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Professional Summary

Experienced Registered Nurse licensed in Wisconsin with strong clinical and people skills. Ability to ensure high standards of culturally competent care for wide variety of patients with diverse needs. I also have received specific training in Palliative Care, Cultural Sensitivity, and Safe Patient Handling. I have functioned on unit councils, as a preceptor, and as a charge nurse. Responsible Registered Nurse with excellent communication skills demonstrated by 24 years of experience in healthcare. I have strong telemetry skills and am able to provide critical evaluation of seriously ill patients in need of complex medication and treatment regimens.

Skills

- Strong clinical judgment
- Neurology awareness
- Acute care expertise
- Palliative care awareness
- Preceptor
- High level of autonomy
- Patient evaluation/intervention
- Patient/family focused
- In-depth knowledge of intravenous therapy
- Qualified critical care nurse
- Patient evaluation/intervention
- Hospice philosophy understanding

Work History

Registered Nurse, 05/2011 to Current

UW Hospital and Clinics - American Parkway Madison wisconsin

- From May of 2011 unti January of 2013 I worked as a nurse on the General and Bariatric Surgery unit. It was a high paced unit with often very complex abdominal procedures.
- Chronic patient care in med-surg unit, adeptly handling all aspects of treatment from medication to wound care to monitoring for 4-5 patients per shift.
- Assessed need for, ordered, obtained and interpreted appropriate lab tests.

In January 2013 I transferred to the Trauma and Surgical IMCU. These patients were often chronically ill transplant or surgical patients and those with long stays post Trauma. Trauma patients included motor vehicle accidents, gun shot wounds and stabbings. The expectation was to manage 4 patients on the general care area and 2-3 in the IMCU. Frequent use of medication drips, ventilators, arterial lines, and moderate sedation. In June of 2015 I began training for a Pre/Post-Op/PACU nurse at The American Center. I am currently employed there, but would prefer to go back to bedside nursing with the chronically and critically ill. I also am interested in a more consistent schedule in terms of start and end times.

Registered Nurse, 08/1991 to 05/2011

Meriter Hospital – Madison Wisconsin

My nursing career began on the Neurology unit including general care level beds and a 5 bed Neuro IMCU. I am familiar with Inter-cranial pressure monitors, multiple medication drips, and subtle rapid changes in neurological status. This unit expanded to include same day ENT surgical cases and orthopedic spine surgical cases.

- Assessed need for, ordered, obtained and interpreted appropriate lab tests.
- Chronic patient care in med-surg unit, adeptly handling all aspects of treatment from medication to wound care to monitoring for 4-5 in general care and 1-2 in the IMCU patients per shift.

Education

Bachelor of Science: Nursing, 1992 UW-Madison - Madison wi

- Qualified critical care nurse
- Professional bedside manner
- Safe NG tube insertion and removal
- Thorough physical assessments
- Patient positioning competency
- Tracheotomy care
- Venipuncture/blood draw expert
- Patient and family advocate

Certifications

• Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) Certification 2013 to present.