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DIRECTOR OF INFECTION CONTROL AND STERILE PROCESSING

EDUCATION

Doctor of Nursing Practice in System Management, Healthcare Delivery & Reform, Leadership
In Progress (Expected Completion Date: December 2021)
Capella University, Minneapolis, MN

Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Minor in Health Science and Gerontology, 2008
South Dakota State University, Rapid City, SD

QUALIFICATIONS PROFILE

I believe in creating a positive work environment where all members of the team feel valued, respected, and are treated equitably. I strive to foster this work atmosphere through the principles of servant leadership, which embodies empowering others, being authentic and nonjudgmental, and holding myself and others to high standards of innovation and quality. I promote best-practice initiatives by staying current in relevant research and providing support and education at all levels within the organization.

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

BLACK HILLS SURGICAL HOSPITAL, RAPID CITY, SD

Registered Nurse | *Director of Infection Prevention and Sterile Processing* July 2019–Present

- Construction management to include ICRA implementation, compliance monitoring, and documentation
- Management of pandemic response to ensure zero transmission within the facility
- Quality assurance initiatives within IPC: maintaining hand hygiene program that promotes staff member participation which has increased and sustained compliance at 98%
- Quality improvement initiatives within IPC: expanded skin and nasal antiseptic program to include twice as many patients and participated in development and education of non-ventilator associated pneumonia program
- Provide leadership to SP staff: developed orientation program, clinical ladder, and increased CRCST certification 92%
- Provide coaching and mentoring to SP staff: started a professional book club
- Quality assurance initiatives within SP: developed return-demonstration program & competencies, transitioned from paper to electronic documentation, developed multiple standard work efficiencies
- Quality improvement initiatives within SP: decreased SP errors by 40% and decreased IUSS by 15%

EASTERN NEW MEXICO MEDICAL CENTER, ROSWELL, NM

Registered Nurse | *Interim Director of Infection Control* Nov 2018–July 2019

- Performed global assessment of IC program with gap analysis & recommendations for improvement with C. diff protocol & CAUTI reduction
- Provided guidance and recommendations to a multidisciplinary team to comply with state, federal, and The Joint Commission standards and regulations
- Provided ongoing mentorship and education for incoming Infection Preventionist for more than 1 year

BLACK HILLS SURGICAL HOSPITAL, RAPID CITY, SD (2015–2018)

Registered Nurse | *Infection Prevention Coordinator and Quality Improvement Nurse* Feb 2018–Oct 2018

- Assess and monitor infection prevention practices through surveillance rounds involving hand hygiene compliance, appropriate transmission-based isolation precautions, and cleaning of environmental surfaces
- Facilitate education and training for staff on infection prevention and quality improvement initiatives
- Investigate surgical site infections and other surgical complications, while managing infection prevention compliance during construction and routine maintenance projects

Registered Nurse | *Infection Prevention and Quality Improvement* Nov 2015–Feb 2018

- Mentored staff on quality improvement initiatives and current infection prevention practices
- Ensured strict compliance with Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and state regulations in preparing surveys
- Conducted surveillance and investigation on surgical site infections and other surgical complications

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PRIOR MEDICAL POSITIONS HELD

CARDIOM, A MEDTRONIC COMPANY, CHANHASSEN, MN

Registered Nurse | *Telehealth* *Oct 2014–Sep 2017*

BLACK HILLS SURGICAL HOSPITAL, RAPID CITY, SD

Registered Nurse | *Operating Room Circulator* *Mar 2013–Oct 2014*

RAPID CITY REGIONAL HOSPITAL, RAPID CITY, SD (2008–2013)

Registered Nurse | *Clinical Research Coordinator* *Nov 2009–Mar 2013*

Registered Nurse | *Surgical Intensive Care Unit* *Jun 2008–Nov 2009*

US DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (VA) - BLACK HILLS HEALTH CARE SYSTEM, HOT SPRINGS, SD

Nurse Student | *Veterans Affairs Learning Opportunities Residency (VALOR) Externship* *May 2007–May 2008*

UNITED STATES ARMY, COLORADO SPRINGS, CO

Operating Room Technician & Army Medic | *Honorable Discharge* *Feb 1996–Apr 1998*

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

License: **Registered Nurse, State of South Dakota**, Compact License Valid Until: *Apr 2022*
South Dakota State Board of Nursing

Certifications: **Certification in Infection Prevention and Control (CIC)**
Certification Board of Infection Control and Epidemiology, Inc. Valid Until: *Dec 2023*

Certified Healthcare Manager
Construction Infection Control Training Institute (CICTI). Valid Until: *Sept 2021*

Certified Infection Control Risk Assessment for Healthcare Construction
ECRI Institute. Valid Until: *Sept 2024*

Certified Healthcare Leader (CHL)
International Association of Healthcare Central Service Materiel Management. Valid Until: *Jan 2022*

Certified Registered Central Service Technician (CRCST)
International Association of Healthcare Central Service Materiel Management. Valid Until: *Jan 2022*

Certified Endoscope Reprocessor (CER)
International Association of Healthcare Central Service Materiel Management. Valid Until: *Jan 2022*

Certified Basic Life Support Instructor
American Heart Association

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC) | Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America (SHEA)

South Dakota Nurses Association (SDNA) | American Nurses Association (ANA)

Association of periOperative Registered Nurses (AORN) | Association for the Advancement of Medical Instrumentation (AAMI)

International Association of Healthcare Central Service Materiel Management (IAHCSMM)

ACTIVITIES

SDNA District 1, 2, & 3 Board Member | President, Convention Chair, Fundraising Coordinator, & GRC Member

AAMI Committee Voting Member | Standards Working Group 40 (Steam Sterilization), 84 (Endoscopes), 16 (HP Sterilization)

Institute of Inspection Cleaning and Restoration Certification (IICRC) | S410 Infection Control Standard Consensus Body Voting Member

Presentation | South Dakota Association of Surgical Technologists – “What’s the Point of Point of Use Care?” *Apr 2021*

DNP Capstone | Transitioning to an Alcohol-based Nasal Antiseptic to Reduce Surgical Site Infections *Sept 2021*