

Naida Harris Rutherford

Certified Wound and Ostomy Care Nurse

A constructive, reliable, practical and enthusiastic professional who is able to work independently or collaboratively to achieve excellent patient outcomes. Credentialed and actively working as an acute care nurse and home health nurse in wound and ostomy care. Now looking forward to expanding wound care nurse role as an expert in wound care, specifically with vacuum assisted closure devices, management of pressure ulcers and their staging.

Education

University of South Carolina Upstate

August 2012 Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing
GPA 3.8

Emory University, Atlanta, GA

August 2011 Wound, Ostomy and Continence Education Program
2011 Certified Ostomy Care Nurse Credential

Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC

August 2010 Wound Care Nurse Education Program Graduate
November 2010 Certified Wound Care Nurse Credential

Orangeburg Technical College, Orangeburg, SC

May 2006 Associate Degree in Nursing
Registered Nurse, License #103365
GPA 3.2

Benedict College, Columbia, SC

May 2003 Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology
GPA 3.55 Magna cum laude

Professional Experience

November 2012-Present

Wound and Ostomy Care Nurse, NHC Homecare

Comprehensive in-home patient assessment of wounds and ostomies; product selection, advanced treatment modalities, nutritional assessment and support; perform conservative sharp instrumental wound debridement and chemical cautery; manage complex wounds with fistulas, tubes or drains; recommend preventive strategies including support surfaces and consulting and collaborating to coordinate complex treatment modalities and adjunctive therapies. Prevent wound complications and reduce recidivism; improve continuity and coordination of care across care settings.

March 2011-Present

Speaker, Mid-Carolina AHEC

Lecturer for continuing education classes on negative pressure wound therapy, including vacuum assisted closure by Kinetix Concepts, Inc. Instructor of wound care principles, care and management of pressure ulcers, surgical wounds and chronic wounds; inform nurses and administrators on product selection and treatment

suggestions. Coach nursing staff on how to manage stress in the workplace and reduce nursing time spent on non-work related tasks.

April 2011-Present

Wound Care Coordinator, HealthSouth Corporation

Independently directs, organizes, and develops all wound and ostomy care services in accordance with applicable federal, state, regulatory and company standards to ensure the delivery of quality patient care and outcomes; updates and regulates Plan of Care and physician orders with regard to wound and ostomy care treatments utilizing evidenced based care. Direct clinical team on wound and ostomy care through direct care, educational workshops and computer based learning modules. Build a formulary for supply management and expand protocols for cost-effective resource utilization. Increase staff productivity; facilitate reimbursement through charting; enhance patient satisfaction and loyalty; advocate for supply and service reimbursement; participate in quality assurance programs; develop standards for documentation.

November 2010-Present

Owner and Consultant, Wound Care Solutions, LLC

Mobile business as a wound and ostomy nurse consultant to hospitals, home health care agencies, hospice, skilled nursing facilities and educational organizations. Develop formularies and protocols to promote effective resource management; develop protocols to prevent, treat and manage complex wounds, fistulas, drains and tubes; reduce length of stay through effective prevention, wound assessment and management; present educational seminars with hands-on training for orientation and competence training in dressing types, techniques and selection; develop protocols for standardization of documentation. Collaborate with caregivers and healthcare providers for nutritional support and pressure reduction. Patient and staff advocate. Provide direct patient care on location following evidenced-based care guidelines and protocols; Supply educational content through power point and lectures for continuing education credit hours for nurses and certified nursing assistants. Attend professional continuing education conferences to enhance skills.

March 2008-November 2010

Clinical Account Manager, Kinetic Concepts, Inc

Vacuum Assisted Closure(V.A.C) Expert; Provide clinical support and training in skilled nursing facilities, home health agencies and patient's home about negative pressure wound therapy; Improve wound care knowledge of staff to help identify appropriate and inappropriate patients for negative pressure wound therapy; Bedside consultation for patients failing to progress on therapy and collaborating with interdisciplinary teams to ensure optimal patient outcomes; Executive level sales presentation; Participate in conventions, showrooms, vendor fairs and in-services; Complete and submit required corporate and regional reports/documents within designated time frames; Operating Room consultations to help identify and customize therapy to individual needs.

July 2006-March 2008

Registered Nurse, Lexington Medical Center

Triage and provide focused assessments and nursing care for assigned patients in the Emergency Room in a timely manner. Determine priority of care based on physical, psychological and social needs. Recognize and provide treatment for trauma, post-surgical and other high acuity level patients, with use of advanced cardiac protocols as needed for adults and pediatrics.

Awards/Achievements

- ❖ 2008 & 2009, KCI -President's 100% Club Recipient (exceeded revenue goals)
- ❖ 2000-2003 Beta Kappa Chi Honor Science Society
- ❖ 1999-2003 Presidential Scholar, Benedict College
- ❖ 2001-2003 United Negro College Fund Full Scholar, Benedict College
- ❖ Notary Public (Commission Expires 2014)
- ❖ 2010 Member, Wound, Ostomy, Continence Nurse Society