

VINIKA SHAH

REGISTERED NURSE

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PROFILE

Compassionate Registered Nurse with 8+ years of experience offering comprehensive patient care in critical care environments. Work well with diverse patient population and foster trusting relationships to improve outcomes. Efficiently co-ordinate with healthcare professionals to advance patient care.

EDUCATION

Masters in Nursing Education
Benedictine University
Expected Dec-2019
Nursing Education concentration

Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Olivet Nazarene University
Aug-2015

Associate of Science in Nursing
Moraine Valley Community College
May-2011

SKILLS

- ACLS AND BLS CERTIFIED
- CURRENT CPR
- CERTIFIED IN TAKING CARE OF TRANSPLANT PATIENTS- HEART AND LUNG TRANSPLANT
- PROFICIENT WITH SWAN GANZ CATHETERS, LVAD, VENTILATORS, AND PACEMAKERS
- PREVENTION STRATEGIES

EXPERIENCE

Advocate Christ Medical Center, Oak Lawn, IL

Registered Nurse, Cardiovascular thoracic ICU and step-down (CVTU/CSDU)

Sep-2015 to Present

- Being a preceptor on the unit and guiding new employees.
- Assess critical patients while timely identifying change in their condition.
- Coordinate with physicians and other healthcare team members to provide holistic care to patients and achieve optimal outcomes.
- Equip patients with tools and knowledge needed for speedy and sustained recovery.
- Monitor patient condition including interpreting and tracking EKG readings, identifying irregular telemetry readings, and updating team members on changes in stability or acuity.
- Experience in various critical care settings- surgical with specialization in cardiothoracic, vascular and neurosurgery; cardiac care- including the care of pre and post CABG/ open heart surgery patients; patients with LVAD, heart transplant, and lung transplant.
- Experience with titrating various forms of vasopressors, sedative, cardiac, anticoagulant, and opioid drips.
- Excellent clinical and nursing skills. Proficient with IV therapy, Swan Ganz catheters, LVAD, ventilators, and pacemakers.
- Assume leadership role during rapid responses and code blues on various units.

Avant Home Health & Apollo Home Health, Rolling Meadows, IL

Registered Nurse

Aug-2011 to Sep-2015

- Increased medication knowledge and medical terminology prowess through consistent research and continuing education.

- CLINICAL JUDGMENT
- ABILITY TO LEAD (CHARGE NURSE)
- ABILITY TO WORK EFFICIENTLY AS PART OF A MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM
- MENTORING STUDENTS
- EXCEPTIONAL ORGANIZATION AND PRIORITIZATION SKILLS
- STRONG PROBLEM SOLVING AND CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS
- RESEARCH ABILITIES

- Monitored progress and documented any patient health status changes to keep healthcare team updated.
- Developed rapport to create safe and trusting environment for care.
- Maintained records of patient care, condition, progress or problems to report, and discussed observations with supervisor or case manager.
- Collaborated with physicians to design at-home medication guidelines and educated patients and families on correct administration of medications.
- Responsible for assessing, planning, implementing, and evaluating of nursing care for assigned patients to prevent further hospitalization.