

Joan M. Brncich Curriculum Vitae

EDUCATION

- 1986-1989** **Lewis University**, Romeoville, Illinois; Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- 1983-1986** **St. Joseph Medical Center School of Nursing**, Joliet, Illinois; Nursing Diploma

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

- April 2018-Present** **Lifecare Innovations; Nurse Lifecare Manager**
- Review medical records to investigate circumstances/ extent of injury, healthcare issues resulting from injury, hindrances to/ activities of daily living/instrumental activities of daily living as a result of injury, future care needs caused by injury, involved medical/personal support providers, chronology of events and person status related to maximum medical improvement (MMI).
 - Perform home visits to life care planning or litigation support services clients.
 - Create legal and injury/care/treatment timeline depicting relevant/needed information per medical records review and other sources of information related to the case.
 - Research pricing for future medication, medical treatment and care costs and depict cost projection findings.
 - Perform clinical nurse consultation visits as needed for high-risk and medically complex care management clients
- 2016-2018** **Silver Cross Hospital; Operating Room Registered Nurse**
- Administered care for patients in various states of health within a high-volume operating room throughout general, orthopedic and spinal surgical procedures.
 - Position required constant vigil, care and monitoring of surgical patients, along with a high degree of multi-tasking, attention to detail, empathy and communication skills.
 - Provided leadership, training, counseling and direction to other nursing and ancillary staff to maintain the highest quality of patient care and surgeon support.
 - Efficiently assessed and cared for patients in a surgical environment; provided head-to-toe assessments, nursing interventions, Intravenous treatments, pain management and laboratory tests.
 - Tracked patient wellness and progress.

2013-2016

Illinois Spine & Scoliosis Center; Orthopedic Spine Nurse Clinician

- Cared for orthopedic spine patients across both clinical and operating room settings, delivering prompt assessment, problem solving and follow-up to facilitate high levels of patient satisfaction.
- Educated multi-cultural patients in medication, disease management symptoms and peri-operative care.
- Created, implemented and coordinated protocols for medical clearance, implantable tissue and equipment/hardware, radiology and co-surgeon surgery scheduling.
- Liaised between general surgeons and medical and cardiology physicians.

2000-2013

Parkview Musculoskeletal Institute; Registered Nurse First Assistant

- Supported a team of six orthopedic surgeons across both operating room and outpatient clinical settings.
- Demonstrated the ability to correctly position patients, provide exposure and administer hemostasis, retraction, tissue fixation, suturing, wound closure and patient transfer to post anesthesia care unit.
- Provided education regarding diagnoses, surgeries, treatment options, post-op care and discharge instructions to patients and family members.
- Partnered with multi-disciplinary clinical and support staff to optimize surgical interventions and patient satisfaction.

1995-2000

Silver Cross Hospital; Operating Room Registered Nurse

- Acted as both scrub nurse and circulating nurse for several specialties including plastics, orthopedics, urology and general surgery.
- Assigned as Team Leader of the Patient and Family Education Task Force.
- Served as charge nurse when needed.

RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2002

Completion of Registered Nurse First Assistant course through Prairie State College and the Association of Peri-Operative Registered Nurses

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION

Licensed Professional Registered Nurse
Certified Nurse of the Operating Room
BLS Healthcare Provider Certification

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Member of the Association of Operating Room Nurses
Member of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing

Not the retained expert