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Education and Training

- 1995-1999 High School Diploma: Divine Child High School Dearborn, MI
- 1999-2003 Bachelor's of Science Degree in Nursing: University of Michigan Ann Arbor, MI
- 2003-2005 Master's Degree in Gerontological Nursing: University of Michigan Ann Arbor, MI

Certification and Licensure

- 2005: American Nurses Credentialing Center Gerontological Nurse Practitioner Certification, APRN-BC: 20050102273
- 2003: Registered Nurse Licensure, State of Michigan: 4704239685
- 2006: Nurse Practitioner Licensure, State of Michigan: 4704239685
- 2012: Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS)

Professional Work Experience

- June 2003-February 2006: Staff Nurse, University of Michigan Hospital, Neurology/Neurosurgery/Otolaryngology Floor
- January 2004-August 2005: Clinical Education Experiences for Gerontological Nurse Practitioner Program, including inpatient and outpatient settings (subacute facilities in southeastern MI, Glacier Hills Community, Turner Geriatric Clinic, inpatient geriatric rotation at the University of Michigan)
- February 2006-present: Nurse Practitioner, Department of Neurosurgery
- March 2008-present: specialty focus on brain tumor patient population, working with Dr. William Chandler, Dr. Jason Heth, Dr. Stephen Sullivan, and Dr. Daniel Orringer as primary surgeons, as well as the endocrinologist, Dr. Ariel Barkan.

Honors and Awards

- 2003: John Hartford Scholarship, complete tuition funded for 2 years of full time study to become a Gerontological Nurse Practitioner. Award based on academic achievement, letters of recommendation, and an active interest in the geriatric patient population.

- 2001-2005: Angell Scholar Award for 7 terms of “straight A’s” from undergraduate through graduate education.

Memberships in Professional Societies

- 2003-present, member of Sigma Theta Tau, Honor Society for Nursing
- 2005-present, member of Michigan Council of Nurse Practitioners (MICNP)
- 2009-present, member of Gerontological Advance Practice Association (GAPNA)

Leadership

- Adjunct Clinical Instructor, effective date September 1, 2011 for 3 years ending August 31,2014

Education

- The Clinical Adjunct Faculty position is an instructional position, without tenure, in which I will participate in a joint partnership between the School of Nursing and the University of Michigan Health System.
- This role will include precepting nurse practitioner students and assisting in their education in both the classroom and clinical settings.

Outreach/Volunteering

- I assist in moderating the Brain Tumor Support Group, along with Charlotte Gunden, NP, nurses in Neuro-Oncology, and the social worker in Neuro-Oncology. This is a volunteer role (unpaid outside of work hours), for which we provide our clinical support services. This is a group of past and present patients and their families, who are suffering with the diagnosis of a brain tumor. The group meets every third Tuesday of each month, from 7:00-8:30 pm.
- I assisted and chaperoned the annual summer picnic in June 2012.
- I organized and chaired the planning and execution of the Holiday Party, on December 11th, 2012 at Weber’s Inn, negotiating the contract, menu, and invitations. I also was the chief contact for this event, and helped chaperone the party.
- Assisting in the continuation of this group, not only provides quality patient care that extends beyond the hospital walls, but we also provide a public relations service for our department and the brain tumor program.

Research

- Provide clinical support in the administration of the DCVAX protocol, a clinical trial that was initiated by Dr. Heth to patients with the diagnosis of Glioblastoma Multiforme.

Multidisciplinary Care Coordination

- Assist in the coordination and treatment of patients with brain tumors who need stereotactic radiosurgery. My teammate and I, Charlotte Gunden, have initiated meetings with the radiation oncology department (physicians, nurses, and therapists, etc) in attempts to streamline this process for the patient and the providers.