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OBJECTIVE

To utilize my extensive critical care nursing background and strong leadership skills to implement effective sales strategies to key health care providers and hospital systems within the healthcare arena.

EDUCATION

Mennonite College of Nursing at Illinois State University

BSN May 2013 Normal, IL

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Magna Cum Laude, Cumulative GPA 3.76/4.0, Illinois State University Deans List

NURSING EXPERIENCE

Registered Nurse Coronary Critical Care Unit; *The University of Chicago Medical Center, Chicago, IL 11/14- Present*

- Manage critical pre and post open heart surgery cases, interventional cardiac and electrophysiology procedures while working directly with advanced heart failure cardiologists, electrophysiologists and cardiovascular surgeons
- Provide a continuum of care for patients awaiting heart transplants while monitoring and controlling Intra-Aortic Balloon Pumps, Swans, ventricular assist devices, and ECMO.
- Initiate high risk medications and manage newly diagnosed pulmonary hypertension patients.

Registered Nurse Adult Surgical Heart Unit; *Advocate Christ Medical Center, Oak Lawn, IL July 2013-Present*

- Manage critical pre and post-operative surgical cardiothoracic patients. Care for patients post operative coronary artery bypass graft surgery, heart transplant, valve repair/replacements, left ventricular assist devices, ECMO, AAA repair and replacements
- Immediately recover patients from operating room, manage ventilator, implant devices, and intravenous drips/medications
- Assist with insertions of arterial lines, PICC/triple lumen catheters, PA catheters, and intubations
- Communicate with a multidisciplinary team regarding patient status and recovery including CV surgeons, perfusionist, cardiologist and several other team members
- Work in a fast paced unit, providing thorough assessments and quality care to a diverse patient population

Nurse Extern Adult Surgical Heart Unit; *Advocate Christ Medical Center, Oak Lawn, IL June-August 2012*

- Worked with a professional nurse and shadowed among the top 100 cardiovascular hospitals in the nation while performing patient assessments and documented using Care Connection systems
- Utilized critical thinking skills and reported to physicians and case managers regarding patient status
- Attended education days each week to enhance medical learning topics and nursing interventions for specific interests
- Enhanced proficient clinical skills in order to provide optimal patient care to maintain the status of a Magnet Hospital
- Collaborated with Advanced Practicing Nurses to perform research and follow patient outcomes with a multidisciplinary team approach

Patient Care Technician, Adult Surgical Heart Unit; *Advocate Christ Medical Center, Oak Lawn, IL 09/2012-07/2013*

- Assist with activities of daily living and maintain a clean environment for patient safety and satisfaction
- Certified to perform vital signs and glucometer screenings to assist with patient care; prepare, maintain, and collaborate unit reports

Certifications and Continuing Education Workshops

- State of Illinois Registered Professional Nursing License No. 041.412457
- American Association of Critical Care Nurses active member, 2014-present

- Certified Critical Care Registered Nurse, CCRN
- Basic/Advanced Arrhythmia Interpretation Certified, 2013
- CPR/BLS/ACLS, American Heart Association, 2012
- Active member in Unit Council and Peer Review Committee, 2014-2016