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EDUCATION

December 1993, Watts School of Nursing
1973- 1978, Oklahoma University

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS

Santa Filomena Honor Society
Watts School of Nursing, 1992

POSITIONS HELD

January 1994 to June 1995, Clinical Nurse I
Durham Regional Hospital
Full time staff nursing responsibilities in an in-patient pediatric setting.

June 1995 to present, Clinical Nurse III
UNC Hospitals Emergency Department
Full time staff nursing responsibilities in Level 1 Trauma Center, with primary focus in acute pediatric patient care.

May 1998 to May 2003, Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program Coordinator
UNC Hospitals Emergency Department
Facilitated development of sexual assault program within the Emergency Department, including credentialing, policy development and standard of care.

March 2009 to April 2010, Research Assistant
UNC Hospitals
Participated in data collection for grant funded research investigating relationship of sexual assault and chronic pain conditions.

January 2004 to present
University Pediatrics
Durham, NC
Per Diem clinical nurse in pediatric primary care setting.

August 2005 to May 2007, Clinical Nurse II
UNC Hospitals Jaycees Burn Center
Per Diem staff nursing responsibilities in acute burn care setting, with patient populations of all ages.

Solace Center

Raleigh, NC

Contracted SANE nurse performing examinations and evidence collection on sexual assault victims for Wake County, NC

June 2013 to present

Coordinator for Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program

UNC Hospitals Emergency Department

Rebuilding a team, training of new nurses, maintaining policy updates and algorithms for care of sexual assault/abuse patients in our department

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Member- International Association of Forensic Nursing

PUBLICATIONS

“Pain Incidence and Distribution after Sexual Assault”, American Pain Society, October 2009.

“Incidence and Distribution of Pain Symptoms After Sexual Assault”, Journal of Pain, April 2010.

“Managing Potts Puffy Tumor”, Emergency Physician’s Monthly, March 2012.

“Most sexual assault survivors with new moderate or severe pain do not receive medical care in the initial 6 weeks after sexual assault”, Journal of Pain, April 2013.

“Acute Severe Pain is a Common Consequence of Sexual Assault”, Journal of Pain, August 2013.

“Pain and somatic symptoms are sequelae of sexual assault: Results of a prospective longitudinal study”, European Journal of Pain, August 2013.

COMMITTEES AND PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

RESEARCH

Tryumph Research Group- research assistant, UNC Hospitals, 2009-present.

CREDENTIALS

Certified Pediatric Emergency Nurse

Forensic Nurse Examiner

Pediatric Forensic Nurse Examiner

Advanced Cardiac Life Support

Pediatric Advanced Life Support

Trauma Nursing Core Course

Emergency Nursing Pediatric Course

Advanced Burn Life Support

REFERENCES

Sandy Pabers, Nurse Manager, Emergency Dept., UNC Hospitals, 966-4721

Cheryl Jackson, MD, Director of Pediatric Emergency Dept., UNC Hospitals, 966-1405