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# MARGIE COMBS, RN CLNC

## SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

28 years of nursing experience in gerontology, acute care, surgery, physician assistant, administration and consulting

- Managed Home Health & Hospice and Transitional Care for hospital based units
- Assisted acute facility in exceeding The Joint Commission and State Department of Health requirements
- Conducted interactive educational sessions to train hospital patient care staff regarding the needs of the dying
- Developed policy and procedures in accordance with State and Federal Guidelines for long term care and home health & hospice units

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

2008-2009 Hickory Creek

Director of Nursing Services

• Responsible for quality care and patient, family, staff and physician satisfaction for a 36 bed skilled and intermediate care facility

- Directed the department through a deficiency free State Department of Health survey
- Responsible for 24 hour and 7 days per week on call basis for the nursing department
- Responsible for development and implementation of all patient care policy and procedures
- Responsible for coordination of patient care with therapy staff
- Responsible for oversight and coordination with pharmacy for resident medication needs
- Responsible for coordination with dietary department for resident nutritional needs

2000-2004	King's Daughter's Hospital & Health Service	Madison, IN
	Director of Home Health, Hospice & Home Infusion 1	Department
1998-2000	Home Health & Hospice Coordinator	

1994-1998 Director of Transitional Care Unit (29 bed unit)

- Responsible for operating and capital budgets for each department
- Directed department(s) through successful JCAHO and ISDH surveys each year
- Responsible for departmental quality assurance program
- Responsible for development and implementation of Policy and Procedures in accordance with Federal and State guidelines and regulations and Nursing Standards of Care
- Authored Hospice Care Guide
- Responsible for ongoing staff education
- Responsible for case management, coordination of patient care and intake issues associated with a hospital based unit
- 1993-1994 King's Daughter's Hospital

Madison, IN

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RN Surgery Nurse

- Responsible for obtaining patient history related to pre-operative guidelines (holding room)
- Circulating nurse duties in the surgery room which included:
  - Assisting anesthesiologist with positioning patient for sedation
  - Documentation of ongoing procedures in the surgery area
  - Maintaining and documenting sponge count throughout surgery
  - Obtaining and providing sterile items requested by surgeon
  - Responsible for patient remaining in proper position throughout the surgery

Madison, IN

Recovery room nurse duties performed as needed

1992-1993	Bartholomew County Hospital- Hospice	Office in Madison, IN
	RN- Primary Care nurse case manager	
1990-1992	Hanover Nursing Center	Hanover, IN
	Assistant Director of Nurse	

- Responsible for management of a 60 bed skilled unit which included the development of a 20 bed ventilator dependent unit
- 1988-1990
   Madison Internal Medicine Specialists
   Madison, IN
  - RN Physician assistant for Pulmonologist and as needed for Gastroenterologist
  - Responsible for making hospital rounds with physician and coordinating patient care needs as directed
  - Responsible for setting up room and assisting with Bronchoscopy procedures
  - Responsible for assisting with colonoscopy, sigmoidoscopy and P.E.G. tube placements as needed
  - Responsible for patient office work up, 12 lead E.K.G.'s, pulmonary function tests and lab work as ordered by the physician
- 1987
   King's Daughters' Hospital

   RN- 11-7 shift on post operative hospital unit

1984-1987 LPN primary care nurse

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#### **EDUCATION**

1985-1988	Marian College School of Nursing	Indianapolis, IN		
Degree as Registered Nurse awarded				
1990	Indiana State Department of Health	Indianapolis, IN		
Certified Adult Education Instructor for Nursing Assistants				
1992	Medical College of Pennsylvania			
Certified Gerontological Nurse				
1998	IUPUI	Indianapolis, IN		
Completed Management Training				
2002	Board of Advanced Medical Coding Certification classes			
Certified Health Care Coding Specialist				
April 2009	Milazzo Institute	Texas		
Certified Legal Nurse Consultant- National Alliance of Certified Legal Nurse Consultants				

#### **PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS**

- Certified Legal Nurse Consultant- CLNC Program, Vickie Milazzo Institute
- Registered Professional Nurse- Indiana State Board of Nursing
- Certified Advanced Medical Coding Specialist
- Certified Gerontological Nurse
- Certified PICC (peripheral intravenous central line) placement nurse