

## **Megan D. Stearnes, MSSL, BSRT, RRT, RRT-ACCS**

**Medical Information Manager-** VERO Biotech

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### **Present Position**

**Medical Information Manager**

**March 2022 – present**

**VERO Biotech**

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Atlanta, GA 30313

### **Responsibilities**

Directs and manages the growth, development and operations of the medical information team including the identification and development of content for SOPs, education and responses to unsolicited requests for medical information, commercial team indoctrination, and the direct clinical support line. Oversees, provides guidance, identifies resources, inspires and promotes excellence in quality and safety. Addresses and resolves barriers. Empowers staff to identify and recommend process improvement. Serves as liaison between team and key stakeholders within the organization and with external partners. Functions as lead and member on many cross functional working groups, projects and task forces to focus on innovation and process improvement. Maintains compliance agency regulations and internal SOPs. Works with respiratory managers, directors, and advocates across the country to improve and advocate for the profession of respiratory care. Committed to continuing and advocating for VERO Biotech's ETHOS and TRUST to promote the vision of being a leader in acute care solutions.

### **Credentials and Certifications**

Registered Respiratory Therapist #86640

Adult Critical Care Specialist Exp: 07/31/2024

Licensed by the state of Georgia #6347 Exp: 07/31/2024

DIA Global Drug Safety Program, 2022

### **Education**

M.S. Strategic Leadership

May 2021

University of Charleston, WV

B.S. Respiratory Therapy

December 2014

Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA

A.A.S Respiratory Therapy, *Magna cum Laude*

June 2004

University of Montana, Missoula, MT

### **Related Experience**

Almost twenty combined years of clinical and administrative experience in the fields of Respiratory Care, Sleep Medicine and industry. Twelve years of leadership experience including six years of manager/ director experience, three years of supervisor experience, and three years of charge therapist experience. Extensive clinical experience working with adult patient populations with pulmonary complications, deficiencies, and illnesses, including Long Term Acute Care. Oversees and management of financial aspects, both revenues and expenses, for multiple departments. Direct coordination with pharmacy on implementation and quality improvement projects for all inhaled medications including the use of inhaled pulmonary vasodilators. Most recently, immersive education and experience with post market surveillance and pharmacovigilance, including DIA Global Certification. Recognized as a leader, innovator, educator and resource for internal and external partners and key opinion leaders.

### **Work and Clinical Experience**

<b>VERO Biotech</b>	<b>November 2020 – present</b>
<b>Medical Information Manager</b>	<b>March 2022- present</b>
Lead Medical Information Communication Specialist	September 2021-March 2022
Clinical Specialist	November 2020- September 2021
<b>Emory St. Joseph’s Hospital, Atlanta, GA</b>	<b>November 2007-December 2020</b>
Director, Respiratory Care and Pulmonary Rehabilitation Services-	December, 2015- December 2020
Manager, December 2015 to 2016	
Supervisor/Educator, dual role, 2015	
Department supervisor, 2013-2015	
Charge Therapist, 2009-2010	
<b>WellStar Windy Hill Hospital, LTACH, Marietta, GA</b>	<b>June 2008-July 2016</b>
Registered Respiratory Therapist	
Charge therapist, 2010-2013	
<b>Sleep Disorder Center of Georgia, Atlanta, GA</b>	<b>December 2005-May 2007</b>
CPAP Technician	
<b>Grady Hospital, Atlanta, GA</b>	<b>June 2005- December 2005</b>
Registered Respiratory Therapist	
<b>St. Patrick Hospital, Missoula, MT</b>	<b>May 2004- May 2005</b>
Registered Respiratory Therapist, PRN	

### **Committees, Appointments, Programs**

MLR approver, Medical Content, VERO Biotech  
 Complaint Review Board, VERO Biotech  
 PQC Review, VERO Biotech

Code Blue Committee, Emory Healthcare 2014-2020  
 Critical Care Committee, Emory Healthcare 2014-2020  
 Disaster Preparedness- WellStar, 2013-2014  
 Hospital Division Leader for Atlanta Heart Walk, Emory Healthcare 2016

Emergency Operations, Emory Healthcare 2017  
Emory EmPower, LEAN initiative- Emory Healthcare 2018-2020  
Environment of Care, Emory Healthcare 2014-2020  
General Value Analysis Committee, Emory Healthcare 2014-2020  
Hand Hygiene, Emory Healthcare 2013- 2020  
I Survived ECMO- Educational Series, Project lead, and program director 2019  
Infection Prevention, Emory Healthcare 2014-2020  
Joint Commission Oversight 2014-2020  
LEAN- WellStar, 2014  
Patient Experience, PX99 Emory Healthcare 2014-2020  
Pharmacy and Therapeutics, Emory Healthcare 2014-2020  
Respiratory Focus Group, Emory Healthcare 2014-2020  
Skills instructor- Southeastern Critical Care Summit; Emory University School of Medicine, 2017  
Valued Added Process, Emory Healthcare 2014-2020  
Ventilator Associated Events, Chair Emory Healthcare 2014-2020  
Work Force Committee- Sandy Springs Perimeter Chamber of Commerce, 2017  
Speaker- Sandy Springs Leadership Series 2017- Obstructive Sleep Apnea

### **Professional Organizations**

American Association for Respiratory Care, Member 2004- Present  
Georgia Society for Respiratory Care, (GSRC) Member 2005- Present  
President 2020 – 2022, term  
Recipient of the President's Award, 2018  
Secretary to the Board of Directors for the GSRC, 2017-2018 term  
District 6 Representative, 2016  
District Seminar, Chair- Georgia Society for Respiratory Care, 2017- present  
Programs and Education Committee, Chair 2020  
Political Advocacy Contact Team, PACT, Committee member and Representative, 2017  
Attended 2017 National Convention and U.S. Capitol Hill Day with the AARC  
Speaker, District and State Educational seminars, 2017, 2018, 2020, 2022  
*What do you see? A Radiological Review*; District Seminar 2017  
*Advocating for the Respiratory Profession*; Summer Symposium 2017  
*HFNC*; District Seminar 2018  
*COVID-19- A Case Study* Virtual Seminar 2022  
*COVID-19 Panel* Moderator District Seminar 2022, Summer Symposium 2022  
National Board for Respiratory Care, Active Member 2004- present

### **Awards and Recognition**

President's Award, Georgia Society for Respiratory Care, 2018  
Mercy Leadership Award, Emory Saint Joseph's Hospital, 2018

References available upon request.