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Operating Room and Surgical Specialty Center Manager St. Joseph's/Candler

Savannah, Georgia, United States Hospital & Health Care

Previous positions

Founder | VP Surgical Nursing Operations at Leaders in the Surgical Nursing Operations Profession

Director Surgical Services at Sisters of Charity - Providence Hospitals

Education

Villanova University, Green Belt Certificate; Lean Six Sigma Certificate; Black Belt Certificate, Quality Improvement

Background

Summary

Connect with me using:

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All Invitations to Connect Welcome, One of my goals on LinkedIn is to become a super connector in the Surgical Nursing Operations Profession so I can be a connector for top talent in this field.

LION – LinkedIn Open Networker

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CEOs, CNOs, SVPs, Directors, Board Members, Recruiters, HR Managers, Hiring Managers connect with me to get access to my network deep in industry leadership.

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Dynamic healthcare professional and life-long learner!

To brain storm and collaborate from any of these perspectives Call me now at 770-337-0810.

Experience

Operating Room

St. Joseph's/Candler

July 2012 – Present(7 years 6 months)Savannah, Georgia Area

19 Operating Rooms: Cardiovascular, Orthopedic, Neurosurgical and General Service Lines

Founder | VP Surgical Nursing Operations

Leaders in the Surgical Nursing Operations Profession

2012 – August 2012

Attending networking events

Researching Industry Leaders

Tracking Industry Trends

Participating in Industry Discussions

Director Surgical Services

Sisters of Charity - Providence Hospitals

November 2009 – April 2012(2 years 5 months)Columbia, South Carolina Area

Preside over daily operations in Outpatient Services, Holding Area, 9 General Surgery OR's, CRNA Anesthesia, PACU, Central Processing and Endoscopy.

Administer $27M annual budget and supervise up to 93 FTE;

PhD, RN

Amy Cockcroft Leadership Program, University of South Carolina

2010 – 2011

Director Surgical Services, Cath Lab & Advanced Surgery Center

Northside Hospital

2008 – 2009Northside Cherokee in Canton, Georgia

Facilitated major surgical services expansion, including addition of 2 state-of-the-art integrated suites, 6-bed holding area, 12-bed PACU, isolation room, surgical supply room, and SPD;

PhD

Capella University

2006 – 2008

Director Surgical Services

Raleigh General Hospital

2000 – 2008Beckley, WV

Led operations covering 7 ORs, Recovery Room, Central Sterile Services (CSS), Preadmission Testing, Outpatient Surgery, Anesthesia, and 4 Endoscopy procedure rooms.

Spearheaded $18M OR renovation and oversaw Endoscopy Unit relocation and expansion from 2 to 4 procedure rooms and added 8 patient care bays.

Grew overall OR services by 14% and endoscopy services by 33%.

Improved outpatient satisfaction scores to nearly 99%.

Supported development of Surgical Tech Program in cooperation with Mountain State University.

Recommendations (1)

Nurse Practitioner & Administrator of Ambulatory Anesthesia Program

Anesthesia Group of Onondaga

1998 – 2000Syracuse, New York Area

Perioperative/Surgical Services Clinical Nurse Specialist

St Joseph's Hospital Health Center

1974 – 1998Syracuse, New York Area

Perioperative CNS 1993-1998

Additional Positions: Staff RN, Urology Service Coordinator, Vascular Coordinator, Charge RN

All services including open heart and neurosurgery

Education

Villanova University

Green Belt Certificate; Lean Six Sigma Certificate; Black Belt Certificate, Quality Improvement

2012 – 2013

Villanova University

3 Programs successfully completed: Green Belt; Lean Six Sigma; Black Belt

St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing

Registered Nurse Diploma, Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse

1971 – 1974

Auburn High School

Capella University

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Business Administration and Management, General

Capella University

Dissertation: "Job satisfaction in the operating room: An analysis of the cultural competence of nurses".

Delaware County Community College

First Assistant in Surgery, First Assisting

Delaware County Community College

Le Moyne College

Master of Business Administration (MBA), Business Administration and Management, General

Le Moyne College

State University of New York Upstate Medical University

Bachelor of Science (BS), Nursing Science

State University of New York Upstate Medical University

State University of New York Upstate Medical University

Master's degree, Nursing Science

State University of New York Upstate Medical University

Magna Cum Laude

Outstanding Student Award

Syracuse University

Post-Master's ANP, Family Practice Nurse/Nursing

Syracuse University

University of South Carolina-Columbia

Fellow, Amy V. Cockcroft Leadership Development Program, Nursing Leadership

University of South Carolina-Columbia

Skills & Expertise

DaVinci

Integration

Lean Operations

Perioperative Nursing

Meditech

Leadership

Consulting

Lean Manufacturing

Healthcare Management

Nursing

High Achiever

Nursing Process

Patient Safety

Perceptive

Hospitals

Negotiation

CNOR

Spine

Emotional Intelligence

Operating Room

Clinical Research

Construction

Work Ethic

High achiever

SCIP

Research

Cultural Competency

JCAHO

Lifelong Learning

Ambulatory

Peripheral Vascular

Keen Listener

Consortium

Nursing Care

Surgical Navigation

Surgery

People Skills

Orthopedic

Healthcare

Surgical Nursing

Financial Analysis

Education

Collaboration

Perioperative

Infection Control

Cardiac Surgery

Trust

Six Sigma

Holistic Health

Physician Relations