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## 2024 CUCM BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Kyla Howrish, BSc., BScN, FNP-C, FCUCM

Kyla Howrish, FNP-C, FCUCM presents as Board member candidate with 23 years of healthcare experience in United States and Canada with 11 of those years in Urgent Care, is a Fellow in the College of Urgent Care Medicine, participant in the Clinical Response Committee, and is currently the Area Clinical Director for Davam Urgent Care in Magnolia, TX.

In college, Kyla was an active member of the Nursing Undergraduate Association and was President during her final year. After graduating from the University of Alberta in Canada, Kyla began her career in nursing, gaining valuable experience in various specialties including Pediatric Cardiology, NICU, Pediatric Emergency Care, and General Emergency Care. This experience was gained at two prestigious teaching hospitals that focused solely on Evidence Based Practice.

In 2017, Kyla took a significant step in her career by completing the Nurse Practitioner program, broadening her scope of practice and enhancing her ability to make a positive difference in patients' lives. Kyla made the transition from Clinic Nurse at Davam Urgent Care to Nurse Practitioner and has been a significant contributor to the growth and development of the clinical and business aspects of Davam Urgent care for the past 9 years.

Regular attendance at the Urgent Care Conference is a yearly highlight for Kyla as well as being a member of the Clinical Response Committee. Both provide great opportunities to delve into the best practices of urgent care, and to connect with like-minded professionals who share their passion for improving healthcare accessibility.

***What do you hope to contribute as a CUCM Board member?***

As an advocate for urgent care medicine, I am passionate about its inherent advantages, including enhanced patient accessibility, immediate patient gratification, and the alleviation of strain on emergency resources. My aspiration is to make a significant impact on elevating the overall patient experience by actively contributing to the enhancement and maintenance of practice standards. This involves conducting thorough literature reviews, implementing best practices, and championing the principles of Evidence-based medicine.

Over the course of the past nine years, my admiration for Davam Urgent Care and its commitment to “Promise to Care” motto has deepened. Having successfully navigated three accreditations processes, we stand as a clinic that recognized the value and necessity of urgent care accreditation and standards. While urgent care is often perceived as a swift and convenient solution, I am driven to extend the motto of “Promise to Care” and evidence-based standards of practice across the entire landscape of urgent care medicine through my involvement with the CUCM and the UCA.