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KIDS Community Health Services

January 1994 to Present

Rehabilitation Nurse Consultant
Rehabilitation Nurse Case Manager
School Integration Consultant

Coordinate rehabilitation services for children, adolescents, and adults, with diagnoses including brain injuries, PTSD, a variety of physical and cognitive disabilities, and medical conditions. Liaise with medical and educational professionals. Facilitate community integration, return to school and work. Consultation services include providing recommendations regarding services required, accommodations, modifications, and effective approaches to promote optimal functioning within the home and community environments. Provide education to clients, parents, family members, employers, and involved rehabilitation professionals, advocacy, and counselling.

Facilitate school re-entry and monitor student's progress within pre-school, elementary, secondary, college, and university school settings. School integration services include providing education and information about injury/diagnosis and the implications on functioning at school, recommendations regarding services required, accommodations, modifications, and effective approaches to promote optimal functioning within the school environment. Ongoing education to client, family members, school personnel, and any involved medical and rehabilitation professionals. Implement creative, individualized, client centred approaches for intervention.

Develop future cost of care projections

Expert witness

Supervise Child and Youth Worker, Kinesiology, and Bachelor of Child and Youth Care, and Bachelor of Nursing students

Accenture Health

March 2007 to August 2008

Rehabilitation Nurse Consultant

Vancouver Coastal Health - Care Management Improvement Initiative; Redesign of rehabilitation process at GF Strong, TCU - Implemented Goal Setting approach to client care, Instrumental in facilitating client centred care approach

M. E. Anderson CV

Thames Valley Children's Centre

November 1984 to April 1995

Liaison Nurse

Provided consultation to school personnel and health care professionals regarding integration of the physically challenged child into the school system, for over 600 children. Facilitated referrals and functioned as a resource person for a caseload of approximately 250 children per year. Developed and implemented disability awareness programs. Organized and facilitated parent support groups. Provided educational programs to medical and school professionals regarding needs of children with physical and cognitive limitations; Supervised University Nursing student placements

Para Med Health – Toronto, London

1981 to 2000

Private Duty Nurse

Scarborough Health Department

June 1981 to September 1984

Public Health Nurse

EDUCATION

Certification Course in Rehabilitation Nursing (CRRN);
American Rehabilitation Nurses Association 1995

Masters of Science Degree in Community Health Nursing,
D'Youville College, Buffalo, New York, 1993

Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing,
The University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, 1980

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND COMMITTEES

Registered Nurses Association of Ontario (RNAO)
Independent Practice Nurses' Interest Group (RNAO)
Ontario Association of Rehabilitation Nurses (RNAO)
Registered with the College of Nurses of Ontario 1980 to present
Canadian Nurses Association (CNA)
American Association of Rehabilitation Nurses (ARN)
London Brain Injury Association
Ontario Brain Injury Association (OBIA)
International Pediatric Brain Injury Society

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND COMMITTEES CONTINUED

The Society for Cognitive Rehabilitation
North American Brain Injury Society (NABIS)
London Chapter Rehabilitation Nurses
American Association of Legal Nurse Consultants (prior)
National Case Management Network (prior)
Canadian Association of Rehabilitation Professionals (CARP) 1995 to 2006
Chairman Health and Safety Committee, Thames Valley Children's Centre, 1984 -1991
Executive R.N.A.O. Middlesex North Chapter 1985-1989
Executive R.N.A.O. Scarborough Chapter, 1982-1984

CONTINUING EDUCATION

“International Conference on Pediatric Brain Injury”, Liverpool, United Kingdom, September 2015

“Journey Through the Fog Advances in Mild Traumatic Brain Injury”, Brain Injury Association of London and Region, London, ON, June 2015

“Practical Strategies: Rehabilitation Changes of the Invisible Injury”, Personal Injury Alliance, Toronto, ON, June 2015

“Inter-System Collaboration Building Innovative Networks that Support Individuals with ABI”, Hamilton Health Sciences, May 2015

“Practical Strategies for Experts: The Shifting Landscape”, Personal Injury Alliance, Toronto, ON, October 2014

“Practical Issues for Healthcare Professionals”, Personal Injury Lawyers Toronto, Brantford, ON, October 2014

“Back to School Emerging Technology & Its Impact on Rehabilitation”, OBIA, Toronto, ON, September 2014

“Innovation and TBI: From Research to Clinical Practice”, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, Toronto, ON, June 2014

