

**UNIVERSITY OF MEDICINE AND DENTISTRY OF NEW JERSEY
SCHOOL OF NURSING**

CURRICULUM VITAE

NAME: Claudia Garzon-Rivera, MSN, RN, CCRN, CNL

PRESENT TITLE: Critical Care Clinical Nurse Leader

UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION: NJCU – Jersey City, NJ
BSN, May 2000
UCC-Cranford, NJ & Elizabeth General Hospital-
Elizabeth, NJ
ADN/Nursing Diploma, December 1998

GRADUATE EDUCATION: UMDJ – Newark, NJ
DNP Program, Spring 2012 to present

UMDJ – Newark, NJ
MSN-Clinical Leadership, January 2008

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS: NJCU Clinical Instruct for Fundamentals of Nursing
Practice, Fall 2011

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE:

January 2008 to Present **Jersey City Medical Center-Jersey City, NJ**
Clinical Nurse Leader, Critical Care Division:
Medical/Surgical/Trauma/Cardiac and Open Heart

Oversee the lateral integration of patient care in the Critical
Care Division

- Implementation of current evidence-based practice to prevent nosocomial infection and improve patient outcomes such as VAP, CLABSI & CAUTI bundles. Instituted additional preventative methods in accordance with existing preventative measures to reduce nosocomial infection, such as the use of bedside procedure CLABSI prevention checklist, Chlorehexide impregnated dressing, & Chlorehexide oral care
- Serve on the strategic planning team for reducing mortality. Oversee the completion of the Early Warning Scoring System/Rapid Response tactics for 2011-2013. Assist with completion of Sepsis tactics for the 2011-2013 strategic plan.

- Instituted the Sepsis Campaign, which is inclusive of sepsis policy, ongoing education, data collection and protocols. Reduced and sustained baseline mortality by 30%
- Served as a coordinator for the development of ten permanent charge nurses whose responsibility encompasses one of an emergency responder, patient flow coordinator, resource, and initiative facilitator
- Served as a coordinator for the development of the emergency responder role and the rapid response team. Collect monthly data on code blues and rapid responses. Developed and initiated a colored coded scoring system to prompt early recognition of the need for reassessment and calling the rapid response team
- Coordinate on going education for nurses and physicians on all critical care initiatives
- Initiated the first phases of delirium prevention, which includes the changing of the agitation sedation scale, delirium prevention strategies, sedation and pain order set for mechanically ventilated patients, and sedation awakening and breathing trials
- Reorganized critical care by creating standards and developing policies to accompany evidence based clinical practice
- Developed and reorganized a new Handoff/Plan of Care tool that is also used as a rounding tool by the interdisciplinary care team
- Served as coordinator for the initiation of the nurse residency program in conjunction with UMDNJ
- Coordinated the implementation of the DAISY award

October 2003 to
May 2008

Jersey City Medical Center– Jersey City, NJ
Medical/Surgical Intensive Care Unit

Registered Nurse, Clinical Ladder II:

- Responsibilities: Charge nurse in an adult 16-bed medical/surgical/trauma Intensive Care Unit. Directly responsible for: admission, assessment, initiation of orders, reevaluation and hemodynamic data interpretation on critical care patients
- Skills: venipuncture, peripheral intravenous access placement, foley catheter insertion, nasogastric tube insertion, initiation and titration of vasoactive/sedative-hypnotic/paralytic medications, feeding tube insertion, hemodynamic waveform and numeric interpretations, ICP monitoring and data interpretation and initiation of ACLS algorithms
- First-assist role with: chest tube insertion, central venous access, arterial line placement, pulmonary artery catheter insertion, emergency pacemaker insertion, pericardiocentesis, thoracentesis, paracentesis and emergency tracheostomy
- Education responsibilities: Served as a resource and educator on ICU Collaborative. Served as a primary preceptor for new RN's. Served as a pain management resource nurse for the hospital until 2007
- Committee member: unit practice council member and research committee

April 1998 to
May 2003

Jersey City Medical Center – Jersey City, NJ
Hematology/Oncology unit

Registered Nurse:

- Responsibilities: Charge nurse in a 24 bed adult hematology/oncology inpatient unit. Directly responsible for: admission, assessment, initiation of orders and the administration of chemotherapeutic agents
- Skills: Venipuncture, peripheral intravenous access placement, foley catheter insertion, nasogastric tube insertion, wound care/dressing changes and the administration and continual assessment of chemotherapeutic infusions

LICENSURE: State of New Jersey Registered Nurse license-expires May 2012

CERTIFICATION: CNL-expires 2013
ACLS-expires 2012
BLS-expires 2014
TNCC-expires 2012
CCRN-expires 2014
Six Sigma Green Belt -2010

