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Title: ICU/Telemetry Nursing Director.

Education: MSN, Nursing Administration and Leadership.

Where do you work?: UPMC Somerset.

Department: Nursing Administration.

Years of service: 7.

Area of expertise: ICU/Telemetry.

What are your thoughts/concerns about working through the COVID-19 crisis?

Throughout UPMC, we have witnessed remarkable levels of nursing care unfold, incredible displays of professional unity, and an amazing sense of commitment

and dedication from all those who are fighting this crisis from the front line.

One of my main focuses during this COVID crisis has been the implementation of our Covid Medical Surgical/ICU Unit. Being a part of such an enormous project and seeing our entire hospital and local contractors work together to get this new unit up and running within three weeks, it was humbling to witness their commitment to our community and staff.

I'm so proud of our team at UPMC Somerset for the level of dedication everyone has shown in the preparation for a COVID-19 surge over the past two months.

We are here to serve our community and take pride in the exceptional care we provide daily to our patients.

In 2020, "The Year of the Nurse" has taken a new meaning to so many in the nursing profession since the COVID-19 crisis. Caring for people is our passion, and being there to help support and comfort people in time of need are why many of us chose this profession. Nursing is a true



calling, and I couldn't be more proud of all the work we have done to help support our staff and community during this time.

Community of residence: Somerset.

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