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MICHELLE DEVRIES

Michelle DeVries has a Master of Public Health and Molecular Epidemiology and is certified through the Certification Board of Infection Control. She has 21 years of experience in Infection Prevention and Hospital Epidemiology. She has written several content specific peer reviewed articles, is the reviewer for the 2016 Infusion therapy Standards of Practice, is author of Intravascular Device Associated Infections. Ms. DeVries has presented at the national conferences for AVA and APIC. She is an international speaker on this topic having presented in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Kenya (web), and Canada and has presented over 150 times in the United States.

CAROL DIETZ

Carol Dietz is a Consulting Manager at Qualidigm, and has over 35 years of experience as an acute care registered nurse with emphasis on patient safety, quality improvement, and system development. Ms. Dietz is the state director for the QIN-QIO 11th SOW and is a leader, community organizer, educator, and frequent presenter in support of reducing all-cause readmissions by 20% through promotion of strategic care coordination and patient safety programs. Ms. Dietz has also led the regional QIN-QIO effort to increase patient safety by implementing interventions to enhance antibiotic stewardship programs in the outpatient setting.

Ms. Dietz has served as the manager of the Qualidigm Patient Safety Organization (PSO), and is a resource for patient safety for each of the member hospitals. She also manages an award-winning quarterly newsletter that provides numerous patient safety resources and tools.

Finally, Ms. Dietz is the project lead of the Hospital Innovative Improvement Network (HIIN) Outreach team for the National Content Developer contract (NCD) where she leads the team to connect with each of the sixteen HIINs from around the nation on a bi-monthly basis to assess the HIINs' needs of the NCD.

Prior to joining Qualidigm, Ms. Dietz was the Director of Quality Improvement for an acute care hospital in Connecticut. As a nurse, Ms. Dietz has worked in a variety of different hospital and educational settings, including Trauma Coordinator for a large suburban hospital, where she led the hospital in becoming the first hospital in the state to be verified by the American College of Surgeons as a Trauma Level II hospital. Ms. Dietz holds a BSN from Western Connecticut State University and an MBA from Sacred Heart University. She is currently certified in Health Care Quality (CPHQ) by the National Association for Healthcare Quality and holds Lean Six Sigma Green Belt Certification.

SHERYL EDER

Ms. Eder has had over 20 years of operating room and research experience. For the last 10 years she has played an active role in improving the management of reusable medical devices through teaching, publishing (AORN, AAMI, IAHCMM) and facilitating training and educational activities to promote certification of sterile processing technicians, education of OR and IP professionals and functioning as a speaker for 3M infection prevention. Ms. Eder also serves as education chair for AORN Sterile Processing and supply Chain Management Speciality Assembly.

NIKHIL SHETH

Mr. Sheth has more than 10 years of experience regarding technical and commercial aspects of water and wastewater treatment. Prior to NALCO Water he has worked at various different startup companies designing and evaluating new water treatment technologies and applications. At Phigenics he developed web-enabled water management software. He has worked on projects around the world including Canada, Brazil, Taiwan, UK, Netherlands, New Zealand, and the U.A.E.