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS: American Association of Critical Care Nurses
Member, since 2003

HONORS AND AWARDS: Sigma Theta Tau, Omicron Pi Chapter, UMDNJ, 2007
Dress for Success Community Service Award, 2008
NJHA Institute for Quality & Patient Safety : Recognition for
the participation in the ICU Collaborative, 2008-2010

SERVICE ON NATIONAL GRANT REVIEW PANELS, STUDY SECTIONS, COMMITTEES:

2006 to Present:	ICU Collaborative
2008 to Present	Chair of the Rapid Response & Code Blue Committee
2008 to Present	Co-chair of Nursing Research Council
2008 to Present	Magnet Committee: Prepared institution's staff for Magnet status in various formats and wrote portions of the Magnet document that pertained to the Clinical Nurse Leader Role
2009 to Present	Advisor to the Nursing Research Council
2009 to Present	Co-Chair of the Critical Care Committee: Develop agenda items that will assist in raising the standard in the Critical Care Division
2009 to Present	Chair of the Quality & Safety Nursing Council: Improve upon and facilitate interventions that improve the delivery of quality care and safety of patients through the development policies, guidelines, revision of current standards, and assistance with initiatives
2010 to 2011	Six Sigma Falls Team, Green Belt: Used statistical methodology for defining the cause of our fall rates, measured current process, analyzed potential causes, improved process by implementing new protocols, and placed controls to hardwire practice
2010 to Present	CHF readmission: Joined the IHI readmission Collaborative, implemented and educated on teach back method, collaborated in

	the development of the Congestive Heart Failure sponsored by the American Heart Association
2010 to Present	Co-Chair of the Sepsis Collaborative
2010 to Present	Beacon Committee: Analyze data and status for beacon criteria
2011 to Present	Adverse Event Team for the Root Cause Analysis committee
2011 to Present	Institutional Review Board member
2011 to Present	Strategic Planning Task Force: Assigned as leader for initiatives, accountable for completing tasks for house-wide initiatives
2011 to Present	Key Clinical Process: Report clinical initiative progress to the Chief Nursing Officer and Vice President Chairman of Medical Services
2010 to Present	Policy Committee

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY:

2011	Participated in 5K walk to raise awareness and funds for the Sharing Network
2006-to Present:	Participated in various health fairs in conjunction with Jersey City Medical Center

RESEARCH/GRANT:

West Virginia University School of Nursing
 Title: Expanding RN Scope of Practice: A Method for Introducing a New Competency into Nursing Practice (MINC), funded by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing
 Role: Subject

Bard Medical Division
 Title: A Prospective, Randomized, Controlled, Multicenter Study to Determine the Complication Rate for Peripheral Intravenous Catheters Secured by StatLock as Compared to Tegaderm, 2011-currently in progress
 Role: Co-investigator

Jersey City Medical Center and Rutgers University School of Pharmacy
 Title: Modification and Trial of a Nurse-Driven Insulin Protocol for Medical and Surgical Intensive Care Unit, 2010
 Role: Co-investigator

New Jersey Hospital Association
Title: Sepsis Campaign 2010-2011
Role: Data Extractor

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:

Presented “Saving Lives with Evidence-Based Practice” Rapid Response/Early Warning Scoring System, Northern N.J. Evidence-Based Research Consortium, 2012

Taught critical care course-severe sepsis & septic shock, neurological assessment, monitoring, treatment, and delirium prevention and management, 2010 to Present

Jersey City Medical Center Magnet Fair: Early Warning Scoring System and Rapid Response poster presentation, 2011

Jersey City Medical Center Quality and Safety Expo: Early Warning Scoring System, Rapid Response, Ventilator Associated Pneumonia, CLABSI, Sepsis, and Quality and Safety Nursing Council Poster Presentations, 2011

Jersey City Medical Center Nursing Symposium: Sepsis Campaign Podium Presentation, 2010

NJHA: Sepsis Campaign, 2010

Jersey City Medical Center Board of Trustees: ICU Collaborative Presentation, 2009

Jersey City Medical Center Nursing Research Day: “Back to Basics: Bringing Evidence to the Bedside”, 2009

CONTINUING EDUCATION:

NJHA 8th Annual NJHA Leadership Summit A Focus on Quality & Patient Safety, 2011

The France Foundation series on Fluid Management in Critically Ill Patients, 2011

The France Foundation series on Delirium Prevention & Management, 2011

AACN Trends in Trauma and Cardiovascular Nursing, 2010

Jersey City Medical Center Trauma Conference series, 2009 to Present

ONE Research Day-Nurses’ Readiness for Evidence-Based Practice-National, State and Hospital Perspective, 2007