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Ana Dos Santos

Registered General Nurse, ITU Training, Surgical First Assistant

Liability Breach of Duty Reports

Specialisms:

- Surgical Nursing
- Operating Theatres
- Scrub/ Recovery



Profile:

I am a Registered Nurse with extensive experience in operating theatres, specialising in perioperative care, patient safety, and healthcare management.

Over the course of my career, I have held a range of senior clinical and operational roles, leading multidisciplinary teams to deliver safe, effective, and high-quality care across complex surgical services.

My experience includes but is not limited to:

- Assisted surgeons during complex theatre procedures, maintaining strict adherence to sterility protocols.
- Collaborated with surgical teams to devise pre-operative and post-operative care plans for patients.
- Prepared operating rooms for surgery, setting up surgical instruments and equipment, ensuring sterility and readiness.
- Monitored compliance with healthcare regulations and standards, mitigating risks and maintaining accreditation status.
- Implemented infection control measures, significantly reducing the incidence of post-operative infections.

My interests include perioperative practice standards, theatre management, governance, and clinical risk management, all of which underpin my ability to provide independent, evidence-based opinion within my role as an Expert Witness. I have extensive experience in operating theatres including recovery, with a complete insight into the full patient pathway from referral to discharge. I have a passion for elective care pathway improvements to deliver safe and great care to patients maintaining their autonomy.



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I have undertaken formal training in expert witness practice and report writing, ensuring that I am able to deliver clear, objective, and professionally robust reports. Combined with my in-depth clinical knowledge and leadership experience, this equips me to provide authoritative opinion and balanced interpretation of evidence in both civil and criminal proceedings.

Career Roles:

Operational Delivery Manager, ICB Herts & West Essex, 02/24 to present

Assistant Divisional Manager to Theatres, Critical Care, Anaesthetics, Pre-Assessment, and Admissions, West Hertfordshire Teaching Trust, 03/23-02/24

Clinical Services Manager – Theatre, Bishops Wood Hospital, (Circle Health Group), 09/19-03/23

Deputy Theatre Manager, Spencer Private Hospitals, 07/18-09/19

Theatre Coordinator – All Specialities, Hospital de Loule, 03/18-07/18

Lead Scrub Nurse / Coordinator – Orthopaedics, Fortius Surgical Centre, 11/16-02/18

Senior Scrub Nurse – Cardiac (Adult and Paediatrics) and Thoracic, Royal Brompton, 11/15-11/16

Senior Theatre Nurse, Jersey General, 09/13-11/15

Theatre Nurse, Hospital Privado do Algarve, 11/11-08/13

Theatre Nurse, Hospital Central de Faro, 07/11-11/11

Theatre Nurse and Staff Nurse, HPP Sao Goncalo Hospital, 07/08-06/11

Staff Nurse, Clioura, Private Clinic Albugeira, 07/07-07/08

First Aid Nurse, Zoomarine, 03/07-03/08

Qualifications and Memberships:

- Registered Nurse, 2006 – NMC
- RCN
- Surgical First Assistant
- Scrub Practitioner
- Recovery Practitioner
- Nurse Manager
- Head of Department
- Afina Coach
- AAR conductor
- ILS Provider