“Providing Expert Opinion, Thinking Outside the MIG and SABS Update”, Ontario Brain Injury Alliance, London, ON, May 2014

“Advances in ABI & Technology”, Hamilton Health Sciences Centre, Hamilton, ON, May 2014

“Tenth World Congress on Brain Injury”, San Francisco, California, March 2014

“Acquired Brain Injury Provincial Conference”, Niagara Falls, ON, November 2013

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“Auto Insurance Overcoming Challenges in a Challenging System”, Barrie, ON, November 2013

“Smitiuch Injury Law: Accident Benefits: Practical Issues for Healthcare Professionals”, Brantford, ON, September 2013

“NABIS: The 11th Annual Conference on Brain Injury”, New Orleans, LA, September 2013

“Back to School, Hospital to Home: Working Collaboratively”, Toronto ABI Network, Toronto, ON, September 2013

“Practical Strategies Conference for Health Care Professionals – Catastrophic Impairment: A Look into the Future”, Toronto, ON June 2013

“From Disability to Future Care”, Toronto, ON June 2013

“Rehabilitation and Life Care Planning Symposium”, London, ON April 2013

“Toronto ABI Network Conference 2012”, Toronto, ON November 2012

“Auto Insurance: New Changes, New Issues”, Barrie, ON October 2012

“Neurobehavioural Issues following Mild to Moderate Traumatic Brain Injury”, Sunnybrook Hospital, Toronto, ON June 2012

“The ABI Journey: Pediatrics to seniors” HHSC Annual Conference, Hamilton, ON, May 2012

“Young Brain/Old Brain”. Sarnia-Lambton Brain Injury Conference, Sarnia, ON, April 2012

“Rehabilitation Nursing and Best Practice: A Winning Combination”, 37th Annual Educational Conference, Las Vegas, NV, November 2011

“Chronicity and Complexity: Best Practices to Meet the Challenges in Rehab Nursing”, CARN, Laval QC, September 2011

“Chronic Pain Management in Rehab”, CARN, Laval QC, September 2011

“Discharge and Beyond”, The 11th Annual Spinal Cord and Neurotrauma Conference, Excel Care, Burlington, ON September 2011

“Back to School” Toronto Acquired Brain Injury Network, September 2011

“Tech Talk: Technological Supports for Brain Injury Challenges” Brain Injury Association of London and Region, London, ON June 2011

“Creating Communicative Competence”, Speech Therapy Centres of Canada, Richmond Hill, ON June 2011

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“Practical Strategies for Health Care Professionals – Rehabilitation Across the Ages from Cradle to the Grave”, Sunnybrook Hospital, Toronto, ON, June 2011

“Changes to the Auto Insurance Scheme”, Oatley, Vigmond Personal Injury Lawyers, Barrie, ON April 2011

“Mild Traumatic Brain Injury – Current Directions in Diagnosis and Treatment”, 18th Annual Conference on Neurobehavioural Rehabilitation in Acquired Brain Injury, Hamilton Health Sciences Centre, Hamilton, ON April 2011

“Pacific Coast Brain Injury Conference”, Vancouver, BC, November 2010

“Back to School II, Update on Statutory Accident Benefit Legislation”, Toronto Acquired Brain Injury Network, Toronto, ON, September 2010

“Brain Injury GPS: Navigating through Recovery”, London, ON, June 2010

“Serving the Hard to Serve”, Advances in Research and Practice, 17th Annual Conference on Neurobehavioral Rehabilitation in Acquired Brain Injury”, Hamilton, ON, May 2010

“Advances in the Management of Early Traumatic Brain Injury - The Sunnybrook Approach”, Toronto, ON, June 2010

“Navigating the New, New, New, New, Newest SABS”, London, ON, April 2010

“Navigating the New SABS: Practical Solutions”, Toronto. ON, March 2010

“Harnessing the Power After Brain Injury” Provincial Acquired Brain Injury Conference, Niagara Falls, ON, October 2009

“Back to School, Are You prepared for the Proposed Changes to the Ontario Automobile Insurance Legislation?” Toronto Acquired Brain Injury Network, Toronto, ON, September 2009

“Brain Injury in Children Symposium”, Toronto, ON, July 2009

“Advances in Spinal Cord Rehabilitation”, Toronto, ON, June 2009

“Managing Transitions in ABI across the Lifespan”, Hamilton, ON 2009

“Building Bridges Coast to Coast”, Association of Rehabilitation Nurses, San Francisco, California, October 2008

