

Cherry Grace Santos-Cortina BSN RN

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Bringing with me efficiency and competence, with 30+ years of strong knowledge of principles of nurse's roles on various fields of nursing specialties, currently seeking position for Staff RN and assuming an increased clinical leadership role. I am a hard worker, a team player, goal setter and achiever, with the ability to manage and prioritize tasks.

Professional Experience:

Amita Health, Elkgrove Village IL

Staff Nurse (Med Surg/TELE)-short term contract

2/2022-5/2022

- Performing all nursing care in accordance with the Nursing philosophy, and facility policies, procedures and protocols
- Conducts an individualized patient assessment, and prioritizing individual needs
- Performed appropriate treatments as ordered by physician in an accurate and timely manner
- Report critical values and condition changes to the Doctors
- Utilized clinical expertise to administer medications and injections, administer IV therapy, perform venipuncture, provide wound care, monitor glucose levels and lab values, assist in bedside procedures, monitor various drainage devices
- Collaborate with interdisciplinary members of the health care team to create an individualized for each patient based on each diagnosis
- Performed admissions and discharges of patients per facility protocol

Greenfields of Geneva, Geneva IL

Assistant Director of Nursing (SNF)

09/2019 – 10/2021

- Assisted the DON in implementing new, revised, and existing policies and procedures
- In the absence of the DON, performed the duties and responsibilities of DON
- Performed COVID-19 tests for residents and staff, organized test results, identifying positive results and handled according to policies and procedures
- Made daily rounds and ensured that all residents always received quality care
- Identified department issues, resident/family concerns and addressed them in a timely manner
- Provided necessary support to the nursing staff
- Assisted in interviewing, recruiting, and training new hires
- Performed annual evaluations of staff
- Handled disciplinary actions as delegated by the DON
- Assisted in creating daily schedule and planning shifts
- Supervised nursing staff in providing quality care to all the residents ensuring they followed the organizations' guidelines in accordance with the government standards

Fresenius Kidney Care, Elmhurst IL

Home Therapy Lead/Charge RN - CAP 2

09/2016 - 09/2019

- Provided peritoneal dialysis treatment to patients during their training in the clinic

- Implemented safe and effective home peritoneal dialysis treatment training and education to ESRD patients and their care partners
- Infused hydration and antibiotic treatments as needed
- Worked with nephrologists and other disciplines in attaining the common goal: To improve patient's quality of life, by ensuring that patients get the appropriate dialysis treatments, correct medications, and that they follow the recommended diet outlined
- Acted as the patient's advocate at all time

Advocate Home Care Products Downers Grove, IL

Home Infusion and Pediatric RN

11/2009 - 06/2016

- Oversaw health and welfare of patients in home settings, both pediatric and adult population
- Prepared and infused any ordered IV/IM/SQ/ID medications/treatments, including antibiotics, chemotherapy, hydration, and TPN
- Assessed and followed up with high-risk pediatric populations, discharged to home from inpatient admission
- Report lab results and any changes in patient's assessment to the doctor
- Performed venipuncture; PIV and Midline IV starts
- Performed lab draws from PICC lines, central lines; PICC line care; central line care; dialysis catheter care; Pleurx cath care; G/J-tube care; wound vac care/application; NGT care and insertion for pediatric patients

Pearl Health Care Carol Stream, IL

Home Health RN (Part Time)

01/2000 - 08/2016

- Oversaw the health and welfare of adult patients in home setting
- Prepared and infused IV/IM/SQ/ID medications, including antibiotics, hydration, and TPN
- Performed venipuncture and PIV starts
- Report lab results and any changes in patient's assessment to the doctor

Central Dupage Hospital, Winfield, IL

Staff Nurse CICU/ICU

01/2003 - 06/2008

- Performed assessments and identified changes in a patient's condition, responding accordingly by following policies and procedures
- Maintained patient records
- Monitored and evaluated patient progress
- Administered treatments and medications to patients as ordered by MD
- Completed paperwork necessary for patient's transfer out of the intensive care unit
- Cared for critically ill patients within the CICU/ICU with extensive medical issues

Glen Oaks Hospital, Glendale Heights, IL

Staff Nurse ICU

06/2001 - 01/2003

- Evaluated and monitored patient's progress and identified of any sudden or subtle changes in the patient's condition
- Provided direct nursing care to patients with complex needs
- Administered treatments and medications to patients as ordered by MD
- Delivered regular updates of patient's progress to doctors, patients, and their families
- Performed approved diagnostic or therapeutic procedures according to the patient's clinical status
- Responded to health emergencies when called upon and alerted appropriate doctors
- Completed paperwork necessary for patient's transfer out of the intensive care unit

Dupage Convalescent Center, Wheaton, IL

Staff Nurse Long Term Care/Acute/Rehab

07/1994 - 06/2001

- Supervised CNAs and delegated appropriate tasks and responsibilities within the scope of their job description
- Oversaw the health and welfare of residents in the skilled nursing facility
- Initiated treatment plans and administered medication
- Prepared IVs, drew blood, gave injections, and took vital signs
- Reported any changes in the patients' health or living situation to family members

Notre Dame University, Cotabato City, Philippines

Clinical Instructor

06/1989 - 06/1993

- Demonstrated and taught patient care in the classroom and clinical settings to nursing students with focus on ensuring that the future nurses have the necessary skills and training needed for them to succeed in whatever field of nursing specialty they choose

Education:

Master of Science in Nursing, 6/1993-3/1994

University of the Philippines, Manila, Philippines

Bachelor of Science in Nursing, 1985-1988

Notre Dame University, Cotabato City, Philippines

Bachelor of Science in Biology, 1983-1985

University of Southern Mindanao, Kabacan, Philippines

Licenses:

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