

# Barbara Dunn

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Compassionate Registered Nurse with over 20 years of experience in offering comprehensive skilled patient care in ICU/ER/TMC/MSP/Long Term Care/Palliative and Hospice environments. Work well with diverse patient population and foster trusting relationships to improve outcomes. Efficiently coordinate with healthcare professionals to advance patient care. Reputation as self-directed professional with superior problem solving, communication, flexibility and management skills. Successful in managing time, prioritizing tasks, and organizing projects to improve the Quality of Patient Care. Talented Registered Nurse with a strong background in Direct Patient Care. Portfolio available upon request.

Authorized to work in the US for any employer

## Work Experience

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### **Registered Nurse**

Aurora Health Care - Elkhorn, WI

April 2020 to Present

Informed patients and families of effective treatment options and at-home care strategies, enhancing long-term outcomes.

- Delivered outstanding care to patients with various diagnoses and managed care from treatment initiation through to completion.
- Equipped patients with tools and knowledge needed for speedy and sustained recovery.
- Taught patients how to improve lifestyle choices, dramatically reducing chance of symptom re occurrence.
- Advocated for patients by communicating care preferences to practitioners, verifying interventions met treatment goals and identifying insurance coverage limitations.
- Educated patients, families and caregivers on diagnosis and prognosis, treatment options, disease process and management and lifestyle options.
- Performed ongoing assessments to evaluate mental health needs, working with multidisciplinary team to develop, initiate, manage and modify individualized plans of care.
- Partnered with physicians, social workers, activity therapists, nutritionists and case managers to develop and implement individualized care plans and documented all patient interactions and interventions in electronic charting systems.
- Collaborated with physicians to quickly assess patients and deliver appropriate treatment while managing rapidly changing conditions.
- Screening of individuals related to Covid-19.

### **Registered Nurse**

Fairhaven Senior Services - Whitewater, WI

June 2017 to Present

- Reviewed patient history to verify conditions and current medications.

- Collaborated with Director of Nursing on evaluation of care plan outcomes, implementing or adjusting interventions accordingly.
- Supported diagnoses by taking blood, urine or sputum samples from patients for laboratory testing.
- Worked with multidisciplinary team to carry out successful treatment plans for diverse acute and chronic conditions.
- Responded to patient requests with appropriate clinical and personal assistance.
- Clearly and thoroughly explained diagnoses, treatment options and procedures to patients and loved ones, checking in to verify understanding.
- Delivered oral medications, intramuscular injections and IV fluids to mitigate or resolve patient symptoms.
- Helped long-term care residents with bathing, dressing, feeding, and other daily living activities.
- Gathered patient data, cleaned wounds and changed catheters as part of comprehensive support.
- Worked with Director of Nursing to resolve staffing problems, improve operations and provide exceptional customer service.

### **Registered Nurse**

Rainbow Hospice Care - Jefferson, WI  
October 2016 to December 2017

- Established hospice care services for elderly and disabled patients.
- Developed and implemented individualized care plan for each hospice patient while following physician instructions.
- Offered listening ear to both patients and loved ones to ensure that emotional and mental, as well as physical needs were met.
- Provided skilled, timely and level-headed emergency response to critically ill patients.
- Taught family members and caregiver's various ways to manage patients' pain, how to check for vital signs and proper methods for dressing changes.
- Established and maintained successful relationships with patients, families, and physicians by utilizing exemplary communication and active listening skills
- Educated family members and caregiver's on patient care instructions.
- Observed and reported patient condition, progress and medication side effects to accurately document updates.
- Followed all personal and health data procedures to effectively comply with HIPAA laws and prevent information breaches.
- Managed patients recovering from medical or surgical procedures, including facilitating wound care, ostomy care, pressure ulcer prevention and pain management.
- Collaborated with physicians to quickly assess patients and deliver appropriate treatment while managing rapidly changing conditions.
- Used first-hand knowledge and clinical expertise to advocate for patients under care and enacted prescribed treatment strategies.
- Explained course of care and medications, including side effects to patients and caregiver's in easy-to-understand terms.
- Communicated with healthcare team members to plan, implement and enhance treatment strategies.
- Delivered high level of quality care to diverse populations while overseeing patient admission and triaging based on acuity and appropriate department admission.

