

# Dr. Michelle A. Nieves

PI, DPI, CFCI



#### **UPSTATE MEDICAL UNIVERSITY – Syracuse, New York**

Doctor of Physical Therapy - May 2007

Master of Professional Studies in Physical Therapy – May 1999 Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences – December 1997

### SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY - Syracuse, New York

Major: Health and Exercise Science (1994 – 1996)

**Honors:** Deans List (1994 – 1999)

Member of Phi Eta Sigma - Collegiate National Honors Society

Magna Cum Laude

**Dissertation:** Differential Diagnosis of Cervical Pain

Presentations: Fall Prevention in the Older Adult

Posture, Body Mechanics and Basic Lifting Techniques

Dementia Management

The Benefits of Therapeutic Exercise in Maintaining Functional Mobility

Additional Language: Fluent Spanish

**Professional Affiliations:** Member of the American Physical Therapy Association

Member of the National Association of Professional Women

**Licensure:** State Board of Physical Therapy in the State of New Jersey

Certifications: Occupro Certified Functional Capacity Evaluator

American Red Cross CPR Certified Certified Clinical Instructor



## PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE (1999 - PRESENT)



Owner/Chief Executive Officer

April 2015 - Present

- · Provide evidence based objective functional capacity evaluations to quantify a client's level of disability and employability
- · Provide expert testimony and interpretation of results of clinical assessment in a court of law

#### FOX REHABILITATION - New Jersey South Shore Region

Regional Director

House Call Division

October 2010 - Jan 2015

- Oversee clinical operations of Physical, Occupational and Speech and Language Pathologists across Atlantic and Cape May counties
- · Direct regional marketing practices across my designated region to ensure team productivity, efficiency and growth
- Interview, hire and train clinically excellent professionals to integrate into the practice while adopting and promoting our culture and philosophy
- · Promote positive team morale and constantly support the professional growth and development of each team member

#### FOX REHABILITATION - New Jersey South Shore Region

Staff Physical Therapist House Call Division

March 2008 - 2010

- Deliver functional evidence based physical therapy interventions to the older adult population in residential homes, adult day facilities and assisted living communities
- · Lead therapist at Sunrise Assisted Living of Galloway
- · Staff morale coordinator

## NOVACARE REHABILITATION - Linwood, New Jersey

Center Manager

**Outpatient Orthopedics** 

March 2002 - 2008

- Order equipment and monitor inventory within budget guidelines
- Ensure employee compliance with center policies and procedures
- Apply marketing skills to increase referral sources

#### BAYADA HOME HEALTH CARE - Linwood, New Jersey

Physical Therapist

Home Care

March 2003 - 2005

 Apply creative therapeutic treatment techniques in home setting for patients with varying diagnoses, ages, cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds

#### **NOVACARE REHABILITATION - Northfield, New Jersey**

Staff Physical Therapist

**Outpatient Orthopedics** 

December 2001 - June 2002

- · Performed functional capacity evaluations and communicated with employers regarding work hardening programs
- Developed and implemented aquatic therapy programs
- Served as CCCE for placement of physical therapy students and Clinical Instructor

## NOVACARE REHABILITATION - Margate, New Jersey

Center Manager

**Outpatient Orthopedics** 

March 2000 - December 2001

- Effectively communicate with other center managers to ensure uniformity among centers
- Demonstrated exemplary time management, organizational and multi-task skills while providing coverage at several neighboring facilities

## LA FORTALEZA PHYSICAL THERAPY CENTER – Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Staff Physical Therapist Outpatient Orthopedics

November 1999 - March 2000

- Applied creative treatment ideas in a high volume setting
- $\bullet \ \ \, \text{Demonstrated effective communication skills with predominantly Spanish speaking patients of all ages}$
- Integrated patients into affiliated fitness program

## CONTACT INFO



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