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Karen Scaglione DNP, APRN, AGACNP-BC, ACNP-BC, CLNC

As a Nurse Practitioner, I hold the Acute Care certification (ACNP) and the Adult-Geriatric Acute Care certification (AGACNP). My current clinical practice is in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU). Prior to the ICU I spent much of my practice in the Emergency Room for the renowned Washington University Emergency Medicine Department located in St Louis Mo. I am also a full-time assistant teaching professor for the NP graduate/Doctoral nursing programs at the Trudy Busch Valentine Saint Louis University school of Nursing. I am involved with many committees locally and nationally. I currently sit as a Content Expert Panelist (CEP) for the AGACNP exam for the ANCC in Washington, D.C. I was honored this past year as the March of Dimes NP of the year from Missouri and Illinois. My Doctoral dissertation was the creation of an AGACNP Emergency room/Critical fellowship for the Veteran's Health Care administration. My manuscript was published in the Journal of Doctoral Nursing.



JOANNE THANAVARO DNP, RN, AGPCNP-BC, AGACNP-BC, DCC, FAANP

Dr. Thanavaro is an Associate Professor and Associate Dean of Graduate Education at Saint Louis University, Trudy Busch Valentine. School of Nursing. She also serves as the director of the Advanced Practice programs and DNP programs at Saint Louis University. She received her MSN in Cardiovascular Nursing Research at St. Louis University, her post-master's certificate as an Adult Nurse Practitioner at the University of Missouri and her post-master's certificate as an Acute Care Nurse Practitioner at Southern Indiana University. Her doctorate in nursing is from Case Western Reserve University. Dr. Thanavaro is a Fellow of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners and is actively engaged in clinical practice and is the founder of the health resource NP run clinic at Saint Louis University. She has published widely and spoken locally and nationally on topics related to advanced nursing practice with a focus on cardiovascular care. Her text "Clinical Decision Making for Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioners" was released in 2016.

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Sheila Serra Arackal, MSN APRN AGACNP-BC

Sheila is an Adult Geriatric Acute Care Nurse Practitioner. She graduated 2008 from SLU with BSN from School of Nursing and Honors BA from the College of Arts and Sciences in Spanish, Psychology, and International Studies. Worked from 2008-2014 at Saint Louis University in the Emergency Department and went on to graduate from SLU in 2014 with MSN in Adult/Gerontological Acute Care specialty. Since 2014 has worked as nurse practitioner at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in the Neurological-Neurosurgical Intensive Care Unit in partnership with The Department of Neurology at Washington University School of Medicine, Neurocritical care division.



GERALYN OCHS APRN, MSN, ANP-BC, AGACNP-BC, FAANP

Geralyn A. Ochs MSN, APRN, AGACNP-BC, ANP-BC, FAANP is an Associate Professor and Coordinator of the Adult Gerontological Acute Care Nurse Practitioner program at Saint Louis University. For the past twenty two years Ms. Ochs has been responsible for the curriculum design, content and implementation of the program. Her clinical practice has been focused in Emergency Medicine at a Level One trauma facility. Ms. Ochs is an active member of several State and National organizations in a variety of positions that directly influence the practice of the Acute Care Nurse Practitioner. Ms Ochs has contributed to transforming nursing practice thru numerous presentations nationally and internationally as well as a consultant to practicing nurse practitioners in the community. She has authored in both textbooks and study guides for medical/ surgical nursing.



Bradley K. Baker, MD

Dr. Bradley K. Baker is an interventional radiologist practicing at Mercy Medical center in Saint Louis, Missouri . He received his medical degree from University of Missouri School of Medicine and has 36 years of experience.



Lew Griffith RN, Acute Care NP, M.S. Experiential Ed.

Lew currently serves as the Lead Nurse Practitioner at Gateway Hospital where he is trialing a pilot program with an NP led ICU with tele-medicine back-up in a community hospital. He also currently serves in the US Army Reserve and was the Commander for a Forward Surgical Team who deployed to Afghanistan in 2019 where they cared for over 100 Level I traumas. We is also an instructor in the Acute Care Program at Maryville University.