

Theresa A. Comer, BSN, RN, LNCC

EDUCATION

University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston
Bachelor of Science in Nursing, 1988

LICENSE

Registered Nurse, 1989
Legal Nurse Consultant Certified (LNCC), 2022



PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

RESEARCH AND PLANNING CONSULTANTS, Austin, TX
Certified Legal Nurse Consultant (August 2020 – Present)

- Examine and interpret medical records, analyzing medical bills, and summarizing complete medical literature in personal injury cases for plaintiff and defense.
- Research and technical support for health care litigation.

ABRAHAM, WATKINS, NICHOLS, SORRELS, AGOSTO, AZIZ & STOGNER, Houston, Texas
Legal Nurse Consultant (June 2019 – August 2020)

- Class action suit with over 1,200 plaintiffs/clients
- Review, analyze and develop medical timelines and summaries based on medical and billing records.
- Provide informed consent letters and notices of allocation to plaintiffs/clients

JOHNSON, TRENT & TAYLOR, Houston, Texas
Legal Nurse Consultant (September 2011 – June 2019)

- Product liability cases – Cooper Tire, Bridgestone, Yokohama, Kumho, Continental Tires, Hitachi, Air Products and Polaris
- Medical malpractice
- Medical device cases
- Review, analyze and develop a work product based on medical and billing records.
- Develop a chronology of the events; summarize the outstanding and pertinent findings.
- Identify potential areas of cause and effect of related diagnostic studies and/or medical evaluations.
- Identify case specific defense medical experts while maintaining consistent working relationship.
- Aid in the preparation of quarterly client status reports and case related trials.

INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR, Houston, Texas

- Legal Nurse Consultant (December 2003 – December 2009)

Research & Planning Consultants, L.P.

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- Provide consultation through case review summary and recommendation to local attorneys involved in medical malpractice, personnel injury, and class action suits.
- Interpretation of disease processes through review of medical records as well as applicable treatment protocols and the adherence/deviation from the standard of care currently recognized by the medical community.
- Develop a chronology of the events; summarize the outstanding and pertinent findings.
- Identify potential areas of cause and effect of related diagnostic studies or medical evaluations.

MEDICAL RESEARCH CONSULTANTS, Houston, Texas**Legal Nurse Consultant (December 2000 – January 2002, March 2003 – October 2003)**

- Review, analyze and develop a work product based on medical records.
- Develop a chronology of the events; summarize the outstanding and pertinent findings.
- Identify potential areas of cause and effect of related diagnostic studies or medical evaluations.
- The special projects included Toxic Tort and Medical Malpractice Cases.
- Due to my specific medical background, I was given the opportunity to develop the appropriate documentation for the toxic tort cases.
- Due to my work on the toxic tort cases the company received the contract for all cases involved in this particular toxic tort litigation.

KROGER, MYERS AND FRISBY, Houston, Texas**Legal Nurse Consultant (January 2002 – March 2003)**

- Obtain defense expert witnesses.
- Obtain and review medical records and prepare detailed chronologies and summaries of the case.
- Aid in the preparation of monthly client status reports and case related trials.

TEXAS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, Houston, Texas**Charge Nurse, Pediatric Bone Marrow Transplant Unit and Outpatient Clinic (March 1996 – December 2000, December 2003 – August 2011)**

- Manage all aspects of clinical care on a 15-bed inpatient unit and the outpatient clinic.
- Assisted in directing personnel to meet the goals and objectives of the department and the institution.
- Maintained staff scheduling.
- Participate in hospital committees and unit-based committees.
- Mentor and orient new personnel and nursing students.

Staff Nurse, Emergency Center (March 1994 – April 1996)

- Provide care in a level II pediatric emergency center.
- Provided care for numerous diverse disease processes.

M. D. ANDERSON CANCER CENTER, Houston, Texas**Night Charge Nurse (February 1992 – March 1994)**

- Provided direct patient care on a 16-bed pediatric oncology floor as a primary nurse as well as the night charge nurse.
- Ensure the appropriate care was given to all patients by the staff nurses and nurses' aides.

- Mentor and orient new personnel.

HERMANN CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, Houston, Texas

Charge Nurse (February 1989 – February 1992)

- Provide direct patient care on a 38-bed neonatal critical care unit as a primary nurse and a charge nurse.
- Precept nursing students
- Coordinate the orientation of new employees with a seasoned nurse from the unit.
- Developed and offered continuing education opportunities for the staff nurses and nurses' aides.
- Neonatal resuscitation instructor

AFFILIATIONS

Procedural Pain Protocols

- 2007 – 2011 Unit-Based Committee

Hospital Products Committee

- 2007 – 2010 Cancer Center Representative

National Association of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Nurses

- 2007 – 2010 Cancer Center Representative

Association of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Nurses, Houston Gulf Coast Chapter

- 1997 – 2002, 2003-2006, 2007-2009 Member