“Mild to Moderate Traumatic Brain Injury - the Impact Across the Lifespan”, Toronto, ON 2008

“The Power of Case Management - National Case Management Network Conference”, Toronto, ON, April 2008

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“Coming Together: Quilting the Pieces After Brain Injury”, Kitchener, ON, October 2007

“Advances in Neurotrauma”, Toronto, ON, June 2007

“ABI and Substance Abuse, Barriers to Recovery”, Hamilton, ON, May 2007

“Traumatic Brain Injury from Hospital to Home”, Barrie, ON, October 2006

“Practical Magic: Concrete Strategies for Effective Support of Survivors & Family/Caregivers”, London, ON, June 2006

“Back to Basics: The Management of Challenging Behaviour in ABI”, Hamilton, ON, May 2006

“Reflecting Reality - Real Case Management Real Answers”, Toronto, ON, April 2006

“Interdisciplinary Pain Management”, Mississauga, ON, March 2006

“Mild to Moderate Traumatic Brain Injury”, Toronto, ON, January 2006

“Practical Strategies in Auto Insurance Cases, What Every Health Provider Needs to Know”, Barrie, ON, November 2005

“Making a Team Work@, Brain Injury Association of London and Region”, London, ON, June 2005

“Practical Strategies for Health Care Professionals: Health Care Advocacy for Children and Adolescents”, Toronto, ON, June 2005

“Rehabilitation of Traumatic Brain Injury: State of the Art”, Washington, DC, December 2004

“Practical Strategies For Health Care Professionals - Bill 198 and the Neurotrauma Patient”, Toronto, ON, June 2004.

“Learning to Help...Helping to Learn, Rehabilitation: A forum for Learning and Capacity Building”, 11th Annual conference on Neurobehavioural Rehabilitation in Acquired Brain Injury, Hamilton, ON, May 2004

“The Many Faces of Rehabilitation Nursing”, New Orleans, LA, October 2003

“Practical Strategies For Health Care Professionals - Bill 59 and the Neurotrauma Patient”, Toronto, ON, September 2003

“Memory, Medicine, and Money - Fundamental Challenges for People Living With the Effects of Acquired Brain Injury”, London, ON, June 2003

“Balancing Act - Acquired Brain Injury and Mental Illness”, Hamilton, ON, June 2003

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“Differentiating Between - Grief, Depression, PTSD, and Closed Head Injury”, Livonia, Michigan, April 2003

“The ABI’s of Brain Injury”, London, ON, February 2003

“Rehabilitation Stress Management”, London, ON, November 2002

“Travelling Together: Navigating the system to Achieve Success after Brain Injury”, Toronto, ON, November 2002

“Teaching Students with Acquired Brain Injury: Challenges and Solutions”, London, ON, October, 2002

“Effectiveness of Rehabilitation for Cognitive Deficits”, Cardiff, Wales, September 2002

“Working with Families When a Child Has An Acquired Brain Injury”, London, ON, June 2002

“Addressing the Challenges of Acquired Brain Injury and Aging”, Hamilton, ON, May 2002

“Practical Strategies for Health Care Professionals - Better Advocacy for Patients’ Rights Under Bill 59”, Toronto, ON, April 2002

“It Takes a Community: Developing an All-Star ABI Team, Chatham”, ON, March 2002

“Strategies for Fostering Recovery in Individuals with Mild Brain Injury”, St. Catharines, ON, November 2001

“The Specialty of Rehabilitation Nursing: Innovations in Practice, Knowledge and Research”, Toronto, ON, November 2001

“Rehabilitation for Children with Acquired Brain Injury - Cognition, Communication, Behaviour, and special Education”, St. Catharines, ON, October 2001

“Sex, School, and Other Hot ABI Topics for Kids and Teens”, London, ON, June 2001

“Coping With Bill 59”, London, ON May 2001

“A Day with Dr. Roberta DePompei”, London, ON, February 2001

“Sowing the Seeds of Supported Employment”, Regina, Saskatchewan, November 2000

6th Annual Training Seminar Applied Cognitive Rehabilitation, Albuquerque, New Mexico, May 2000

“Understanding Anger - Diagnosis, and Treatment”, London, ON, April 2000

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“Communication Solutions for Complex Injuries”, Toronto, ON, November 1999

