to develop clinical guidelines
- Authored and edited CLIA and OSHA regulatory manuals
- Developed a set of Melanoma measures for the Physicians Quality Reporting Initiative (PQRI) approved by CMS

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY HEALTHSYSTEM CONSORTIUM, Oak Brook, IL

Project Manager

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS, Elk Grove Village, IL

Manager Continuing Medical Education

NEONATAL & PEDIATRIC SERVICES, S.C., Oak Brook, IL

Director

CENTRAL DUPAGE HOSPITAL, Winfield, IL

Nurse Manger, Clinical Nurse Manager/Specialist of Pediatrics

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER, Maywood, IL

Staff Nurse ICU/Trauma

EDUCATION

PhD Executive Leadership: Heath Outcomes Research

Loyola University of Chicago, Chicago, IL.

Master of Science in Nursing, Loyola University of Chicago, Chicago, IL.

PUBLICATIONS

Leveraging Electronic Medical Records for Improved Care Communication and Care Coordination, NQF Framework. 2022

Validation of the BOOST Risk Stratification Tool as a Predictor of Unplanned 30-day Readmission in Elderly Patients, Primary Author *Quality Management in Health Care Journal* April/June 2019 Vol 28 Issue 2 p 96-102.

Three ASPS Members Participating in CMS MACRA Episode-Based Cost Measure Effort
Plastic Surgery News April 2018

Next Steps to Support Plastic Surgeons with Changes in Quality Measure Development & MIPS
Plastic Surgery News May 2016

Developing Melanoma Physician Performance Measures

Contributing Author, *JAAD*, August 2008

Melanoma-Physician Performance Measurement Set, 2008

PRESENTATIONS

MACRA/MIPS Quality Measurement for Plastic Surgeons 2018
Presented to Wisconsin Society of Plastic Surgeons April 20, 2018