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Summary of qualification

My life's work has taken several turns over the years and I have found that I found a niche in the field of neurology. Through this profession, I have had the opportunity to participate in patient care, but also patient education. Through my national and international societies, I have developed and implemented various educational programs that meet the needs of the participants. I helped design and orchestrate the development of a new program at the community college in Hickory and acted as the program director and instructor for the first semester on an interim basis. As for my role as a technologist, I did not settle for the easy path, but had to teach myself all the disciplines of the field and became nationally registered in four different fields. I have worked in Neurology for the past 28 and have held positions as staff and management. Have been instrumental in the development of several OR programs at the VA Hospital (Augusta, GA), Memorial Mission (Asheville, NC) and Catawba Memorial Hospital (Hickory, NC). Developed the Neurodiagnostic Center at Catawba Memorial Hospital from a contract service to a full-fledge Neurodiagnostic Center offering services in all aspects of diagnostic testing, including routine EEGs, Video EEGs, Long Term Monitoring with EEG, NCV/EMGs, all modalities of Evoked Potentials, OR Monitoring with EEG and Evoked Potentials, MSLTs, Intraoperative Monitoring, and Nocturnal Polysomnography. At my current position in a private physician office, I have developed the Neurodiagnostic lab to include EEG, NCV, Evoked Potentials and Polysomnograms. We started with a two bed lab and have expanded to four beds, soon to be six. I was instrumental in obtaining national accreditation for this lab through the ABSM.

Education

Middle Tennessee State University
Murfreesboro, Tennessee

Bachelors of Science degree, 1974

Middle Tennessee State University
Murfreesboro, Tennessee

Citadel
Charleston, S.C.

Masters of Education, 1976

Professional experience

1976- 1999 Various positions as my husband was transferred with his job, including
Reference Librarian, MUSC, Charleston, SC, Activity Director at a nursing
home in Little Rock, AR. (this involved organizing and managing the accounts

and activities of the residents of the home.

1974-1976 New Mexico school systems. Teacher for a 8th grade English and Drama class.

1980 - 1982 Medical College of Georgia
Augusta, GA

Research Assistant to the Chairman of Neurology
Performed research Evoked Potential as well as clinical studies
Studied under Herman Flanigan, M.D., a neurosurgeon for OR EPs

1982 - 1983 Veterans Administration Hospital
Augusta, GA

Trained under Registered Electroencephalographer for EEGs
Set up Evoked Potential lab and OR monitoring.

1982 – 1983 Adjunct professor, Limestone College. Working adults studying for their BS degree

1983 - 1985 Micheal Young, M.D.
Asheville, N.C.
Worked as office technologist and staff

1984 – 1990 GED instructor for AB Technical College. Adults working on their GED.

1985 - 1988 Memorial Mission Hospital
Asheville, N.C.

Director of EEG lab.
Worked with the Foundation on many projects and fundraising events including,
but not limited to the talent shows, 1986, 1987. Helped orchestrate the OR
program. Routine EEG, Evoked Potentials, and Nerve Conduction Studies

1988 - 1999 Catawba Memorial Hospital
Hickory, N.C.

Director of Neurodiagnostic/Sleep Disorders Center. Developed Neurodiagnostic Services at the Hospital to include: routine EEGs, Video EEGs, Long Term Monitoring, NCV/EMGs, OR monitoring with EEG and Evoked Potentials, all modalities of Evoked Potentials, MSLT studies, and nocturnal Polysomnograms. President of the Employees Activity Council for two years. Developed and implemented the Christmas Family donation fundraisers

1999-present Neurology Associates,
Hickory, N.C.

Director of Neurodiagnostic/Sleep Center. Patient education, practice marketing. Obtained ABSM national accreditation for the Sleep Disorders Center. Developed and worked within a budget constraints.

2004, Fall semester: Program director, interim, and instructor for new program at
CVCC, community college in Hickory, NC

Professional memberships

American Society of Electroneurodiagnostic Technologist (ASET)

Southern Society of Electroneurodiagnostic Technologist (SSET)

North Carolina Society of Electroneurodiagnostic Technologist (NCSET)

International Organization of Societies for Electrophysiological Technology (OSET)

Professional Offices Held

Past President, OSET 2007-2011(International Organisation of Societies for Electrophysiological Technology)

President, OSET 2003-2007

Past President, ASET

Vice President, ASET

Secretary/Treasurer, ASET

Past President, SSET

Past Board of Director, ASET

Past Board of Director, SSET

Associate Editor, *American Journal of EEG Technology*

Program Director, ASET annual courses

Program Director, SSET annual courses

Associate examiner, ABRET (American Board of Registered Electroneurodiagnostic Technologist

Professional Credentials

Certification in Neurophysiologic Intraoperative Monitoring, #177

Registered Electroneurodiagnostic Technologist, #1555

Registered Evoked Potential Technologist, #69

Certification in Long Term Monitoring, #8

Publications

Green, J. B., Walcoff, M.R., "Evoked Potentials in Multiple Sclerosis", *Archives of Neurology*, Vol 39, Nov, 1982.

Green, J.B., Walcoff, M.R., Lucke, J.F., "Comparison of Phenytoin and Phenobarbital Effects of Far-Field Auditory and Somatosensory Evoked Potential Interpeak Latencies", *Epilepsia*, August, 1982.

Green, J.B., Walcoff, M.R., Lucke, J.F., "Phenytoin Prolongs Far-Field Somatosensory and Auditory Evoked Potential Interpeak Latencies", *Neurology*, January, 1982.

Walcoff, M.R., "Language Dysfunctions in Alzheimer's Disease and Stroke", *American Journal of EEG Technology*, Vol 31, No. 1, March 1991.

Walcoff, M.R., "Near Death Syndromes: A Case Study", *American Journal of EEG Technology*, Vol 31, No. 2. 1991.

Walcoff, M.R., "Troubleshooting Somatosensory Evoked Potentials", *American Journal of EEG Technology*, Vol 33, No. 2, 1993.

Walcoff, M.R., "Troubleshooting Visual Evoked Potentials", *American Journal of EEG Technology*, Vol 33, No. 3, 1993.

Walcoff, M.R., "Troubleshooting Brainstem Auditory Evoked Potentials", *American Journal of EEG Technology*, Vol 34, No 1, 1994.

Walcoff, M.R., "The Changing Face of Neurophysiology", *American Journal of EEG Technology*, Vol 42, No 2, 2002.

Presentations:

Numerous platform presentations for ASET, SSET and OSET in various subject matters.