2nd Inter-Urban Brain Injury Conference, Toronto, ON, October 1999

Neurotrauma 99 “Need vs. Access: Seeking a Balance”, Toronto, ON, June 1999

Conference “Behaviour and Anger Management Strategies for Adults and Children Living with the Effects of Traumatic Brain Injury”, London, ON, June 1999

3rd World Congress on Brain Injury - Search For Solutions, Quebec City, Quebec, June 1999

“A Decade of Learning: Stepping Up to the Challenge”, American Association of Legal Nurse Consultants, Reno, Nevada, April 22 - 25, 1999

“Pain Management - Why Does It Hurt So Much”, Association of Rehabilitation Nurses, Livonia, Michigan, April 13, 1999

Level II Certificate Training Program; Neuropsychological Assessments: Beyond Testing, Brock University/O.B.I.A., St. Catharines, ON, October, 1998

5th Annual Training Seminar Applied Cognitive Rehabilitation, Chicago Illinois, March 1998

Seminar, “The Evolution of Rehabilitation for Survivors of Traumatic Brain Injury: Meeting the Challenge of Bill 59”, London, ON, September 1997

The Canadian Medical Legal Conference, Toronto, ON, June 1997

Conference “Paediatric Acquired Brain Injury: Rehabilitation and School Programming Under Bill 59”, Toronto, ON, April 1997

8th Annual Educational Conference American Association of Legal Nurse Consultants, “Proud Past, Bright Future”, Pittsburgh, PA, April 1997

4th Annual Training Seminar Applied Cognitive Rehabilitation, Austin, TX, March 1997

Level II Certificate Training Program in Cognitive Interventions in Adult Brain Injury, Brock University/O.B.I.A., St. Catharines, ON, November, 1996

Pacific Coast Brain Injury Conference, “Together to Independence”, Vancouver, B.C. October 1996

Symposium 96 “Meeting the Challenges After Brain Injury”, Thorold, ON, October 1996

16th Annual New Beginnings Conference National Head Injury Association, “Breakthroughs to Understanding”, Halifax, N.S., June 1996

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Level II Certificate Training Program in Neurobehavioural Disorders: Their Origin, Nature and Rehabilitation, Brock University/O.B.I.A., St. Catharines, ON, June 1996

Canadian Association of Rehabilitation Professionals Annual Conference, "Take Charge Manage Change Tips For Succeeding in Tomorrow's Rehabilitation Environment", Toronto, ON, May 1996

Symposium on Technology for People of All Abilities: Ways to Talk, Read, Write, Get Around, Live, Learn, and Play, London, ON, April 1996

Level I Certificate Training Program in Rehabilitation of Children and Adolescents with Acquired Brain Injury, Brock University/O.B.I.A. Toronto, ON, November 1995

15th Annual National New Beginnings Conference National Head Injury Association, "Transition to Community", Calgary Alta, June 1995

14th Annual National New Beginnings Conference National Head Injury Association, "The Next Step", Montreal, Que., June 1994

Discovery International, Nurse Theorist Conference, "Quality of Life: Nursing's Commitment for the Next Millennium", Toronto, ON, March 1993

Southwest Area Symposium, "Injury Control and Trauma Care: Brain Injury Rehabilitation A Multi-disciplinary Approach", London, ON, June 1993

Fourth National Rehabilitation Nursing Conference, "Realities of Rehabilitation - A Creative Nursing Approach", London, ON, November 1993

Annual Conference Association of Treatment Centres of Ontario, "Focusing on Families", Mississauga, ON, May 1992

"Pediatric and Adolescent Traumatic Brain Injury", Conference, London, ON, October 1992

Trauma Symposium, "Injury Control and Trauma Care - A Practical Approach", London, ON, June 1992

Brain Tumor Foundation of Canada Information Day, London, ON, October 1989, 1991

Pacific Coast Brain Injury Conference, "Traumatic Brain Injuries in Children: A Team Approach", Vancouver, B. C., April 1991

"Children and Adolescents with Spina Bifida": Issues and Challenges in Educational Settings" Toronto, ON, 1989

Association of Treatment Centres of Ontario, Central Region Interest Group Conference, "Pediatric Head Injury", Burlington, ON, November 1988

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6th Annual Conference National Head Injury Association, "New Beginnings- A Life of Stimulation", St. Catharines, ON, September 1986

