

Karen P. Lachowski BSN, RN

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Wound Ostomy Continence Nurse

Direct Care ~ Management ~ Hospital Settings ~ Ambulatory Care

Dedicated, skilled WOC nurse with a broad range of healthcare experience and recent completion of the WOC Nursing Education program at Cleveland Clinic. Academic background includes a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing from Bowling Green State University, Ohio. Caring professional with superior communication and management skills. Licensed in the State of Ohio.

Education

Rupert B. Turnbull, Jr., MD School of Wound Ostomy Continence Nursing at Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio.

Certificate of Completion, 2023.

Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH

Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing, 1993

St. Vincent Charity School of Nursing, Cleveland, OH

Diploma RN Degree in Nursing, 1987

Licensure & Certification

- RN State of Ohio, Active
- American Heart Association, BLS, current
- Wound, Ostomy, and Continence Nursing Student, Current

Clinical Experience

Cleveland Clinic Digestive Disease Institute 2017- present

Specialty Care Coordinator, Colorectal Surgery, Fairview Hospital

- Provide supportive education on pre-operative and post-operative care
- ostomy and wound education and care
- coordinate multidisciplinary care for colorectal surgery patients
- Maintain cancer surveillance for colorectal surgery patients

Cleveland Clinic Center for Connected Care, Cleveland, OH

2014- 2017

Hospice Referral Coordinator

- Informational coordinator for new cancer referrals within the hospital setting

References on request

- Provided assessments and support of General Inpatient Care (GIP) patients for symptom control that cannot be managed in the home setting.
- Served as daily scheduler for coordinators for Main Campus and Regional hospitals.

Fairview Hospital, Cleveland, OH

2004-2014

Nursing Supervisor (NOM)

- Provide supervisory role to clinical support staff and daily staffing concerns, staff, coordinate bed placement for inpatient care, collaborate with health care providers, liaison between nurses and physicians, identify and implement quality measures

Staff Nurse - Emergency Department

1998-2004

MetroHealth Medical Center, Cleveland, OH

1987-1999

Staff Nurse - Surgical Intensive Care unit

Awards & Professional Activities

- Sigma Theta Tau, International Nurses Honor Society member 1993- present
- Nursing Excellence Award for Leadership, Fairview Hospital 2014
- Nursing Excellence Award for Care Management, Fairview Hospital 2022