

# Rosemarie Schwitzer, MSN, APRN, ACNP-BC

BOARD CERTIFIED ACUTE CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER

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## Education

**Certificate, Legal Nurse Consultant**  
Florida International University  
Graduated April 2021

**Master of Science in Nursing**  
Acute Care Nurse Practitioner  
Barry University  
Graduated May 2012

**Bachelor of Science in Nursing**  
Barry University  
Graduated May 2009

**Associate of Science in Nursing**  
Miami-Dade College  
Graduated December 2004

## Licenses & Certifications

- ACNP-BC, ANCC
- APRN, Florida
- RN, Florida
- Critical Care Registered Nurse
- ACLS & BLS, *American Heart Association*

## Professional Affiliations

Member, *American Association of Nurse Practitioners*

Member, *American Association of Critical Care Nurses*

Member, *American Nurses Association*

## Profile

Bilingual board-certified acute care nurse practitioner more than 16 years of nursing experience in multiple specialties including critical care, rapid response, neurology, and neurosurgery. Compassionate advanced practitioner with a demonstrated career-long commitment to providing safe, patient-focused, and cost-effective healthcare. Change agent who is resourceful and skilled at thinking critically, optimizing patient care, and developing process improvement policies at hospitals to decrease length of stay and reduce comorbidities. Passionate about educating patients, hospital staff, and the public about stroke awareness through speaking engagements and training seminars.

## Nurse Practitioner Experience

### RAPID RESPONSE TEAM, HOUSE APRN

*West Kendall Baptist Hospital* | April 2021 – Present

- Collaborate with medical staff, administration, operation leadership, and physicians to ensure patients' quality of care
- Respond/initiate Code Blue and serve as team lead during Code Rescue
- Serves as a subject matter expert in neurology
- Order and interpret laboratory, EKG, and radiologic testing
- Competency lead for Stroke/NIH care; audit stroke cases
- Participate in interviewing, hiring, and interview process

### NEUROSCIENCE APRN & STROKE TEAM LEAD

*West Kendall Baptist Hospital*

February 2020 – April 2021 and June 2015 – February 2020

- Supervised a group of house and rapid response APRNs
- Led all hiring and onboarding; assisted with credentialing, scheduling, payroll, mentoring, education, and team development
- Collaborated with staff, administration, operation leadership, and physicians to ensure high quality care delivery
- Served as competency lead for stroke/NIH care, audited stroke cases
- Performed comprehensive health histories and physical examinations; provided recommendations on the neurological cases throughout the hospital
- Ordered and interpreted laboratory, EKG, and radiologic testing
- Worked closely with Stroke Coordinator, Emergency Department leadership, and Stroke Medical Director to ensure hospital metrics remained at par with national requirements and best practice guidelines
- Conducted FAST education for all providers during hospital orientation

## Professional Skills

- Comprehensive health education to individuals and families across the lifespan
- Advanced health assessment and medication management
- Astute to subtle changes in patient conditions
- Patient and family advocate
- Collaborative teamwork approach
- Excellent team leader and communicator
- EKG, radiography, and laboratory interpretation
- Disease prevention strategies
- EMR systems and documentation (Cerner)
- Public speaking
- Process improvement
- Employee training and development

## Personal Skills

- Bilingual (English & Spanish)
- Reliable and professional
- Organized and efficient
- Multi-tasking and prioritization
- Critical and strategic thinker
- Empathetic and patient-focused
- Detail-oriented

## Leadership Positions

- Chair, Primary Stroke Committee  
*West Kendall Baptist Hospital*
- Chair, WKBH Advanced Practice  
*West Kendall Baptist Hospital*
- Co-Chair, Stroke Clinical Care Committee  
*West Kendall Baptist Hospital*
- Preceptor for Family and Acute Care Nursing Clinical Programs

## NEUROSURGERY APRN

*Baptist Hospital | June 2014 – June 2015*

- Completed comprehensive intake and assessments for new and established patients
- Formulated, implemented, and managed treatment plans for the neurosurgical post-operative patient population via telehealth and face-to-face

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## Nursing & Other Professional Experience

**Healthcare Consultant / International Conference Speaker | 2016 – Present**

Guest speaker on multiple television and internet radio shows speaking on topics related to women in the medical field, neurological issues such as stroke, Covid-19, and other health-related concerns

**Critical Care Unit / Cardiology Medical-Surgical, Registered Nurse**

*Baptist Hospital | August 2005 – June 2014*

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## Process Improvement Projects

**Stroke Program Expansion | West Kendall Baptist Hospital | 2019**

*Developed NIH Cram sessions, initiated Mock Stroke Alerts, and created a central call system for stroke alerts to integrate the hospital and transfer center with the neurology department*

**CTA During Stroke Alerts | West Kendall Baptist Hospital | 2018**

*Developed a neuro-alert paging system and deployed Stroke Alert Service Line for neurology as part of the Evidence Based Practice Council Seizure Design group*

**RN-driven Alteplase Mixing | West Kendall Baptist Hospital | 2016**

*Developed and implemented an RN-driven Alteplase mixing protocol to be used during an active stroke alert*

**ED Stroke Alert Process | West Kendall Baptist Hospital | 2015**

*Spearheaded the development and implementation of a new inpatient, outpatient, and emergency department stroke alert process through changes in policy and neurological education for nursing and medical staff*

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## Awards & Honors

**Nurse Practitioner of the Year | West Kendall Baptist Hospital | 2020**

**Advanced Practice Provider of the Year | 2018**

*West Kendall Baptist Hospital*

**Nurse Practitioner of the Year | West Kendall Baptist Hospital | 2018**

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## Volunteerism

**Stroke Fairs | West Kendall Baptist Hospital | 2016 – 2019**

**Family Health & Wellness Expo | West Kendall Baptist Hospital | 2016-2022.**