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CURRICULUM VITAE

EDUCATIONAL  
BACKGROUND:

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| 1984 | MRA Degree Rehabilitation Administration<br>University of San Francisco<br>San Francisco, CA |
| 1970 | B.S. Degree Nursing<br>American University<br>Washington, DC                                 |

PROFESSIONAL  
LICENSES AND  
CERTIFICATIONS:

- Registered Nurse - CA, DC, UT.
- Public Health Nurse Certificate 1978
- Certified Rehabilitation Registered Nurse 1985 (RNCB # 00005624)  
(American Board of Nursing Specialties)
- Certified Case Manager 1993 (CCMC # 00018394)  
(Commission for Case Manager Certification)
- Certified Life Care Planner 2000 (CHCC # 0320)  
(Commission on Health Care Certification)
- Certified Nurse Life Care Planner 2011 (CNLCP # 4110641)  
(Certified Nurse Life Care Planner Certification Board)

SUMMARY:

- 49 years of experience in the field of rehabilitation nursing, providing patient care, education and coordination of services
- 33 years as an independent case manager working with catastrophically injured children and adults
- Evaluated patients and assisted physicians in planning and coordinating the rehabilitation needs of patients with spinal cord, brain injuries, stroke and neuromuscular illnesses
- Served as a liaison between the hospital and the community in the on-going rehabilitation plans for patients
- Provided outpatient education and counseling for patients and families
- Served as a consultant for rehabilitation facilities, home health agencies, skilled nursing facilities and schools of nursing

PROFESSIONAL  
EXPERIENCE:

- January 1998 - Present  
Rehabilitation Care Coordination, San Diego, CA  
Owner of a firm focusing on rehabilitation care management, consultation and life care planning for children and adults with disabilities, chronic illnesses and/or catastrophic injuries.
- April 1993 - Present  
Paradigm Health Corporation, Concord, CA.  
Served in a variety of clinical service roles for a national managed care company providing evaluation and rehabilitation treatment of adults and children with catastrophic injuries throughout the country.
- July 1989 - December 1997  
Resources in Rehabilitation, San Diego, CA.  
A partner in a consulting firm specializing in care coordination, medical-legal consultation, life care planning, education and consultation.
- November 1978  
June 1989  
Grossmont Hospital, La Mesa, CA.  
Director of Physical Rehabilitation Nursing - Responsible for the planning, organizing and directing of all Rehabilitation Nursing and Urological Diagnostic Services for in- and out-patients in coordination with the Medical Staff and Administration.
- November 1976  
October 1978  
Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis, IN.  
Rehabilitation Nurse Coordinator - Responsibilities included program development and clinical management of rehabilitation services in an 1100 bed hospital, evaluated adult and pediatric patients, assisted physicians in planning for their rehabilitation needs and provided direct care for spinal cord, stroke and brain injured patients.
- June 1973 - October 1976  
Ohio State Univ. Hospital, Columbus, OH.  
Rehabilitation Nursing Workshop Coordinator - Coordinated, developed and taught rehabilitation nursing workshops through a federal grant to nursing homes, public health agencies and hospitals throughout Ohio for children and adults with neurological injuries and illnesses. Developed educational media for nurses, attendants, families and patients in an independent living facility
- October 1971 - March 1973  
Montgomery Co. Health Dept., Rockville, MD  
Public Health Nurse - Responsible for 80 families, four elementary schools and family planning clinic. Provided individual, family and group counseling in the home, school and clinic for families and children with physical and learning disabilities.

PROFESSIONAL Association of Rehabilitation Nurses  
ACTIVITIES Brain Injury Association of California  
AND American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine  
HONOR American Association of Legal Nurse Consultants  
SOCIETY: Member of International Nursing Honor Society  
Case Management Society of America  
International Academy of Life Care Planners  
San Diego Brain Injury Foundation  
Amputee Coalition of America

#### PUBLICATIONS:

Casuto, D., Nebel, A., Pina, H. (2019), Life Care Planning for the Child with Cerebral Palsy, *Cerebral Palsy, Second Edition*, Springer (pp 433-453)

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ADJUNCT  
ACTIVITIES:

- Adjunct Faculty Member San Diego State University School of Nursing 2017 to Present
- Advisory Board Member Southern California Chapter of the United Spinal Association July 2017 to Present
- Emeritus Board Member: Brain Injury Association of California
- Board Member of the California Brain Injury Association, (CALBIA) 2009 - 2016
- Board Member of the Foundation for Rehabilitation Education and Research 2004 – 2008
- Board Member of Jewish Family Services of San Diego, 2002-2004.
- Board Member of the San Diego Brain Injury Foundation, 1996-2000
- Co-developed and implemented an orientation program for rehabilitation nursing personnel at Continental Rehabilitation Hospital
- Co-developed, presented, and continue to provide ongoing consultation for a local head and spinal cord injury prevention program
- Commissioner for the Commission for Case Management Certification 1999-2004, Secretary and committee assignments
- Consultant - for the rehabilitation centers at D.T. Watson Rehab Hospital for Children, PA. and Fort Sanders Presbyterian Hospital, TN.
- Served on the Editorial Board for the Journal of Life Care Planning, published quarterly, Elliott & Fitzpatrick, Inc., Athens, GA, until 2015
- Expert reviewer for Outcomes Following Traumatic Spinal Cord Injury: Clinical Practice Guidelines for Health-Care Professionals, Consortium for Spinal Cord Medicine, July 1999
- Involved in the development of Creative Living, an independent living facility for the physically disabled in Columbus, OH.
- Member of the Ethical Review Committee of International Academy of Life Care Planners, IALCP
- Member of Jewish Family Services of San Diego Mental Health Committee, 2004-
- Presentations at local, national and international conferences - Post Anesthesia Nurses Association, American Hospital Association, American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine, Association of Rehabilitation Nurses, California Association of Rehabilitation Facilities, Case Management Society of America, American Association Legal Nurse Consultants, National Association of Rehabilitation Professionals in the Private Sector, Medical Case Management Conventions and American Board of Disability Analysts
- Served as Adjunct Faculty, SDSU and USF
- Served as a Model Center Coordinator for American Association of Neurological Surgeons Prevention Program - "Think First" from 1983-1997