

# KERRY BLAZEK

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## EXPERIENCE

### UNC Hospitals, Chapel Hill, NC

#### *Pediatric Physical Therapist*

November 2009 – Present

- Clinical lead for acute and NICU PT service line
- Primary PT serving the NICU population addressing neurodevelopmental care for infants born preterm or critically ill, in addition to deficits related to neurological, chromosomal, genetics, and orthopedic conditions.
- Perform standardized assessments including the BAYLEY III, Hammersmith, and CHOP Intend
- Perform evaluations and make recommendations in Special Infant Care Clinic
- Participate in clinical trials including MPS-II and LPFS
- Provide clinical instruction to students
- Mentor and Inpatient Module Lead for Pediatric Residency
- Chair of the Pediatric Quality Council
- Member of the Developmental Care Committee
- Member of the Educational Committee

#### *Rotating Physical Therapist, Surgery Team*

September 2008 – November 2009

- Managed a diverse inpatient caseload including patients referred by orthopedic, trauma, surgery/oncology, transplant and vascular services
- Precepted new team members
- Coordinated triage and delegated responsibilities to PTAs and techs
- Provided clinical instruction to students

#### *Acute Care Therapist*

August 2007 – September 2008

- Cross covered burn, surgery, pediatric, inpatient rehab, and neurocardiopulmonary teams
- Demonstrated flexibility and versatility by floating to different areas throughout the day
- Provided clinical instruction to students

## EDUCATION

### Duke University, Durham, NC

May 2007

- Doctor of Physical Therapy

### Binghamton University, Binghamton, NY

May 2003

- Bachelor of Science in Physics
- Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society member

## CREDENTIALS

- Pediatric Certified Specialist through the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties 2015
- North Carolina Physical Therapy License
- TBI Certified Specialist
- CPR Certified through the American Heart Association

- Research Ethics Training through the Institutional Review Board
- APTA Certified Clinical Instructor

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### *Manuscript Pending Publication*

Holland H, **Blazek K**, Haynes M, Dallman A. Improving postural symmetry: The effectiveness of the CATCH (combined approach to treatment for children with hemiplegia) protocol. *Journal of Pediatric Rehabilitation Medicine*. 2019

### *Reviews*

McCarty DB and **Blazek K**. Commentary on “Physical Therapy Dosing: Frequency and Type of Intervention in Pediatric Post-Acute Hospital Care.” *Pediatric Physical Therapy*. Jan 2017; 29(1): 54.

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

- National Association of Neonatal Therapists Conference 2019: NANT 9
- National Association of Neonatal Therapists Conference 2018: NANT 8
- NICU course 2017
- Emerging Leader Academy
- Lean Six Sigma Yellow and Purple Belt Training

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

### **Helping Kids With Hemiplegia: A Constraint Movement Camp, Chapel Hill, NC** June 2006 – June 2019

- 8 day camp for children with hemiplegic CP
- Implement CATCH protocol (CIMT, BIT and NDT) through creative play and organized activities

### **UNC Jaycee Burn Center Aftercare Program, Chapel Hill, NC**

- Camp Celebrate May 2008 – May 2013
  - Cabin leader for children who are burn survivors
- Family Weekend February 2008

### **MDA Camp, Greensboro, NC**

August 2006

- Camp counselor for a child with muscular dystrophy at a week long overnight camp
- Assisted with all activities of daily living and recreation

### **Duke DPT 5K, Durham, NC**

October 2005

- Member of planning committee for first annual 5K
- Sponsorship co-chair