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Lorna Morelli- Loftin, RN, LNCC has met the criteria and passed the American Association of Legal Nurse Consultants' (AALNC) national certification exam to become a Legal Nurse Consultant Certified. The American Board of Nursing Specialties, the American Nurses' Association, and the American Bar Association recognize the AALNC's certification.

Though many attorneys know the benefits of using a Legal Nurse Consultant (LNC), not all LNCs should be considered equally qualified. Of the 3,786 members of the AALNC throughout the country, only **281** have passed the certification requirements.

To become certified through the AALNC, an applicant must be a currently licensed Registered Nurse. Nurses with a bachelor's degree must demonstrate a minimum of two years experience as an LNC. Nurses without a bachelor's degree must demonstrate five years experience as an LNC and evidence of 2000 hours of LNC experience in the last three years. If these criteria are met, the applicant then must pass the AALNC's examination to become credentialed as a Legal Nurse Consultant Certified (LNCC).

When contemplating the use of an LNC, the attorney can be assured of education, experience, *and* credentials by seeking out a Legal Nurse Consultant Certified by the American Association of Legal Nurse Consultants.



### When Do You Need An LNCC?

A Legal Nurse Consultant Certified can assist the attorney in a number of unique ways. First and foremost, an LNCC has proficient knowledge of the central aspects of the law and how they apply to the medical issues in a case. An LNCC can educate legal professionals on medical issues and perform in-depth medical research and analysis. With their medical training, an LNCC's analysis of the records can identify the primary issues and assist in strategic planning of the case process.

MRRS, Inc. is proud of Lorna's continued success.

To find out more about how an LNCC can assist you with your next case, please contact us at (515) 244-6777 or (800) 984-6777 (MRRS).

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# WE'VE MOVED

As a result of our continued growth, Medical Records Review Service, Inc. is pleased to announce the relocation of its office as of September 1, 2000.

Built before 1900, MRRS, Inc.'s new office building is an eclectic mix of brick and boasts a beautifully restored pressed tin ceiling. Owners of the building, Linda and Robin Boatright, spent 14 months refurbishing the building, which had sat unoccupied for several years. The high, tin ceilings and brickwork provide a wonderful workspace, which is more than double that of our previous office.

While this grand new workspace is great for us, it also benefits **you**, our client. We now have new workstations, which allow us to bring our medical transcriptionist into the office to assist in preparing chronologies, timelines, and reports. Our nurse reviewers, also, have workspace to utilize our library and collaborate on case reviews. The additional space has given us room to expand our medical library even further so we can provide the attorney expanded medical literature references.

We invite you to stop by and visit our new office at:

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208 South Main Street  
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We can still be reached by telephone at (515) 244-6777 or (800) 984-6777 and by e-mail at [mrrsinc@netins.net](mailto:mrrsinc@netins.net). Our fax number has changed to (515) 986-0677.

We would be happy to mail you our new Rolodex cards. Just give us a call and Jennifer can send as many as your office needs.



Ribbon cutting at MRRS, Inc. by the Grimes Chamber of Commerce to help celebrate the opening of our new office in Grimes, Iowa. In the front row, from the left are Jacque Blackman, chamber president, Theresa Thoman and Lorna Morelli-Loftin, owners of MRRS, Inc. and holding the ribbon is Jamie Seibert, chamber board member.

## THE BLACK BAG

### Profiles of Support Services

MRRS, Inc. has the opportunity to work with and observe other litigation support companies, many of which offer products or services that can be of assistance to our clients. In this column we will present some of these unique companies and individuals. While MRRS, Inc. does not promote or endorse any particular company or individual, we hope you will find this information useful.

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# Educational Briefing Book

Where do you start when a new case lands on your desk, filled with reams of records and medical issues you may or may not have addressed before? MRRS, Inc. can provide you with the answer, saving you and your staff valuable time and effort.

MRRS, Inc.'s Educational Briefing Book provides a thorough understanding of the medical issues for case planning. Based on the unique case file provided by you, we will prepare an Educational Briefing Book which can include:

- *Descriptions of the pathophysiological process of the disease or injury.*
- *Descriptions and illustrations of procedures performed.*
- *Anatomical illustrations.*
- *Medical literature describing applicable standards of care.*

The Education Briefing Book starts with an explanation of the mechanics of what happened or the pathophysiology of the disease process. This includes information on the differential diagnosis process or diagnostic algorithm. We then explain the standard laboratory tests required, the normal values of these tests, and what abnormal values mean. Treatment modalities and prognosis are addressed as well. These collectively make up the "standards of care".

In a hypothetical case of a myocardial infarction missed in an emergency room setting, the Educational Briefing Book would include information on practice guidelines, differential diagnosis, emergency department procedures, nuclear imaging, laboratory detection of cardiac enzymes, mitral valve regurgitation, gender bias, and heart arrhythmia associated with acute myocardial infarction.

This information will educate you and give you a working knowledge of the important aspects of your case. For your next complex case, give MRRS, Inc. a call to see how an Educational Briefing Book can benefit you.

## Profiles of Support Services (Continued)

Med-Legal.net, Inc.<sup>®</sup>, founded by Colleen Lindell, performs medical literature research for law firms around the United States. Using specialized software and research tools, this service can customize research relevant to the case at hand. A pre-search interview is conducted to determine the research question(s) to be addressed, to identify search terms and to determine databases to be searched.

MRRS, Inc. has subcontracted Med-Legal.net, Inc. for literature searches on medical, scientific, complex or rare subjects. This collaborative relationship offers expanded and improved services to clients of MRRS, Inc.

KC Press is owned by Med-Legal.net, Inc. and annually publishes the "Internet Medical & Health, Searching & Sources Guidebook/CD-ROM." This resource is a spiral bound, pocket-sized book with nearly 3,000 validated and

categorized websites. The CD-ROM contains direct hyperlinks to these sites. The 2000 annual edition is currently still available and the fourth edition will be released in late spring, 2001.



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Featured Client: J. Bryan Schulte, who practices law in Burlington, IA, with the law firm of Bauer, Schulte, Hahn, Swanson & Brown, PC, is a valued client. Bryan stopped by MRRS, Inc.'s booth at the ITLA Annual Convention.

## WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

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ANSWERS to What Do You Know? 1.)  
Paraneoplastic syndrome: 2.) Parasympathetic  
nervous system: 3.) Peripheral nerve stimulator: 4.)  
Peripheral nervous system: 5.) Posterior nasal  
spine: Sources: Stedman's Abbreviations,  
Acronyms & Symbols, 2nd Ed., 1999