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A Nurse's role in Iraq during the battle for Mosul

People who live in Iraq, not because of how they look or what they wear, but because of their strength and grace. In early 2017, the civilians of Mosul were suffering tremendously during an unforgiving war between the Iraqi Government Forces/allied militias and ISIS. The team of selfless humanitarians who traveled overseas to care for trauma victims in Erbil and Mosul. It witnessed horrors beyond human comprehension. Soldiers were carried into medical facilities with gunshot wounds to their heads, terrorists presented as patients that could not be turned away and children, innocent children sat quiet and still on stretchers as we Nursed their broken bodies and bleeding souls. The previous work experience as an emergency room Nurse and hospital administrator provided the tools to apply in this difficult setting. From there, using critical thinking skills and clinical judgment to facilitate movement of patients in the pre-hospital setting and tapped into my management hat to interview, hire and manage staff in Iraq. Nursing is a powerful entity. When coupled with humanitarian aid, the possibilities are endless. Our planet is in need of more individuals who are willing to apply their valuable skills to work that defends those who cannot speak and act for themselves. It is the collective responsibility to shed light on the inhumane global conflicts that continue to occur today.

Biography

Nina Ng is currently working as an Assistant Director of Nursing at Northwell Health Syosset Hospital. She has completed her Master's degree from Mercy College and Bachelor's degree in Nursing from New York University. She has worked at NewYork-Presbyterian/The Allen Hospital as an emergency room Registered Nurse, Nurse Coordinator, Patient Care Director, and Nurse Administrator. She also served as an Assistant Coordinator with NYCMedics in Iraq during the Battle for Mosul and took on the role of Wellness Coordinator, conducting debriefs with volunteers post-deployment. She has authored several publications in various journals and books, including articles on leadership and participation in IRB-approved research projects. Her interests are in leadership, nursing, global health, disaster response, and emergency care.

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