Conference, "Caring for the Child With Leukemia", Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, ON, January 1984

PRESENTATIONS/PUBLICATIONS

"Strategies for Educational and Community Integration", Practical Strategies For Health Care Professionals: Health Care Advocacy for Children and Adolescents, Toronto, ON, June 2005

"The School Re-entry Process: Strategies to Facilitate and Coordinate Return to School", 11th Annual conference on Neurobehavioural Rehabilitation in Acquired Brain Injury, Hamilton, ON, May 2004

Guest speaker U.W.O. third year baccalaureate nursing class, "Working With Families in the Community Who Have Children With Chronic Health Conditions", November 1998, March 1999

"Considerations for School Integration of Children/Teens After Acquired Brain Injury", Chatham - Kent Head Injury Association education series, June 1998

Guest speaker for University of Toronto part I, II, III Special Education course, "Understanding Acquired Brain Injury" March 1998

"How to Deal With Short Term Memory Problems", ChildCan Support Group, London, ON, March 1997

*Rea M. (1996). School Health Nursing. In J. Cookfair (Ed.), Nursing Care in the Community (pp. 607-629). Toronto, ON: Mosby

Adult/Pediatric Information Day Brain Tumor Foundation of Canada, "Understanding the Needs of Children/Adolescents With Brain Tumors in School and as They Enter the Work Place", London, ON, October 1996

The Large Impact of Injuries to the Small, "An Educational Perspective", St. Clair Kids/O.B.I.A., Toronto, ON, June 1996

"School Integration After TBI", Thames Valley Children=s Centre Parents= Support Group, London, ON, May 1996

"The Power of Peer Support", Southwestern Ontario Easter Seals Conference, Komoka, ON, April 1996

Medical Rounds Victoria Hospital, "Integrating Children with Traumatic Brain Injuries into the School and Community", London, ON, June 1995

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Lambton County School Board Professional Development Day, "Integrating a Child Back into School After an Acquired Brain Injury", Sarnia, ON, May 1995

Guest speaker, course for health care aids, Lambton College, "About Acquired Brain Injury", Sarnia, ON, March 1995

*Rea, M. (1993). Children's Perceptions of their School Integration Experience and Implications For Nursing Interventions. Masters Abstracts International

Trauma Symposium, "Child and Adolescent Community Re-Integration" London, ON, June 1994

Pediatric Trauma Workshop, "Child and Adolescent Community Integration", Chatham, ON, November 1994

Workshop for Pioneer Youth Services personnel, "Recovery after a Brain Injury", Kitchener, ON, January 1994

Workshop provided to teachers and educational assistants, Oxford County Board of Education, "Medically Involved Children in the School System" Woodstock, ON, November 1993

Pediatric and Adolescent Traumatic Brain Injury Conference, "Creating an Accepting Environment in the Schools", London, ON, October, 1992

University of Western Ontario/Thames Valley Children's Centre Conference: Injury Control and Trauma Care: A Practical Approach, "Integrating the Brain Injured Child into the Community", London, ON, June 1991

Workshop for Bruce County Board of Education, "Creating Harmony: Modifying Programs for Physically Disabled Children", Kincardine, ON, April 1990

Brain Tumor Foundation of Canada Information Day, "When Your Child Returns to School", London, ON, October 1989

Annual R.N.A.O. General Meeting, Presented a Resolution regarding lobbying the Ministry of Health for appropriate services for the physically disabled child in the school setting, Toronto, ON, May 1989

Annual Conference Association of Treatment Centres of Ontario, "Integrating the Brain Injured Child Back into the Community", Kingston, ON, June 1988

Neuro Symposium Conference for Nurses, "Emotional Support to Patients and Families", London, ON, April 1987

*Publications

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

Supervising and Coaching Child and Youth Worker, Child and Youth Care, and Kinesiology students 2014 – present

Ovarian Cancer Fundraising annual event participant 2007 - 2013

Fundraising committee St. Catherine of Siena School, 2007/2008

Chairman of the Board Brain Tumor Foundation of Canada May 1997 - March 1999

Collaborative Nursing Advisory Committee, UWO, October 1996 - 1997

Vice President Brain Tumor Foundation of Canada May 1996 -May 1997

Public Education Committee London Bicycle Helmet Coalition 1994 -1996

Chairman Communications/Education Committee; Board of Directors, Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada, 1992 to 1998