

Reena Julie Cherian, DPT, MSPT, CDP

||

SUMMARY

Experienced Physical Therapist with extensive expertise across sub-acute, outpatient, home health, and Telehealth settings. Skilled in college-level teaching and experienced in management roles as Director of Rehab, PT degree program coordinator, and leader of multidisciplinary teams. Seeking a position to leverage my comprehensive clinical knowledge and leadership experience in optimizing rehabilitation services, facilitating seamless coordination among healthcare teams, and enhancing patient outcomes within a dynamic healthcare environment.

LICENSE & CERTIFICATIONS

- **IL License - Physical Therapist (RPT):** 2004
- **Certified Dementia Practitioner (CDP):** 2017
- **Healthcare Management Professional Certificate (Rasmussen University)**
- **Telehealth Provider Certificate (American Board of Telehealth)**
- **Certified Fall Prevention Specialist (CFPS)**
- **IT Support Certificate:** 2020

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

HealthPRO Heritage (2021- current)

- Telehealth Clinical Specialist PT - dedicated full-time Telehealth PT for IL
- Direct Clinical Supervisor for around 10 PTAs across 12 outpatient and inpatient settings (ALFs/ILFs/SNFs)
- Mentor/Trainer for new staff hires in telehealth across 3 disciplines (PT/OT/ SLP)
- iLEAD emerging leader program Tier 1 graduate

Community Physical Therapy Associates (2009 - current)

- Lead Physical Therapist, Acting Manager, and Dementia Practitioner in SNF, outpatient in ILF and ALF settings. Currently PRN
- Co-manager and mentor for the rehab supervisor at the SNF
- Clinician in charge of continuum of care and in-service training for interdisciplinary staff
- Secured and negotiated space for a new therapy gym by coordinating with the SNF administrator and corporate management
- Clinical Lead of the Dementia Support Team - Provided education and training to multi-disciplinary staff, caregivers, and families
- Member of the Facility Quality Improvement (QI) and Program Evaluation committees.
- Led care plan conferences as Clinical Team Leader and served as the primary clinical resource for families and caregivers
- Led the implementation of a new outcome measurement tool for dementia patients, incorporating patient and family goals to enhance outcomes.

Rehab Care Inc. (2004 - 2009) - Director of Rehab/PT

- Director of Rehabilitation responsible for administrative duties including new staff hiring and training, managing department productivity, resolving conflicts (both inter-departmental and with therapy staff), overseeing budget and case mix management, conducting business analytics, assigning roles, and performing periodic evaluations of 10-12 rehab staff across PT, OT, and SLP disciplines
- Member of the Medicare audit management team
- Member of the state survey readiness team, safety committee, Quality improvement committee

Associate Professor/Clinical Supervisor/ Master's Program Coordinator, SD College of Physiotherapy, India (2001 - 2003)

- Extensive experience in teaching neurological rehabilitation within the Bachelor of Physiotherapy (BPT) program
- Coordinated both the Bachelor's program and the newly introduced Master's in Physiotherapy (MPT) program
- Clinical Liaison for a teaching hospital, facilitating communication and coordination between clinical teams and educational departments

EDUCATION

- Doctor of Physical therapy (DPT): University of Montana
- Master of Physical therapy (MSPT - Adult Neurology): MAHE, India
- Bachelor of Physiotherapy (BPT): MG University, India

ACHIEVEMENTS /AWARDS/COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Consultant Board member: Youth4SciTech (Youth-Led Organization)

Rising Star in Management Award: Rehab care, 2005

Summa Cum Laude and Valedictorian: MSPT program

Founder and President - Caring Clinicians Collective: Provides pro-bono therapy in church and in the community