

Corey Knott

Professional Biography

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Facility/Current Responsibilities

Corey is a Clinical Nurse Specialist and Nurse Continence Advisor at Richmond Hospital in Vancouver, Canada.

Experience

Corey has worked in Urology since 1999, where she began working at the University Hospital in British Columbia. In 2003, the University Hospital opened a Bladder Care Centre, where Corey worked as the Patient Care Coordinator. The Centre specializes in both Functional and Neurourology, with a focus on Urodynamics, Video Urodynamics, Pelvic floor rehabilitation and patient education. She completed her Nurse Continence Advisor (NCA) Diploma, from McMaster University in 2004 and became one of 35 NCA's in British Columbia. In 2012, Corey began working at Richmond Urological Care Centre, where they specialize in Pediatric & Adult Urology, Urologic Oncology, with a subspecialty in Male and Female reconstructive Urological surgery. Her role at the hospital includes providing Continence Counseling, Advanced Urodynamics, Patient and Nurse Education and is a member of the Urology Value Analysis team. She is also involved in creating Urological Patient-Care guidelines for Vancouver Coastal Health Authority.

Her expertise includes: Advanced Urodynamics, Clinical Education and mentoring advanced practice Nurses in the programs of: Nurse Continence Advisors and Nurse Specialized Wound, Ostomy and Continence. Corey also participates in hosting Urology Journal Club for Advanced Practice Nurses.

Qualifications

Education includes a diploma from British Columbia Institute of Technology and Nurse Continence Advisor diploma from McMaster University.

Michele Haire

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Experience

Michele Haire began her long nursing career when she graduated from St. Clare's School of Nursing in St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada. While feeling confident that her career was destined for emergency or intensive care nursing, she unexpectedly fell in love with Rehabilitation Nursing. Michele began her career as a staff nurse and then became the charge nurse of an inpatient Neurology and Musculoskeletal inpatient unit. She then began a new position as Clinical Nurse Educator for over 10 years at the Nova Scotia Rehabilitation and Arthritis Center in Halifax, Nova Scotia. In this role, she was able to ensure clients received the highest standard of care and helped implement quality initiatives to support best practice. While in the role of Clinical Nurse Educator Michele was the recipient of the Excellence in Nursing Education Award from the Nova Scotia College of Nurses.

Since retiring in 2020 from full-time practice, Michele has taken on casual roles such as Clinical Instructor, Educator for Covid Immunization, and as a Tik Tok sensation known as MutherH with over 10 million likes.

She is married and the proud mother of two adult sons.

Qualifications

RN, BScN

Darlene Domshy

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Facility/Current Responsibilities

Darlene Domshy is currently the Clinical Nurse Educator (CNE) for the Wolfe Stroke Unit (Inpatient Rehabilitation, Convalescence, & Pediatric Respite) at the Wascana Rehabilitation Centre in Regina, SK, Canada.

Experience

Darlene has been with the Wolfe Stroke Unit for a little over 2 years now and bedside nursing for the past 7 years. Prior to her CNE role, she nursed on the floor in neurosciences, orthopedics, and medicine. While she is new to her role as a CNE, Darlene is passionate about the role education and evidence-based practice play in the daily nursing profession. She strives to make medical and healthcare knowledge more attainable, memorable, and ultimately exciting, especially in our fast-paced and ever changing worlds, in order to inspire others to see the value in daily clinical practice. Alongside this, she is a strong advocate for patient and family centered care within the healthcare system.

Prior to becoming an RN, Darlene worked in the non-profit sector for 15 years, on child welfare and youth justice issues at local, provincial, and national levels. Some of her past work includes advocacy, research, training, and education in the areas of youth engagement, health and life skill development, cultural and social connections, and promoting the development of policies and processes that support positive youth inclusion. This past work, along with her love for the nursing profession, carry through into her nursing practice today.

When not on the unit you can find Darlene enjoying quality time with her husband, little girl, and two dogs Molly and Charli!

Qualifications

RN BScN



Tadas Sileika

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Experience

Tadas Sileika has been leading applied and translational research in functional biomaterials as a PhD candidate, more recently applying the very concepts in industry. As a graduate student, Tadas was at the forefront of functional biomaterials research inspired by plant polyphenols. During his career in industry, he has focused on utilization of advanced materials and surface modifications for novel antimicrobial strategies in wound care and continence care, aimed at reducing infection, antimicrobial resistance, and ultimately improving the quality of patients' lives. He has also worked on bringing life-saving medical devices to emerging markets.

His efforts have led to increased awareness and understanding of relevant etiologies behind urinary tract infections for intermittent catheter users. Working closely with a global team at Hollister Incorporated, Tadas has been actively disseminating the importance of antimicrobial resistance stewardship and advanced device development in addressing ongoing and future human health issues.

Tadas has also been engaging with the local and state communities to emphasize the importance of STEM in education, dynamically mentoring students, interns, and co-op program members. He regularly speaks at community engagements and seminars on the importance of STEM.