### **Registered Nurse**

St. Mary's - Madison, WI

October 2015 to October 2016

- Provided targeted care and treatment to critical patients.
- Guided and educated patients and caregiver's on diagnoses, disease management, preventative measures, medication use and self-care to foster consistency in care administration.
- Provided targeted care and treatment to critical patients.
- Coordinated with healthcare staff from various disciplines to devise, carry out and manage personalized care plans to benefit patient health and recovery.
- Assessed and managed various patient treatments for numerous patient diagnoses from sepsis to acute respiratory distress.
- Delivered outstanding patient care in medical surgical critical care units.
- Performed patient treatment according to urgency of condition while multitasking and delegating treatment needs to qualified staff to ensure effective and safe care to promote better outcomes.

### **Registered Nurse**

St. Mary's - Janesville, WI

October 2014 to January 2015

- Performed lab tests and communicated results.
- Liaised between patients and physicians to ensure patient comprehension of treatment plans.
- Closely monitored acute conditions.
- Ensured HIPAA compliance.
- Developed patient care plans, including assessments, evaluations and nursing diagnoses.
- Documented patient information obtained from interviews.
- Followed infection control procedures.
- Assisted patients with daily functions.
- Assisted residents with bathing, dressing, feeding, lifting and transferring.
- Assisted doctors with surgeries and non-invasive procedures.
- Managed care for post-operative patients through discharge.

### **Registered Nurse**

Fort HealthCare - Fort Atkinson, WI

January 2001 to October 2014

- Assessed need for, ordered, obtained and interpreted appropriate lab tests.
- Chronic patient care in med-surg unit, adeptly handling all aspects of treatment from medication to wound care to monitoring for 5 patients per shift.
- Self-directed with astute judgment skills.
- High level of personal accountability.
- Managed care for post-operative patients through discharge.
- Performed lab tests and communicated results.
- Liaised between patients and physicians to ensure patient comprehension of treatment plans.
- Instructed patients and family members on proper discharge care.
- Closely monitored acute conditions.
- Ensured HIPAA compliance.
- Developed and implemented nursing care plans.
- Developed patient care plans, including assessments, evaluations and nursing diagnoses.
- Documented patient information obtained from interviews.
- Provided on-call care at all times of day and night.
- Followed infection control procedures.

- Assisted patients with daily functions.
- Monitored fluid intake and output levels.
- Provided all daily living tasks to enhance quality of life for elderly patients.
- Assisted residents with bathing, dressing, feeding, lifting and transferring.
- Assisted doctors with surgeries and non-invasive procedures.

## Education

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### **Bachelor of Science in Nursing**

Herring University - Menomonee Falls, WI  
2015

### **Associates Degree in Nursing**

Madison Area Technical College - Madison, WI  
2000

### **Associate of Science**

University of Wisconsin Whitewater - Whitewater, WI

## Nursing Licenses

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### **RN**

Expires: February 2022

State: WI

## Skills

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- Professional bedside manner adept at prioritizing and managing deadlines
- Thorough patient assessments
- Critical Care, Medical Surgical, Home Care, Long Term, Palliative and Hospice Experienced
- Patient and family focused quality care and communication
- EMR Systems
- ICU Experience
- Managed Care
- Pain Management
- Nursing
- Triage
- Experience Administering Injections
- Wound Care
- Cerner
- Caregiving
- Patient Care
- Hospital Experience

- Employee Orientation
- Medication Administration
- Infection Control Training
- Phlebotomy
- Vital Signs

## Awards

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### **Phi Theta Kappa Society**

1998

## Certifications and Licenses

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### **Alpha Beta Kappa**

2015

### **BLS Certification**