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## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Eduviges M. Puentes, ARNP, Provider and Specialist in Infectious Diseases, and President & CEO of Bridges Health Solutions, Inc., is a compassionate Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Practitioner with extensive experience in pediatrics, gerontology, oncology, and bone marrow transplantation at one of Florida's top five hospitals. As an infectious disease specialist, she excels in conducting comprehensive physical assessments and in diagnosing and managing complex infections and chronic conditions with precision and care. Dedicated to delivering culturally sensitive, patient-centered care, Ms. Puentes remains highly responsive to evolving patient needs and dynamic healthcare environments. In addition to her clinical expertise, she serves as a clinical educator, teaching health assessment, medical-surgical nursing, fundamentals, simulation, and clinical skills in both acute care and academic settings, where she is committed to shaping the next generation of skilled nursing professionals.

## SKILLS

- Clinical Educator
- Simulation & Skills Day Facilitator
- Preceptor – Bone Marrow Unit/Pediatric Oncology
- Oncology Certified Nurse (OCN)
- Chemotherapy/Immunotherapy Certification (ONS/ONCC)
- Discharge Planning & Education
- Medication Reconciliation & Counseling
- Super User – Cerner
- C Diff Task Force
- Palliative Counseling

## **WORK HISTORY**

03/01/2025 to Current    **Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner**  
**Ferrer Pulmonary Institute - Infectious Disease Group** — Miami, FL

- Prescribing Medications and Treatments. We carefully assess my patients' conditions and prescribe medications and treatments tailored to their individual needs, ensuring their safety and promoting optimal health outcomes.
- Assess, diagnose, and treat patients with infectious diseases, including HIV, Hepatitis, MRSA, TB, UTI, sepsis, pneumonia, and many more.
- Initiate and adjust antimicrobial therapies based on lab results, clinical judgment, and patient responses.
- Collaborated with infectious disease specialists, pharmacists, and other healthcare providers to design and implement treatment plans.
- Monitor patients with chronic infections, such as HIV, for adherence to antiretroviral therapy and optimize care regimens.
- Educate patients and families about infection prevention, antimicrobial stewardship, and proper medication adherence.

06/2023 to 01/08/2025    **Faculty / Nursing Program**  
**Keiser University** — Miami, FL

- Trained students in the proper techniques, care standards, and safety protocols to optimize performance.
- Provided didactic and clinical instructions to orient new students to the clinical work environment.
- Oriented and supervised students at clinical sites and provided constant feedback and support during clinical rotations.
- Used low-fidelity task trainers to teach students how to insert peripheral lines, assess prostate enlargement, and palpate breasts for lesions or tumors.
- Examined, verified, monitored, and confirmed clinic policies and procedures.

01/2021 to 02/28/2025    **Registered Nurse, Adult Bone Marrow Transplant**  
**Baptist Hospital** — Miami, FL

- Managed care from admission to discharge, including patient assessments, care planning, health education, and discharge support.
- Provided direct patient care, stabilized patients, and determined the following action. Administered medications via oral, IV, and intramuscular injections and monitored responses.
- Trained new nurses in proper techniques, care standards, operational procedures, and safety protocols.
- Provided complex care to high-acuity patients on assisted ventilation, severe wound care issues, and rehabilitation.
- Educated patients, families, and caregivers on diagnosis and prognosis, treatment options, disease process and management, and lifestyle options.

- Collected blood, tissue, and other laboratory specimens and prepared for testing.
  - Monitored patient condition, including interpreting and tracking EKG readings and updating team members on changes in understanding.
- Minimized patients' length of stays with recovery-centered approaches, reducing the average inpatient stay length.
- Maintained quality care and comfort for patients with oncology, pre and post bone marrow transplant, heart failure, pulmonary hypertension, and other conditions
- Participated in nursing simulation activities, evidence-based practice project implementation, and competency development to further nursing education.

06/2019 to 05/2023 **Clinical Supervisor**

**Barry University** — Miami, FL

- Assessed students' knowledge and coached underperforming students to help them achieve clinical objectives.
- Implemented active learning strategies such as games, virtual simulations, ATI modules, and patient scenarios to improve students' nursing skills.
- Utilized mid-fidelity mannequins to teach students how to auscultate for respiratory, cardiac, and abdominal bowel and vascular sounds.
- Developed, implemented, revised, and evaluated lab policies and procedures.
- Guided simulations, supervised, and tested students enrolled in NUR 343 –Patient Centered Care: Adult/Elderly Nursing II.

09/2015 to 01/2021

**Registered Nurse, Pediatric Oncology**

**Jackson Memorial Hospital** — Miami, FL

- Provided direct patient care, stabilized patients, and managed care plans.
- Administered oral, IM, and IV medications and monitored for adverse reactions and effectiveness.
- Developed and managed patient care from admission to discharge, including assessments, health education, and discharge support.
- Participated in nursing simulation activities, evidence-based practice projects, and continuing education to further nursing skills and competency.
- Trained new nurses in proper techniques, care standards, operational procedures, and safety protocols.
- Monitored patient condition, including interpreting and tracking EKG readings and updating team members on changes in acuity.
- Reviewed post-operative orders and monitored patients' post-operative vitals, input and output, patient-controlled analgesic equipment, and fluids.
- Oriented patients to the unit.

04/2012 to 08/2014    **PCT - Central Staffing**  
**Jackson Memorial Hospital / Perdue Medical Center** — Miami, FL

- Assisted patients with nutritional goals to achieve treatment objectives.
- Managed patient's vital signs and reported critical values to staff nurse or physician.
- Answered patient calls and offered support as needed.
- Help patients maintain healthy skin integrity by providing incontinence care, ambulation assistance, and feeding. and hygiene management.
- Assisted nursing staff by delivering specimens to the lab.
- Provided care to patients throughout their lifespan, considering aging processes, human development stages, and culture.
- Performed blood glucose checks per doctor's orders.
- Executed oral hygiene on patients that were intubated, altered mental status, or other high acuity status.
- Help patients with assistive devices (i.e., walker, cane, crutches, etc.) or low saturation ambulate.

## **EDUCATION & CERTIFICATION**

- 03/2025        **Master's in Nursing: Acute Nurse Practitioner**  
**West Coast University - Dallas, TX**
- 05/2019        **Master's in Nursing: Family Nurse Practitioner**  
**Barry University - Miami, FL (LIC #: APRN 11005081)**
- 08/2014        **Bachelor's in Nursing**  
**Barry University - Miami, FL (LIC #: RN 9405560)**
- 07/2012        **Associate of Arts**  
**Miami Dade College - Miami, FL**

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

- Presidential Service Award from President Obama
- Miami-Dade College: 175 service-learning hours
- Miami Children's Hospital: 200 volunteer service hours
- 300 community service hours

## **LANGUAGES**

- Fluent in English and Spanish