

KIMBERLY McDONALD

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PROFILE

- ♦ Highly experienced Registered Emergency Medical Nurse, qualified as Certified Legal Nurse Consultant. Fourteen years of senior-level medical and healthcare industry experience for patients of all ages, infants through geriatrics. Unique capacity to thoroughly and accurately review, critique, and evaluate patient care.
- ♦ Expert-level knowledge of protocols, procedures, and standards of care utilized by public and private convalescent homes, hospitals, laboratories, and 24-hour care facilities. Outstanding ability to review and interpret medical records. Solid understanding of medication dosing, administrations, and side effects.
- ♦ Background includes caring for diverse patient population involving cardiovascular, respiratory, strokes and neurological disorders; mental and emotional illnesses; chemical-dependency issues; and trauma from non-acute to life-threatening. Seasoned team leader skilled at training, guiding, and instructing.
- ♦ Closely familiar with risk management, occupational health, urine drug analysis, breath-alcohol testing, blood laboratory testing, and ECG (electrocardiogram) physical exams. Superior ability to liaise and work with range of personnel including physicians, medical residents, paramedics, nurses, technicians, and other medical team members.

MEDICAL EXPERIENCE

ALEXIAN BROTHERS MEDICAL CENTER, (24-HOUR CARE), Elk Grove Village, IL

Registered Emergency Medical Nurse, May 2005–Present

- ♦ Guide and assist doctors with no prior experience working in emergency settings, as well as teach risk management to nurses, patient care technicians, and other members of medical team through professional reputation and vast knowledge of hospital network.
- ♦ Serve as Acting Director of center in absence of director. Conduct urine drug and breath-alcohol testing. Perform laboratory testing of urine, blood chemistry, and blood counts.

ST. ALEXIUS MEDICAL CENTER (EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT), Hoffman Estates, IL

Registered Emergency Medical Nurse, January 1996–2005

- ♦ Maintain senior-level, Charge Nurse responsible for providing highest quality patient care for 38-bed Emergency Department (ED). Collaborate with ED doctors in evaluating, planning, and implementing treatments of care based on knowledge of hospital and ED standards, policies, and procedures.
- ♦ Serve as ED Chairperson of Quality Assurance Committee, with overall responsibility for reviewing and auditing transfers, culture logs, and Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act (EMTALA) violations. Monitor illicit drug-related visits to ED for Drug Abuse Warning Network (DAWN).
- ♦ Teach, counsel, mentor, and advise nursing students, new graduates, and paramedics.

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER, Maywood, IL

Telemetry Nurse, January 1995–December 1995

- ♦ Consult and collaborate with medical residents and doctors in caring for patients with broad range of cardiac conditions at one of the foremost teaching hospitals in Chicago metro area.

DUPAGE COUNTY CONVALESCENT HOME, Wheaton, IL

Registered Nurse, January 1994–December 1994

- ♦ Cared for patients with long-term conditions such as mental and emotional issues, skin ulcers, and respiratory conditions, including ventilator-dependant patients.
- ♦ Gained and utilized knowledge of medication dosing, administration, and side effects.

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURES/CERTIFICATIONS

- ♦ CLNC; Certified Legal Nurse Consultant (since 2006)
- ♦ TNS; Trauma Nurse Specialist (since 1998)
- ♦ PALS; Pediatric Advanced Life Support (since 1995)
- ♦ ACLS; Advanced Cardiac Life Support (since 1994)
- ♦ RN; Professional Registered Nurse (since 1994)

EDUCATION

COLLEGE OF DUPAGE, Glen Ellyn, IL

Associates Degree Nursing, 1994

NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY, Chicago, IL

Bachelor of Science in Geology/Earth Science, 1978

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Emergency Medicine Risk Initiative (EMRI) online course series from The Sullivan Group, Ltd., an emergency medicine risk management organization dedicated to medical error and risk reduction in emergency medicine (since January 2005).

OTHER EXPERIENCE

STS CONSULTANTS LTD., Northbrook, IL

Field Engineer, 1978-1981

- ♦ Ensured highest quality assurance and standards compliance of construction industry materials and methods. Gained and refined knowledge of a range of environmental, soil testing, and building material issues.
- ♦ Performed foundation inspection, compiled technical reports, prepared soil profiles, conducted laboratory tests on samples, and classified soil.