### Carla V. Wade

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 Meticulous and driven professional with a progressive and distinguished background. Proven ability to focus on multi-level patient care, while ensuring compliance with all organizational rules and regulations. A true leader that is able to provide top tier patient care while collaborating alongside a multi-disciplinary team to meet and exceed care objectives within fast paced and critical care environments. A proven administrator who effectively trains and mentors teams to establish and ensure the highest level of quality and organizational standards. Technical proficiency in MS Office and excel with a proven ability to adapt quickly to multiple computer systems.

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| * Oncologic Emergencies / Care
* High-Level / Trauma Care
* Document Management
* Training and Development
* Mentorship
 | * Cross- Communications
* Charge Nurse
* Patient Education
* Referral /After Care Services
* Administration
 | * Neuro Patients
* Patient Management / Monitoring
* Sexual Assault Cases
* Team Leader
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# areas of care and expertise

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| * Medical Intensive Care
* Surgical Intensive Care
* Neuro Trauma Intensive Care
* Scrub and circulating nurse
 | * Cardiac Intermediate Care Units
* Correctional Health
* Orthopedics
* Invasive neuro and body radiology
 | * Legal Nurse/forensics
* Cardiac Intensive Care
* Acute Thrombolytic and hemorrhagic Strokes
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# Professional Experience

**HCA Bayshore Hospital,** Pasadena, TX July 2021-October 2021

*Staff RN Contract/Travel ICU*

* Provide care of chronic and acute patients capturing all interventions within the critical care scope of practice
* Responsible for assessments, hemodynamic vital sign monitoring and medication administration
* Performed skilled care of mechanically ventilated patients, Intravenous insertions and care of complex medication infusions
* Performed central line care, blood draws and maintenance of physical examinations, laboratory/test results

**University of Texas Medical Branch**, Galveston, TX February 2022- May 2022

*Staff RN Contract/Travel Critical Care*

* Responsible for assessments and basic bedside care
* Responsible for care of patients with life- threatening problems in the specialty areas of neuro, surgical, medical, coronary and burn intensive care units
* Responsible for monitoring patients using specialized equipment to gain data such as intracranial pressures, central venous pressures, and tissue oxygenation, cardiac rhythms, nanometers and pulmonary status
* Performed line care, blood draws, wound care and titration/maintenance of complex drips

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**Harris Health System- Ben Taub,** Houston, TX 2015-2019

***Forensic RN II***

* Responsible for conducting and documenting a thorough, unbiased, and objective clinical forensic history and assessment on pediatric, adult and adolescents sexual assault/domestic violence victims for the purpose of documenting injury/disease
* Accountable for maintaining chain of custody for all specimens collected during the sexual assault nurse examination
* Accountable for the coordination of hospital, law enforcement, and patient advocates for sexual assault/domestic violence patients when FNE services are required.
* Provided court testimony on behalf of patients seeking justice in the legal system

# Professional Experience Continued

**MD Anderson Cancer Center,** Houston, TX 2010-Present

***Clinical Charge Nurse, Emergency Center***

* Accountable for the management of daily operations of the inpatient nursing unit to achieve financial goals.
* Assesses patient's needs and leads nursing efforts while engaging with a multidisciplinary team.
* Serves as a resource and role model for staff to practice with autonomy
* Responsible for supervising staff using principles and practices of Just culture that facilitates non-punitive accountability for performance
* Collaborates with physicians, other services, patient, and patient's family to plan care and evaluate outcomes.
* Demonstrates clinical competency and compassion in providing care, using technology, administering medications, performing procedures, and managing emergencies.
* Documents care according to established standards.
* Responsible for implementing action plans to improve and sustain unit
* Assures continuity of care through discharge planning, patient education and coordination of services.

Key Achievements:

* Provide effective management of Oncologic emergencies while providing care and treatment of adults with: septic shock, malignant hypocalcemic emergencies, and tumor lysis syndrome.
* Demonstrated ability to lead as Charge Nurse with a focus on high volume performance and acute patient care.

**The Methodist Hospital- TMC,** Houston, TX 2010 – Present

***Clinical Nurse RN II, Neuro Surgical ICU***

* Managed nursing care to patients admitted to the hospital in accordance with established policies, procedures and protocols of the healthcare organization.
* Maintained continuous hemodynamic monitoring and support for all critically ill patients, with an overall goal in delivering this care to minimize morbidity and mortality as well as to facilitate optimal patient outcomes.
* Assessed plans and evaluated patient care needs while carrying out physician orders and treatment plans.
* Administered prescribed medications, changed dressings, cleaned wounds, and monitored vital signs.
* Provided cardiopulmonary management and monitoring for patients.
* Monitored, recorded, and communicated patient condition, utilizing computerized documentation systems.
* Assessed and coordinated patient's discharge planning needs with members of the healthcare team.

Key Achievements:

* Provided an excellent level of care for sensitive and critical care needs of patients that experienced acute thrombolytic and hemorrhagic Strokes, minor head traumas and neuro elective surgical patients.
* Strong skillset and knowledge of care for multiple patients including but not limited to: Neuro Oncology patients, post tumor Resections, spinal cord injuries, acute strokes, and Craniotomies.

