

TravCon Session Descriptions

Don't Lose Your Patient: Surviving Satisfaction.

LANDON G. JAMES, RN, BSN, MA (Leadership), CEN, PCP.

Our opening presentation is a “can’t miss” event. An insightful and energetic talk from the President Elect of the Emergency Nurses Association. Landon cuts to the core of issues facing nurses in every specialty, exposing system failures that prevent optimal patient care, and revealing how to guard against these roadblocks.

Introduction to Holistic Health:

Kathy Holloway, DNP, RN, CNE, AHN-BC.

Holistic Health for Travelers? You bet! Dr. Holloway is focusing on Self-Care for Healthcare Travelers. Travelers care for others and most times their own self-care is not a priority. Learn how holistic principles can improve conditions for both you as a traveler and the patients you care for.

Code Blue-ish, Stress Attack!

Scott Martindale, MEd, MBA, LPC

Travelers are often far from home, on unfamiliar turf, and isolated from our traditional support networks. We must hit the floor running, expected to perform at the highest level of professionalism. A recipe for stress! As a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) in Texas, working specifically to treat stress management, depression, and anxiety in healthcare professionals, Scott will provide practical tips to help us manage the inevitable bouts of stress.

Pass the PBDS!

Melissa Knybel, BSN, RN

There are few subjects that have spawned more passionate discussions within the traveler community than the PBDS test. Just what is this test and why is it such a hot topic? And more importantly, how do I pass the darn thing? Melissa’s presentation will teach you just that!

Destination Alaska!

Melanie Theriac, RN and Joan Reneer, RN, BSN

More than just bears and snow! Working in Alaska is an unforgettable experience. Get the inside scoop on what to expect and how to make the most of this amazing travel destination. Melanie and Joanie are experts who cut to the chase – presenting the information relevant to travelers in the most entertaining style.

ECG Essentials

Tracey B. Long RN, PhD , MSN, MS, CDE, CNE, COI, CHUC, CCRN

Need to brush up on ECG interpretation or add a new skill-set to your resume? Turns out those squiggly lines actually mean something! Tracey has a lot of titles following her name, but the one she is most proud of is RN. She is a master at delivering complex information in an easy to digest and entertaining style.

Infectious Disease Update

Aaron Highfill RN, CFRN

Seems like hardly a week goes by without hearing some ominous news about a new outbreak of infectious disease. Aaron will share with us the latest relevant news about infectious diseases that travelers need to know.

What NOT to do as a Traveler

Laura Latimer OTR/L

Save yourself from self-destruction! If you want to thrive in this industry, get your dream assignment, and make an incredible impression on the job (and not lose your job!) - come learn the secrets from Laura and don't make these mistakes.

Complaint/Citation/Investigation? The BON

Matthew T. Dushoff, Esq.

Help! I've been reported to the Board! Attorney Matthew T. Dushoff has handled hundreds of licensing issues. Most of his clients are in the medical field. You will learn the immediate, practical, and potentially career-saving steps you need to take if you receive notice from your licensing agency regarding any alleged wrongdoing on your part including complaints, allegations, investigations, etc.

International Travel Options

Aaron Highfill RN, CFRN

And now for something completely different! We have options! If you're considering working abroad, or just fantasizing about it, get the first-hand inside story from our own globe-trotting Aaron Highfill, who has worked in many capacities all over the world.

My License is in Jeopardy! Avoiding Dangerous Situations

Melissa Knybel, BSN, RN

Melissa has compiled the most interesting real-world case studies where healthcare travelers have done something that, well, let's just say, ended badly. Yes, we can learn from our own mistakes, but it's even better to learn from OTHER PEOPLE'S mistakes.

RV Housing For Healthcare Travelers

Dan Sees

Getting tired of packing and moving every 13 weeks? Many travelers have decided to NEVER PACK AGAIN. Traveling in an RV is not for everyone, but it's a wonderful choice for some. If you've ever considered it, this presentation is a must. Dan is a true expert with approximately 20 years' experience researching and maintaining RV's, and 9 years supporting Nurse Traveler and wife Kim while living in a motorhome.

The Good, The Bad & The Ugly

Sheldon Arora, CEO

What happened in the marketplace in the last year, and what can you do to prepare for the year ahead? Sheldon Arora, CEO of LiquidAgents Healthcare, LLC is a true industry expert. He will frankly share insider secrets to help serious Healthcare Travelers better understand their industry, and forecast what to expect in the near future. A rare opportunity to hear candid truths about this industry that no one wants to tell.

Opioid Epidemic: How did we get Here and Where do we Go?

Tracey B. Long RN, PhD , MSN, MS, CDE, CNE, COI, CHUC, CCRN

What, specifically, can travelers do to be part of the solution to the Opiate Epidemic sweeping the country? Tracey will provide an important review and update regarding this national problem and provide guidance to travelers to better cope with this debilitating national epidemic.

