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## OBJECTIVE

- Seeking opportunities to gain experience and further my knowledge as a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist as part of a highly professional team dedicated to providing quality care.

## EXPERIENCE

### **Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist, VA Greater Los Angeles** May 2018 - Present

- Provide veterans anesthesia service for complex surgical procedures in high acuity setting: General surgery, orthopedic, vascular, urology, neurosurgery, gynecologic, ENT, dental, ophthalmology, pain, and plastic surgeries.
- Provide anesthesia in the ambulatory surgery unit, endoscopy, cardiac catheterization lab, MRI, IR, and other out-of-operating room procedures.
- Clinical preceptor for SRNAs from USC Nurse Anesthesia Program in the delivery of anesthesia care for the veteran population in the clinical setting.
- Management of daily operations such as staffing, OR/non-OR scheduling, pre-operative and post-operative evaluations, general resource/liaison between anesthesia department and ancillary services with charge CRNA assignment

### **Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist, Huntington Memorial Hospital** June 2015- Present

- Establish/developed Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist group and practice 2015
- Experience in general, orthopedic, trauma, urological, GYN, vascular, pediatric, OB, and neurological surgeries
- Perform preoperative patient assessment and evaluation
- Develop and implement anesthetic plans
- Maintain hemodynamic stability utilizing physiologic and pharmacologic anesthesia principles
- Perform and manage regional anesthesia including neuraxial anesthesia
- Ensure analgesia, amnesia, and immobilization for general anesthetics
- Initiate and support postoperative care management

### **Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist, SCOI** August 2014 – Present **Southern California Orthopedic Institute, Van Nuys**

- Provided general, MAC, regional, intravenous anesthesia undergoing elective surgery
- Perform pre-anesthetic screenings, including physical evaluations, patient interviews
- Worked in collaboration with surgeons in selecting the safest anesthetic and pain management for each individual patient
- Post-anesthesia care unit evaluation and management

**Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist, CHMC  
California Hospital Medical Center**

December 2012 – Present

- Independent practice, conducts and reviews anesthetic evaluation of patient prior to surgery, includes chart review, medications, lab work, identify apparent airway difficulties, and ensure that patient is optimize
- Develop both pre-operative and post-operative assessments, possible complications
- Clinical preceptor for students of Kaiser Permanente School of Anesthesia
- Help transitioned from paper to an electronic computer charting within the hospital system, computer super-user
- Participated in revision of Obstetrical 24hr Postpartum pain management protocol for the hospital
- Exhibit proficient in GETA, LMA, Regional (Intrathecal and Spinals), neuraxial, and MAC types of anesthesia.
- Administer anesthetics in many specialties, including ENT, general, GYN, cardiac catheterization, neuro, OB (obstetrical), ophthalmic, orthopedics, pediatrics, plastics, and trauma surgery

**Registered Nurse III, UCLA Medical Center, Los Angeles**

June 2008 – November 2012

*Cardiothoracic Intensive Care Unit*

- Provide care to highly complex patients population with cardiac congenital disease, coronary artery disease, valvular disease, cardiomyopathy, and lung diseases.
- Provide nursing care for post-operative cardiac and thoracic surgery that require continuous cardiac, hemodynamic monitoring, titration of vasoactive & vasodilator medications, hemodialysis, mechanical ventilator patients
- Assessed, monitors, and maintained patients with assisted device such as ECMO, VAD, RVAD
- Assumed roles: charge RN, preceptor to current registered nurses and new graduates
- Spirit Enrichment Committee
- Performance Improvement Committee – patient care/outcomes
- Research Committee

**CREDENTIALS AND LICENSURE**

- Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist, 2012 – Present, CA # 4306
- Public Health Nurse, 2008 – Present, CA #73645
- Registered Nurse, 2008- Present, CA # 727815
- Advanced Cardiac Life Support, 2008 – Present
- Pediatric Advanced Life Support, 2008 – Present
- Basic Life Support, 2008 - Present

**EDUCATION**

**Mount St. Mary's College, Los Angeles, CA**

January 2005 – May 2008

*Bachelor of Science in Nursing*

**Kaiser Permanente School of Anesthesia**

August 2010 – August 2012

*Master of Science in Nursing/Nurse Anesthetist*

## PUBLICATIONS

- Participated in revision of John J. Nagelhout “Handbook of Nurse Anesthesia 5<sup>th</sup> Edition” section: Genitourinary System January 2012 – March 2012
- A Comparative Randomized Pilot Study of High Frequency Chest Wall Oscillation versus Chest Physiotherapy After Lung Transplant May 2010

## PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- American Anesthesia Nurse Association September 2010 – Present
- Western Regional Director Association of Veterans Nurse Anesthetists (AVANA) May 2018 - Present

## VOLUNTEER

- Braille Institute of America – Nonprofit Organization November 2011 - Present
- Camp del Corazon September 2009  
*Volunteer as Medical/activities Nurse for a non-profit organization for children with Congenital heart diseases*
- Research: The Effect of Pain on Leukocyte CAM Expression with Charles Griffis, CRNA, PHD August 2009 – August 2010  
*Role: Data collection/entry*
- Research: Effect of High Frequency Chest Wall Oscillation vs. Chest Physiotherapy on Lung Function/Pain in Post-Lung Transplant with Anna Gawlinski, RN, DNSc, FAAN, Director, Evidence-Based Practice October 2008 – August 2010  
*Role: Coordinating/Consenting at Transplant Unit, Data collection/entry, contributed in writing the article*