



## **Doreen Casuto, RN, MRA, CCRN, CCM**

### **GENERAL INFO**

**Current position (official title):** Owner, Rehabilitation Care Coordination  
Held since (year): January 1998

**Paradigm NWM since:** 1991

**Specialty:** **Spinal Cord Injury, Brain Injury, Chronic Pain, Neuromuscular, Pediatric and Adult, Case Management, Life Care Planning**

### **PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT**

**Job (official title):** Nurse Case Manager (since 1998) and Life care Planning (since 1989)  
Employer: Owner, Rehabilitation Care Coordination, San Diego, CA  
Years held: 16 years – CM / LCP (25 years)

**Job (official title):** Clinical Service Coordinator  
Employer: Paradigm Health Corporation, Walnut Creek, CA  
Years held: 2 (1992-1994)

**Job (official title):** Director of Physical Rehabilitation - Nursing  
Employer: Grossmont Hospital, San Diego, CA  
Years held: 11 years

**Job (official title):** Rehabilitation Nurse Coordinator  
Employer: Methodist Hospital,  
Years held: 2 years

### **CAREER OVERVIEW**

**Please write a sentence or two about your career focus, scope, and/or specialization.**

*For example, [Name] has worked in healthcare for more than 25 years. She has extensive experience in managing onsite cases and achieving the best outcomes for catastrophic injuries and complex pain conditions.*

Doreen Casuto has 41 years of experience in the field of rehabilitation nursing providing patient care, education, and coordination of services. She has 25 years of experience as an independent case

manager working with catastrophically injured children and adults. She also prepares Life Care Plans and testifies regarding current and future health care needs

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

**Undergrad school/nursing school:** American University, Washington, DC

URL:

Major or field of study: Nursing

Degree (BS, BA, etc.): BS, Nursing

Honors, if any:

### **Grad school/**

**professional program:** University of San Francisco, San Francisco, CA

URL:

Major or field of study: Rehabilitation Administration

Degree (RN, MS, MBA, MD, etc.):

MRA, Rehabilitation Administration

Honors, if any:

### **Other education**

**or certification:**

**RN**

URL:

Field/subject of study: Registered Nurse

Official name of degree or certification, if any:

Registered Nurse, CA, DC, UT

Honors, if any:

### **Other education**

**or certification:**

**Public Health Nurse**

URL:

Field/subject of study: Public Health Nurse

Official name of degree or certification, if any:

Public Health Nurse Certificate

Honors, if any:

### **Other education**

**or certification:**

**American Board of Nursing Specialties**

URL:

Field/subject of study: Rehabilitation Registered Nurse

Official name of degree or certification, if any:

Certified Rehabilitation Registered Nurse

Honors, if any:

### **Other education**

**or certification:**

**Commission for Care Manager**

URL:

Field/subject of study:

Case Manager

Official name of degree or  
certification, if any:  
Honors, if any:

Case manager Certification

### **OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

(e.g., board positions, volunteer organizations, published articles)

Board member of the Brain Injury Association of California (BIACAL) 2009- present, Board member of the International Academy of Nurse Life Care Planners, Board member of the San Diego brain Injury Foundation, 1996-2000, Co-developed and implemented an orientation program for rehabilitation nursing personnel at Continental Rehabilitation Hospital, Co-developed, presented, and continue to provide ongoing consultation for a local head and spinal cord injury prevention program, Commissioner for the Commission for Case Management Certification 1999-2004, Editorial Board for the Journal of Life Care Planning, published quarterly, Elliott & Fitzpatrick, Inc, Athens, GA, Expert reviewer for Outcomes Following Traumatic Spinal Cord Injury, Clinical Practice Guidelines for Health-Care Professional, Consortium for Spinal Cord medicine, July 1999, Member of Jewish Family Services of San Diego Mental health Committee, 2004-current, Association, American Hospital Association, Association of Rehabilitation Nurses, California Association of Rehabilitation Facilities, Prevention Program – “Think First” from 1983-1997, Served as a Model Center, Coordinator for American Association of Neurological Surgeons, Member of Ethical Review Committee of International Academy of Life Care Planners, IALCP, Presentations at local, national and international conference – Post Anesthesia Nurses Association, Association of Rehabilitation Nurses, Rehabilitation Nurse Coordinator Network, American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine, American Association of Legal Nurse Consultants, Member of International Nursing Honor Society, Case Management Society of America, International Academy of Life Care Planners, San Diego Brain Injury Foundation, Amputee Coalition of America.