Nurse Life Care Planning: Beyond the Bedside and Into the Courtroom

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Abstract
The American Nurses Association (ANA) defines nursing as the protection, promotion, and optimization of health and abilities, prevention of illness and injury, alleviation of suffering through the diagnosis and treatment of human response, and advocacy in the care of individuals, families, communities, and populations. Nursing is a key element in patient survival as well as in the maintenance, rehabilitation, and preventive aspects of healthcare.

Nurses utilize their education and professional experience to develop a nursing care plan for patients in a medical setting. The nursing care plan and the nursing process have been taken beyond the bedside and into the courtroom. This specialty practice is Nurse Life Care Planning - dealing with individuals who sustained a catastrophic injury/illness resulting in litigation, outlining a plan of care with associated costs, and testifying on behalf of the patient's needs. Just as the bedside, the nursing process is the foundation of Nurse Life Care Planning.

We are entrepreneurs of a nurse owned business. We have chosen to step away from the bedside – but not step away from our roots as a nurse. We have taken our nursing skills to a higher level. We are the highest paid nurses in the world. We are nurses that specialize in Life Care Planning. Studies show there is a growing need for Nurse Life Care Planners who advocate for patients in the courtroom.

This presentation will explain the specialty practice of Nurse Life Care Planning, define the method of Nurse Life Care Planning, demonstrate the nursing process beyond the bedside, and introduce nurses into an entrepreneurial mindset.

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Biography

Shelene Giles has extensive knowledge in the specialty practice of nurse life care planning. Shelene holds college degrees in Nursing, Rehabilitation Counseling, Psychology, and Business Administration. She is a licensed Registered Nurse and her certifications include Certified Nurse Life Care Planner, Certified Life Care Planner, Certified Rehabilitation Counselor, Medicare Set-Aside Consultant Certified, and Legal Nurse Consultant Certified. Decades ago, Shelene's career began in assisting those with disabilities in the community. Her attention moved toward understanding the effects and life-changing events of a catastrophic injury/illness. Shelene discovered the valuable impact of nurses in the litigation settlement process. She specializes in determining future cost of care in catastrophic cases. She provides her knowledge as an expert witness. Between 2007 – 2009, Shelene served on the AANLCP® Executive Board as President. Shelene is an internationally recognized speaker/ instructor/mentor/coach and has peer-reviewed publications. She has gained a reputation for being an effective hands-on and compassionate educator.

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