**Memorial Hermann TMC,** Houston, TX 2005 – 2011

***Clinical Charge Nurse RN III, Neuro-Trauma Intensive Care Level I***

* Responsible for coordinating the management functions of quality delivery of care, as well as adherence to the nursing practice and the standards of care of the trauma patient.
* Maintain continuous hemodynamic monitoring and support for level I critically ill patients, with an overall goal in delivering this care to minimize morbidity and mortality as well as to facilitate optimal patient outcomes.
* Supervised intensive care functions while maintaining clinical nursing practice skills and unit specific expertise.
* Served as a role model/Coach and clinical resource to colleagues, staff, patients, and others.
* Experienced in rendering care to post-operative aneurysm clippings patients with ventriculostomies, lumbar drains and ventilators tumor resections and craniotomies.
* Assisted in conscious sedation, bedside procedures of tracheostomies, chest tubes, emergency cut-downs
* Educated and communicated families regarding patient care and pending procedures.
* Collaborated with Physicians and educated families in regard to life gift and end of life decisions.
* Headed nursing activities, leading by example and providing an environment of calm in a fast paced environment

# Professional Experience Continued

**Memorial Hermann TMC**-continued

Key Achievements:

* Member of the Nursing staff that piloted the initial insulin drip protocol, which proceeded to become hospital wide
* Proven skillset in providing a high level of care and treatment for trauma patients with acute head and spinal cord injuries including:
* Care of subdurals, epidurals, and severe hemorrhagic bleeds multi system injuries.
* Head gunshot wound victims.

**Mercer County Prosecutor’s Office,** Trenton, NJ 2001 - 2005

***Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE-A), Sexual Assault Response Team Coordinator Mercer County, NJ***

* Performed extensive forensic exams on adult/adolescents sexual assault victims, collected evidence via chain of custody to assist in trial preparation, counseled and assisted patients in follow up care.
* Qualified expert when testifying in regard to Sexual Assault cases.
* Trained in forensic photography, colposcopy
* Performed quality assurance chart review
* Member/coordinator in collaboration with the county prosecutor in establishing the sexual response team (SART) in Mercer County, NJ.

**Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital,** New Brunswick, NJ 1997 - 2005

*Staff Nurse III Neuro/ Body Interventional, Interventional Radiology/ Special Procedures*

* Scrub and Circulate RN responsibilities, assisted Physicians in specialized interventional and diagnostic procedures such as,
	+ Aneurysm coiling and embolization, cerebral, renal, vascular and biliary angiograms with stenting
	+ Assisted with bronchial and hepatic studies using fluoroscopy
	+ Uterine Artery embolization, MRA angiograms, extremity revascularization

* Responsible for IV conscious sedation, suite and patient prep, post-operative recovery of in and outpatients
* Responsible for maintenance/follow up care of chest, abscess, gastric and renal (nephrostomy) tube insertions for in/Outpatients
* Placed PICC Line insertions, maintenance and care
* Charge Nurse responsibilities and maintaining on call staffing and scheduling

# Previous Professional Experience

* **Staff Nurse RN III, Cardiac Medical Service CCU/IMU-Step Down for Robert W. Johnson University Hospital 1997-2000**
* **RN Team Coordinator, Neuro-Orthopedics, Medical Surgical, Correctional Health for CHI- St. Frances Medical Center 1992-1997**

# Education & Credentials

 **Master of Science, 2021 Family** Nurse Practitioner,Wilkes University, Wilkes-Barre, PA

 **Master of Science, 2015** Nursing Leadership & Healthcare Organization, Grantham University, Kansas City, MO

 **Bachelor of Science, 1992** Nursing, Morris Brown College, Atlanta, Ga.

 **Post Bachelor Certificate, 1997** Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner, Rutgers the State University, New Brunswick, NJ

 **Continued Education, 1995** Legal Studies, Mercer County College, West Windsor, NJ

# Certifications

ANCC **Certified Medical-Surgical Nurse (RN, C)**

IAFN **Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Adult/Adolescent (SANE)**

State of New Jersey **Forensic Nurse Sexual Assault (F-SA)**

AANN **Certified Neuroscience RN (CNRN)**

AHA **Basic life support, PALS and Advance Life Support**

ENA **Trauma Nurse Core Course provider (TNCC)**

# Licensure

Registered Nurse State of New Jersey

Registered Nurse Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Board of Nurse Examiners Registered Nurse Texas (Compact)

Registered Nurse State of Minnesota (pending)

Registered Nurse State of Ohio (Temp pending permanent)

# Professional Affiliations

American Nurses Association

New Jersey State Nurses Association

International Association of Forensic Nurses

National Black Nurses Association

American Association of Critical Care Nurses

American Association of Neuroscience Nurses

Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses Emergency Nurses Association Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. National Black Nurse Practitioner Association American Society of Law and Ethics

References Available upon request