
CAROL J. RHODES RN, LNC

LEGAL NURSE CONSULTANT



Curriculum Vitae [pages 2-3]

Medical-Legal Remedies, Inc.
14286-19 Beach Blvd. # 248
Jacksonville, FL 32250

Phone: 904-223-3969

Fax: 904-821-4069

<mailto:carolrhodes@bellsouth.net>

<http://www.jaxlegalnurse.com/>

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**MEDICAL-LEGAL REMEDIES, Inc. (2004-PRESENT)****LEGAL NURSE CONSULTANT**

Carol J. Rhodes RN, LNC is President/Owner of Medical-Legal Remedies, Inc. offering professional legal nurse consulting services for legal professionals. Ms. Rhodes has over 23 years experience as a professional registered nurse and has been practicing as a legal nurse consultant [LNC] since 2004. As a nurse and LNC, Ms. Rhodes evaluates, analyzes, and renders informed opinions concerning healthcare facts and resulting outcomes, assimilates medical literature with related guidelines, standards of care, and professional regulations concerning medical issues involved in litigation. Ms. Rhodes provides medical summary reviews, chronologies, evaluates pre-suit cases and case merit reviews with a primary focus in Personal Injury, Medical Malpractice, and Nursing Home Litigation. As an adept graphic artist, Carol J. Rhodes RN, LNC produces custom timelines, medical pictures, graphs, and x-rays. MLR clients include Florida Attorneys and Claims Management Services. Professional memberships include Associate Member of the American Bar Association [ABA]. American Association of Legal Nurse Consultants [AALNC]. Northeast Florida Paralegal Association [NEFPA]. American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses [ASPAN].

PLAZA SURGERY CENTER (1996 - 2006)**PREOPERATIVE/PACU RN [RECOVERY ROOM RN]**

PACU RN: Screened and admitted preoperative patients, initiated IV access, assisted anesthesia with pre-surgical blocks, recovered surgical patients, assisted Pain Clinic MD's, provided pre-op and post-op teaching. Surgical Procedures: *Orthopedic, Pediatric, ENT, GYN, Ophthalmologic, Podiatry, Plastic, GI, Urology, Chronic Pain Management Procedures, Nerve Ablations, Endoscopies, and General Surgery*. Assisted Pain Clinic and OR for Nerve Ablation procedures. Certifications: Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support [ACLS], Pediatric Advanced Life Support [PALS]. Basic Life Support for Healthcare Provider [BLS]. Professional memberships: American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses [ASPAN], Association of periOperative Registered Nurses [AORN].

HOSPICE OF NE FLORIDA (1991-1996)**CASE MANAGER/HIGH TECH RN**

RN Case Manager: Performed high tech procedures [*insertion of intravenous lines, pain management, wound care, palliative chemotherapy and other complex medical procedures*] for terminally ill patients in home settings and nursing homes. Evaluated and admitted prospective patients, trained new employees, provided in-services to community, physicians and employees concerning pain management and palliative care, resource for field RN's and Certified Nursing Assistants [CNA]. Provided on-call services for after hour emergencies. Member of Intravenous Nurses Society [INS]. BLS and ACLS Certified.

JACKSONVILLE SURGERY CENTER (1989-1991)**PACU RN [RECOVERY ROOM RN]**

PACU Charge RN: Freestanding Outpatient Surgical Center: Recovery Room RN. Medication RN [*Ordered all Medications for center & OR*]. Cross-trained for Pre-op RN and OR as RN Circulator. Certifications: Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support [ACLS]. Basic Life Support for Healthcare Provider [BLS]. Critical Care Certificate [10/1990].

FIRST COAST MEDICAL CENTER (1988-1989)**PACU RN [RECOVERY ROOM RN]**

PACU Charge RN: Hospital Recovery Room [*inpatient and outpatient*]. Cross-trained as OR Circulator and Emergency Room RN. Quality Assurance Representative for PACU. On call for surgical emergencies 3-4 days/nights per week. Obtained Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support [ACLS] in conjunction with mandatory Basic Life Support for Healthcare Provider [BLS].

Professional Experience:

ST. LUKES HOSPITAL (1984-1988)

STAFF/TELEMETRY RN

RN, QA Rep: Oncology, Surgical, Urology, Coronary, and Post Open Heart Patients. 1986: promoted to Charge RN for Cardiac Telemetry Unit & managed 20-bed Coronary Telemetry Unit on weekends [*Baylor Shift*] - responsible for staffing, evaluations, employee training and MD rounds. Cross-trained as Emergency Room staff nurse. Quality Assurance Representative and Preceptor for new RN's. Certifications: Basic Life Support for Healthcare Provider [*BLS*]. Certifications: Telemetry. Intravenous [*IV*] Administration.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

- **Associate of Science in Nursing (ADN 1984)** *GPA: 3.15*
Florida Community College of Jacksonville, Florida
- **Professional Registered Nurse Licensure (1984-Present)**
Professional Registered Nurse (RN), State of Florida
- **Legal Nurse Consulting Certificate (2003-2004)**
Kaplan College, Boca Raton, Florida
- **Legal Nurse Externship (12/2004-3/2005)**
Wicker, Smith, O'Hara, McCoy, Graham & Ford, P.A., Jacksonville, Florida

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

- **ABA** Associate Member of the American Bar Association [*abanet.org*]
- **AALNC** American Association of Legal Nurse Consultants [*aalnc.org*]
- **ASPAN** American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses [*aspan.org*]
- **NEFPA** Northeast Florida Paralegal Association [*nefpa.org*]

Updated September 2008

References available