Nurse Telemetry Intensive Care Unit Stepdown Charge Nurse

 Personal Information

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 Work History

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| Company Name: | ST. LUKE'S DES PERES HOSPITAL | 10/01/1998 - Present |
| Job Title: | ADON | |
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| Company Name: | Des Peres Hospital | 10/01/1998 - Present |
| Job Title: | PACU Nurse, Telemetry/Icu Stepdown Charge Nurse | |
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 Education

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| School: | SANDFORD BROWN COLLEGE - St Louis, MO | Graduation Date: |  |
| Major: |  | | |
| Degree: | Associate Degree | | |

 Additional Skills And Qualifications

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| Recent Job Title: | null | Recent Wage: | 0 per |
| Security Clearance: | No |  |  |

 Desired Position

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| Desired Wage: | per | Desired Employment Type: |  |
| Desired Travel: |  | Desired commute: |  |
| Desired Relocation: | No | |  |

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| DEBRA TOPPS     1634 Chapman Ct, Saint Charles, MO 63304 (314) 614-9622 debtopps@msn.com  PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY Mo. Board-Certified Registered Nurse with over 20 years of experience delivering high-quality care to patients in varying care units. Proven leader effective at uniting and guiding nursing teams toward achieving patient care goals, improving satisfaction and continuously driving widespread healthcare system initiatives. Focused on continuously advancing expertise in positive patient outcomes. I am also the evening/night shift administrative representative for the hospital covering all departments/concerns. Compassionate and highly competent Registered Nurse with [Number] years of clinical nursing experience in [Type] unit. Dedicated to providing high-quality patient care with focus on safety and using evidence-based practices to improve treatment outcomes. Skilled in quickly building connections with patients to build trust and rapport in stressful situations.  SKILLS \* Patient and family advocacy \* Strong clinical judgment \* Insulin medication assistance \* Collecting vitals \* Acute care expertise \* Women's health exams \* Chronic disease management \* Intravenous therapy \* Medication administration \* Oxygen saturation standards \* Tracheostomy care \* Sanitation \* Patient consultation    WORK HISTORY ADON, 10/1998 to Current ST. LUKE'S DES PERES HOSPITAL - St Louis, MO \* Conducted ongoing monitoring and evaluations of behaviors and conditions, and updated clinical supervisors with current information. \* Educated family members and caregivers on patient care instructions. \* Delivered outstanding care to patients with various diagnoses and managed care from treatment initiation through to completion. \* Facilitated therapeutic communication, conflict resolution and crisis intervention by redirecting negative behaviors and helping patients regain or improve coping abilities to prevent further disability. \* Accurately documented all elements of nursing assessment, including treatment, medications and IVs administered, discharge instructions and follow-up care. \* Collaborated with physicians to quickly assess patients and deliver appropriate treatment while managing rapidly changing conditions. \* Provided direct patient care, stabilized patients and determined next course of action. \* Followed all personal and health data procedures to effectively comply with HIPAA laws and prevent information breaches. \* Vaccinated patients to protect individuals from measles, pneumonia, influenza and other illnesses of concern. \* Monitored patient condition, including interpreting and tracking EKG readings, identifying irregular telemetry readings and updating team members on changes in stability or acuity. \* Adhered to strict safety measures by carefully determining proper dosages before administering medications. \* Oversaw and managed entire clinical and support staff in patient care activities while maintaining high level of staff morale and professionalism. \* Performed ongoing assessments to evaluate mental health needs, working with multidisciplinary team to develop, initiate, manage and modify individualized plans of care. \* Observed and documented patient factors such as diets, physical activity levels and behaviors to understand conditions and effectively modify treatment plans. \* Managed patients recovering from medical or surgical procedures, including facilitating wound care, ostomy care, pressure ulcer prevention and pain management. \* Reviewed post-operative orders and continuously monitored patients' post-operative vitals, set up PCA and fluids and oriented patients to unit to achieve optimal outcomes. \* Explained course of care and medications, including side effects to patients and caregivers in easy-to-understand terms. \* Organized and managed care of patients undergoing various therapies and procedures, including cardiac catheterizations and stress test procedures.   PACU Nurse, Telemetry/Icu Stepdown Charge Nurse, , 10/1998 to Current Des Peres Hospital - St Louis, MO  EDUCATION Associate Degree in Nursing: Nursing SANDFORD BROWN COLLEGE - St Louis, MO  CERTIFICATIONS PALS, ACLS, BLS AND DE-ESCALATION |