Qualifications

B.S. in Biomedical Engineering and Economics from Northwestern University

M.S. in Biomedical Engineering from Northwestern University

Ph.D. from Northwestern University

STW/STIA+ Systems Thinking Certification

Biotechnology Training Program Certification

Project Management Professional (PMP) Certification



Jessica Simmons

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Facility/Current Responsibilities

Jessica Simmons works for Hollister, Incorporated as a Senior Clinical Scientist with the Global Clinical Affairs team.

Experience

Jessica graduated with her Bachelor of Nursing degree from Rockford University in Rockford, Illinois in 2006. She began her nursing career as a staff nurse on a cardiac/telemetry unit and as a wound ostomy continence nurse at Rockford Memorial Hospital, Rockford, IL. In 2015, she completed a Master of Nursing degree with a specialty focus on primary care as a family nurse practitioner at Northern Illinois University, Dekalb, IL. Her background as a nurse practitioner includes Internal Medicine at MercyHealth, Rockford, IL as well as Wound/Ostomy/Continence, and Hyperbaric Medicine at SwedishAmerican Hospital Wound and Hyperbaric Clinics, Rockford, IL. She earned a Doctoral degree in Nursing Practice in 2021 at Purdue University Global, West Lafayette, IN.

In addition to her clinical experience, she is Adjunct Faculty for the Graduate School of Nursing's Family Nurse Practitioner program at Purdue University Global. She is currently the President of the Wound Ostomy Continence Certification Board. She is also active with the Dermatology Nurses Association and is the current Treasurer on their Board of Directors.

Board Certifications Include:

Certified wound ostomy nurse (CWON) Wound Ostomy Continence Nursing Certification Board
Dermatology Nurse Certified (DNC) Dermatology Nursing Certification Board
Family Nurse Practitioner Certified (FNP-C) American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Board

She joined Hollister, Incorporated in 2021 as a Senior Clinical Scientist.

Louise Rudden

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Facility/Current Responsibilities

Louise Rudden is currently a Pediatric Nurse practitioner at Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital in Toronto on the inpatient specialized orthopedic and developmental rehabilitation (SODR) unit.

Experience/Qualifications

Louise has expertise in leadership, care coordination, process improvement, LEAN methodology, pain management, Spinal cord injury, NP role development and program planning and implementation. She is a certified LEAN yellow belt coach.

Louise completed a Master's of Science in Nursing, Pediatric Nurse Practitioner degree at the University of Toronto, a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing at the Metropolitan University, Toronto and a Registered General Nurse Certificate with Trinity College Dublin, and St James' Hospital, School of Nursing, Ireland.

Her current academic focus includes leading the implementation of a Pediatric Neurogenic Bowel Management Standard of care and development of a new Pediatric Neurogenic Bladder Management Standard of care for clinicians.

She has been a member of the Canadian association of Pediatric nurses (CAPN) executive since 2016 currently as professional practice officer and is leading the revision of the Canadian Pediatric nursing standards. She is also on the PRAXIS-SCI advisory committee contributing to the revision of the Canadian spinal cord injury practice standards.

Alessio Conti

Professional Biography

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Facility/Current Responsibilities

Alessio is a Research Fellow in Nursing at the University of Torino, Italy.

Experience

Alessio worked as a Clinical Nurse at the Spinal Unit of the Città della Salute e della Scienza Hospital of Torino for eleven years. In 2019, he started his career at the University of Torino.

From 2011 forward, he has also collaborated with the University of Torino in the training of nursing students in SCI rehabilitation, becoming Adjunct Professor in 2016 and teaching Rehabilitation Nursing at Bachelor's Degree in Nursing.

Alessio is very passionate about the educational and relational aspects of his work. He has focused his research on the process of self-care in people with SCI and the impact of their condition on informal caregivers.

Qualifications

PhD in Nursing and Public Health, MSc in Nursing and Midwifery, RN

Letitia Graves

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Facility/Current Responsibilities

Dr. Letitia Y. Graves is an Assistant Professor at the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston. She also holds a dual appointment as a Research Health Scientist and inaugural member of the 2021 VHA DEI Scholar cohort, at the Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center.

Experience

Dr. Graves earned her PhD, from the University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing, with a minor in Healthcare Genetics. She was a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Future of Nursing Scholars and the inaugural RWJF/NINR joint postdoctoral fellow, completing her postdoctoral fellowship in the Symptom Science Center and Symptoms Biology Unit at the National Institute of Nursing Research, National Institutes of Health. Her research interests include Veteran health and symptom science with a specific focus on symptoms in individuals after spinal cord injury, epigenetics, and aging. She is also interested in advancing nursing science through inter-and-intra-professional collaborations as a means of strengthening research translation from bench to bedside. Prior to forging a career in research, Dr. Graves was a Registered Nurse in the Spinal Cord Injury Care line at the Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center.

Areas of Expertise

Spinal cord injury care

Sleep Health/Sleep Disorders

Aging

Symptomatology

Epigenetics