Cruise Ship Nursing - The Inside Story

Mary Walters, RN, BSN

In her role as Senior Nurse for one of the world's largest cruise lines, Mary is unquestionably an expert about Cruise Ship Nursing. What's it really like? What does it pay? What are the qualifications? The answers to these and many other questions will be provided in this fascinating presentation.

Creating Freedom - Your Own Training Center

Linnea Stonebraker RN, PhD

Linnea will teach you how to open an AHA Training Site to generate another income stream. It is neither expensive nor difficult to start one. Linnea has been a nurse for over three decades spending most of her career in critical care and nursing education. She founded National Institute for Healthcare Education, a national AHA Training Center in 2003 and is an ACLS, PALS, BLS, and NRP Instructor. She has a thriving business and is willing to share her secrets.

Traveler Safety on Assignment

Bill Murray, Company Leader

Stay safe out there. Traveling to unfamiliar areas has some inherent risks. In his role as Company Leader, Bill Murray takes traveler safety seriously. In this well-researched presentation, Bill will provide you with crucial tips and strategies that will keep you safe and secure while traveling and when on assignment.

Negotiating with Multiple Recruiters

Laura Latimer, OTR/L

A good, trusting relationship with your recruiter is crucial. Travelers often feel awkward and uncertain when negotiating with more than one recruiter working for different agencies. But this is considered a “best practice”. Laura will teach you how to gracefully negotiate with multiple recruiters to help find the best possible assignment while maintaining trust and high ethical standards among all the participants.

Healthcare, Remixed

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ZDoggMD

Dr. Zubin Damania

Just don't miss this one. ZDoggMD is fighting the Physician Zombie Apocalypse one joke at a time, but he's not doing it alone! As travelers, we are perfectly situated to help spread the gospel of relationship-based primary care, the foundation upon which rests our entire healthcare system. Through the use of humor, rap singing, and potentially illegal alien mind control techniques, ZDogg promises he will continue to entertain and enlighten until he is arrested.

Trav Talks:

“How To Triage Your Contract Before It Becomes Trauma”

Amanda Norton & Megan Lower

Don't sign it if you don't understand it! Your travel contract governs everything about your assignment. Make sure you understand what you're signing, and learn how to negotiate to amend something you don't like. This popular round table will demystify this crucial document.

“A Day in the Life of a Recruiter”

Shari Dalton

Shari meets with and mentors many of the agencies here at TravCon. She will give you a candid intelligence briefing on what really goes on behind the scenes, the incredible amount of work you never see but that is required to place just one traveler in an assignment. This interesting roundtable will give you the inside scoop!

Home Schooling, Traveling with Families

Kay “Epstein LaRue” Slane, RN, BS

A “must-see” Trav Talk if you are considering traveling with your children – a choice more and more travelers are making. An acknowledged expert on Everything Travel Related, Kay has made a particular study of the issues and solutions for healthcare travelers caring for families on the road.

Spouse's Spot

John Slane, Travel Spouse

For the first time this year, TravCon has a sponsored Spouse's Spot as a refuge and commiseration center. Travel Partners are important! Network with other in that role, rest your feet, share insights with others in your role.

International Service Learning (ISL)

Tracey B. Long RN, PhD , MSN, MS, CDE, CNE, COI, CHUC, CCRN

We think a medical mission trip, at least once in in your career, should be on every healthcare professional's bucket list. Since 1994, International Service Learning (ISL) has been leading groups of volunteers to different countries all over the world, providing essential community and medical services for those in need. Hear all about it in Tracey's stimulating Trav Talk.

Traveling with Pets

Belinda and Greg Luther

Taking our beloved pets with us on the road presents many unique challenges. For several years now at TravCon, Greg and Belinda have been expertly presenting the facts and answering every question travelers might have on the subject!

Building a Nursing Brand in Today's media

Monique Doughty, RN BSN

This Trav Talk will be interesting! Monique utilizes social media platforms such as YouTube, Facebook and Twitter and her own online business to generate a significant income. Her social media presence on Instagram alone is 108K followers. She will discuss the “do's and don'ts” of using social media in the nursing field, sharing her knowledge about how to grow a nursing related business via social media and the related branding techniques.

Freedom in Scrubs - Freedom in Life:

Minimalism with Kim and Erran G

Their YouTube channel is filled with joy! They want to share with you some valuable lessons learned about lightening your load. Traveling with a minimalist mindset makes life so much easier! Learn to experience true freedom as a traveler in this inspiring Trav Talk.

Effective Resumés - Make it Shine!

Shaunna Nastasi and Rick Shaffer

Will you get the interview? Your resume may be all the manager sees when deciding which travelers to interview. These two industry experts will show you EXACTLY what you need to include to have the best chance at that perfect travel assignment. This will likely be a big Trav Talk and we've arranged for a larger meeting space.