

# Brandi Hermes

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Registered Nurse

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Dedicated CTICU RN, BSN seeking new experience and opportunity with a travel nurse position on a CTICU/CVICU or Genral/COVID ICU.

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## WORK EXPERIENCE

### **CTICU RN** UPMC Presbyterian

12/2019 - Present

Pittsburgh, PA

*Achievements/Tasks*

- Providing care for post op patients straight from the OR. Specializing in heart and lung transplants, ECMO (ARDS), CABGs, valvular repairs and replacements, and left ventricular assist device implantation. Open chest care. Experience with thoracic, vascular, and trauma related surgeries as well. Care of patients with COVID 19 diagnosis.
- Management of LVADS (including Impella), IABP, ECMO, CRRT, Swan-Ganz/CCO monitoring (fiber optic/thermal dilution techniques), arterial/CVP monitoring, central line care/removal including dialysis catheters, peripheral nerve blocks, chest tube/paigtail/JP/wound vac drainage systems, trach and ventilator care, sterile and clean dressings, enteral feeding, NG insertion, foley insertion/care, etc.
- Administration and safe titration of vasoactive and inotropic medications, with proper assessment and interpretation of hemodynamics and cardiac rhythms. Administration and assessment of blood products, including plasmaphoresis. Proper administration of all medications via IV, PO, enteral, and transdermal routes.
- Emergency care - ACLS/BLS trained.

Contact: Kathy Perdziola - 412-913-8047

### **CT Stepdown/PCU RN** UPMC Presbyterian

05/2018 - 12/2019

Pittsburgh, PA

*Achievements/Tasks*

- Providing care for cardiothoracic step-down patients post heart/lung transplant, thoracic surgeries, vascular surgeries, and LVAD implantation.
- Management of left ventricular assist devices, peripheral nerve blocks, chest tubes/ pigtail drainage systems, enteral feeding, NG tube, foleys etc.
- Administration of medications (IV, PO, Gastric tube, etc.) Administration of blood products.
- Charge Nurse duties including making patient assignments, directing transplant discharges/medication teaching, and communicating with countless members of the healthcare team.

Contact: Charlene Hartung - 724-554-9681

## EDUCATION

### **Bachelor of Science in Nursing** Duquesne University

08/2014 - 05/2018

Pittsburgh, PA

## SKILLS

Team work

Professional Communication

Critical Thinking

Problem Solving

Organization

Time Management

Research

Leadership

## PERSONAL PROJECTS

### Diabetes Committee Representative for CTICU (12/2019 - Present)

- Attend meetings with all levels of the healthcare team related to the best practice in diabetes management. Create and send documents related to current education/change in processes to leadership and co-workers on the cardiothoracic ICU.
- Gather information about current practices related to diabetes care/management on CTICU and assess risks and benefits. Research evidence based practice articles to benefit both patient safety and nurse satisfaction.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

Daisy Award Nominee (01/2018)

Daisy Award Nominee (12/2019)

UPMC Cameos of Caring - Novice Nurse Award Nominee  
(05/2019)

## QUALIFICATIONS/LICENSES

PA RN LICENSE - RN709724

Child Abuse Clearance

ACLS 10/19-10/21

BLS 09/20-09/22

LVAD 07/18

IMPELLA 07/20

ECMO 1/20

PRISMA/CRRT 08/20

IABP 08/20