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Legal Nurse Consultant & Owner — A Nurse's Perspective

"Nursing Guidance for Complex Care and Claims"

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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Action-oriented Registered Nurse, Certified Legal Nurse Consultant, and Founder of **A Nurse's Perspective** offering 17 years of extensive clinical excellence. Background encompasses 10 years in director-level behavioral health leadership, emergency department case management, long-term care insurance claim evaluation, and multi-unit acute care float pool operations. Proven expert in evaluating complex medical records, establishing standard of care adherence, identifying liability, and translating intricate clinical data into objective, legally defensible analysis. State-designated Qualified Mental Health Professional (QMHP) with specialized expertise in emergency crisis triage, root-cause analysis, regulatory compliance, and medical record accuracy verification.

CONSULTING SERVICES & CORE CAPABILITIES

- **Medical Record Review & Analysis:** Deep-dive analysis of acute, ER, psych, and long-term care charts.
- **Chronologies & Summaries:** Comprehensive timelines detailing pivotal clinical encounters.
- **Standards of Care Analysis:** Determining protocol adherence, clinical deviations, and liability.
- **Expert Case Insight & Deposition Prep:** Formulating targeted medical inquiry strategies for attorneys.
- **Medical-Legal Client Support:** Objective bridge between legal counsel and clinical practice.
- **AI Output Quality & Accuracy Check:** Rigorous factual auditing of AI-generated summaries against source medical records.
- **Behavioral Health & Crisis Evaluation:** Triage review, high-acuity risk assessments, and suicide risk audits.
- **Long-Term Care Claims Assessment:** Objective functional capacity and medical necessity determinations.

LEGAL NURSE CONSULTING & INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT

Owner & Principal Legal Nurse Consultant

2023 – Present

A Nurse's Perspective (Legal Nursing Practice)

West Warwick, RI

- Founded and direct a specialized legal nurse consulting practice providing independent clinical evaluation, case analysis, and trial preparation support for attorneys and insurance carriers.
- Conduct rigorous medical record reviews, construct defensible timelines, and evaluate adherence to hospital protocols and national standards of care.
- Pioneered specialized **AI Output Quality & Accuracy Checking** to review and verify AI-generated medical summaries for factual accuracy against raw patient medical charts.
- Formulate precise medical interrogatories, draft objective consultant reports, and prepare legal teams for witness depositions.

Independent Clinical Consultant

2023 – 2026

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Remote / Field Assessments

- Executed independent clinical assessments for long-term care insurance claims to evaluate functional capacity, ADL dependencies, and medical necessity.
- Synthesized complex medical histories and patient documentation into structured, objective claims reports adhering to strict insurance industry standards.
- Identified clinical discrepancies, care gaps, and trajectories of functional decline across home health and facility environments.

CLINICAL & HEALTHCARE LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Director of Behavioral Health (2021 – 2023)

2020 – 2023

Evidence-Based Clinical Leader / Nurse Educator (2020 – 2021)

Our Lady of Fatima Hospital | North Providence, RI

- Managed multi-unit clinical operations, regulatory compliance, risk management, and patient safety across hospital behavioral health programs.
- Investigated sentinel events and adverse outcomes; directed Root Cause Analyses (RCA) and instituted corrective policy changes to ensure compliance with Rhode Island Department of Health and JCAHO standards.
- As Nurse Educator, authored and executed evidence-based clinical training curricula to maintain nursing compliance with legal standards and hospital policies.

Intake Case Manager – Emergency Department (2020 – 2021)

2015 – 2021

Director of Behavioral Health (2015 – 2019)

Landmark Medical Center | Woonsocket, RI

- Oversaw departmental operations, clinical quality improvement, and interdisciplinary patient care as Director of Behavioral Health.
- Performed high-acuity Emergency Department triage, crisis intervention, psychiatric assessments, and emergency admission determinations under QMHP authority.

- Delivered direct bedside patient care across medical-surgical, acute care, and specialty units, establishing broad clinical expertise across diverse care environments.

EDUCATION, CREDENTIALS & DESIGNATIONS

Education & Academic Training:

- **Certificate in Legal Nurse Consulting** — Bridgewater State University
- **Master of Science (MS) in Healthcare Administration** — Salve Regina University
- **Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)** — Rhode Island College

Licensure & State Designations:

- **Registered Nurse (RN)** — State of Rhode Island
- **Qualified Mental Health Professional (QMHP)** — State of Rhode Island

Designated for Assessment of Admission Necessity in Acute Behavioral Crisis