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Acute Care Nurse Practitioner

Currently, Martha practices as a Surgery Acute Care Nurse Practitioner at Bay Pines Veterans Administration Healthcare System in the Spine Surgery Program. Martha assisted in the creation and development of the Spine Surgery program here at Bay Pines VA in 2015. Martha has functioned as an Advanced Practice Nurse (APN) in the area of Neurosurgery and Neurocritical at The Ohio State University Medical Center in the area of Endovascular Stroke Emergencies and Neurovascular Neurosurgery and Tampa General Hospital/TGH. She has been a critical care nurse and graduate of the University of California San Francisco and its Medical Center and their prestigious Neuroscience Intensive Care Unit.

Martha recently co-authored a chapter, The Life Care Planning Expert, for the 4th edition of the Legal Nurse Consulting Principles and Practice for the American Association of Legal Nurse Consultants. She has co-authored publications in the national journal, The Case Manager. The titles are Innovations in Dual Diagnosis Rehabilitation for Acquired Brain and Spinal Cord Injuries, and Successfully Returning the Catastrophically Injured Employee Back to Work. In addition, she co authored a chapter in the Case Management Society of America's, Core Curriculum for Case Management: The Disability Case Management Process. She provides numerous presentations at a variety of regional and national conferences.

Martha holds dual degrees. She is a graduate of the University of Georgia with a Master of Education degree in Rehabilitation Counseling. She is a Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (CRC), Certified Case Manager (CCM), Certified Disability Management Specialist (CDMS), Certified Nurse Life Care Planner (CNLCP), Certified Legal Nurse Consultant (LNCC) and Certified Life Care Planner (CLCP).

She is a graduate of the University of California San Francisco with a Master of Science degree in Critical Care Trauma Nursing as a Clinical Nurse Specialist specializing in Neurocritical Care. In addition, she completed a Neurocritical Care Residency from Stanford University Hospitals and Medical Center and holds a Minor Nursing degree in Nursing Education. She obtained her Acute Care Nurse Practitioner certificate from the University of South Florida. In addition, she is a Certified Critical Care Nurse (CCRN), Certified Neuroscience Registered Nurse (CNRN), Certified Perioperative Nurse

(CNOR), Certified Clinical Nurse Specialist (CCNS) and Board-Certified Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (ACNP-BC).

Martha serves as a subject matter expert on nursing standards of care and treatment in the areas of stroke emergency, trauma, neurosurgery and critical care. Martha serves as the Chair of the Advanced Practice Nursing Committee at Bay Pines, as well as a member of the Nursing Congress and Nurse Executive Council.

She is completing her Doctorate in Nursing at the University of South Florida along with implementing a Quality Improvement Project consisting of an ERAS protocol for total joint arthroplasty to improve length of stay.

In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her husband, three miniature dachshunds and participating in her parish at The Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle.