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SUMMARY

Skilled Primary Care Nurse with current certification in emergency nursing. Knowledgeable about performing scans, tracking lab results and submitting prescriptions. Open and clear communicator with good organizational, multitasking and prioritization skills combined with a service-focused and compassionate nature.

Quick-thinking Critical Care Registered Nurse with 39 years of experience in emergency room specialization. Adept at providing immediate care and working closely with staff to ensure successful practices. Committed to best-in-class departmental communication and accurate triaging.

SKILLS

- Maintaining quality assurance standards
- Health and wellness expertise
- Reporting skills
- AED certification
- Treatment of conditions
- Diabetes management
- Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) certification
- Patient and family focused
- STD counseling and care awareness
- OR and ER experience
- Newborn education
- IV drug therapy management
- Culturally sensitive
- Drug administration trained
- Talent in obtaining/charting vital signs
- Self-discipline
- Interpersonal skills
- CPR and BLS certified
- Problem resolution ability
- Strong clinical judgment
- Basic Life Support Certification
- Speaking clearly
- Organization and planning
- Charting

EXPERIENCE

Emergency Room Registered Nurse

Amn Healthcare Services Inc — San Diego, CA

- Verified and entered necessary information such as inpatient orders, surgical consents and invasive procedures into the patient management system.
- Tested glucose and administered injections.
- Tested patients' blood glucose levels.
- Assisted patients with multiple chronic diagnoses, including COPD and asthma.
- Helped physicians examine and treat patients by assisting with instruments, injections and suture removal.
- Performed lab tests and communicated results.
- Ensured quality patient care from admission to discharge through direct supervision of all nursing and ancillary staff.
- Kept abreast of advances in medicine, computerized diagnostic and treatment equipment, data processing technology, imaging advances, government regulations, health insurance changes and financing options.

- Ensured the accuracy of public information and materials.
- Ensured proper entry and processing of patient prescriptions in company system.
- Provided palliative care in outpatient settings ranging from assessment to development and implementation of care plans.
- Assisted patients with multiple chronic diagnoses including COPD and asthma.
- Volunteered to fill gaps for on call rotation when necessary.
- Created system-wide communications about service excellence.
- Monitored infection control procedures to ensure facility-wide health and safety.
- Evaluated patient care needs, prioritized treatment and maintained patient flow.
- Evaluated health education needs of patients and provided necessary training and instruction.

04/2000 to 05/2017

Emergency Room Registered Nurse

Kaiser Permanente — Oakland, CA

- Actively maintained up-to-date knowledge of applicable state and Federal laws and regulations.
- Participated in unit based Quality Assurance Program.
- Assisted patients with multiple chronic diagnoses including COPD and asthma.
- Interviewed patients to obtain medical information and measure vital signs, weight and height.
- Evaluated patient care needs, prioritized treatment and maintained patient flow.
- Assisted patients with multiple chronic diagnoses, including COPD and asthma.
- Oversaw implementation of patient management plans.
- Provided caring companionship to elderly and developmentally disabled patients.
- Prepared for HIPAA and JCAHO reviews, ensuring required brochures and pamphlets were available to patients in all clinics.
- Provided diagnoses and treated patients with chronic and acute health problems, including MI, arrhythmias, asthma, COPD, pneumonia.

07/1980 to 04/2000

Emergency Room Registered Nurse

st francis medical center — Lynwood, CA

- Participated in unit based Quality Assurance Program.
- Assessed patients in active drug and alcohol withdrawal and provided interventions to manage physical and psychological withdrawal symptoms.
- Provided behavioral/emotional support and supervision for those with dementia and Alzheimer's.
- Developed and implemented successful patient care plans.
- Built strong network of outside referral sources within the community.
- Evaluated nursing notes to confirm accuracy of described care provided and patient responses.
- Organized and led weekly personnel meetings with [number] team

- members.
- Provided diagnoses and treated patients with chronic and acute health problems, including MI, arrhythmias, asthma, COPD, pneumonia.
 - Regularly evaluated employee performance, provided feedback and assisted, coached and disciplined staff as needed.
 - Tested patients' blood glucose levels.
 - Served as liaison between management, clinical staff and the community.
 - Worked with nurses and other clinical staff to process patients and direct to appropriate departments.
 - Assessed notes by nursing staff for accuracy, completion, services rendered and patient responses.
 - Escorted patients to examination rooms and prepared for physician exams.
 - Maintained infection control logs, streamlined charting process, and improved patient outcomes through training and leadership.
 - Processed monthly reports for department performance.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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Associate of Science: nursing
rio hondo college — Whittier, CA

CERTIFICATIONS

- Pediatric Life Support (PALS) Certification [year to present]
- Current cen certification
- PALS - Pediatric Advanced Life Support
- BLS - Basic Life Support
- Registered Nurse in State of ca
- Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS)
- TNCC - Trauma Nurse Core Course
- ENPC emergency nurse pediatric course
- STABLE
- NALS