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Patient-focused medical surgical nurse with experience in providing care within dynamic and high-pressured environments. Clinical expertise in medication, administration, wound care and venipuncture. Looking to take next career step with a highly respected medical organization committed to enhance patient outcomes and quality of care.

**Core Qualifications**

* Medical Surgical and Cardiac Care
* Home Care Services
* Direct and Indirect Patient Care
* Patient Advocacy and Education
* Medication Administration
* Nursing Leadership
* Electronic Charting
* JACHO/HIPPA Compliance

**Professional Experience**

**Direct Patient Care**

* Perform initial patient assessments and work with physicians to plan, implement and evaluate plans of care for patients between the ages of 18-100.
* Records patient’s medical, vital statistics, and test results in electronic and physical medical charts.
* Carry out prescribed treatments to patients in their homes and other community settings,
* Consult about individual or family health problems with other professionals such as Doctors, Social Workers, and Therapists.
* Supervise LPNs and/or home health aides.
* Develop and interpret care plans to such personnel.

**Patient Education and Staff Development**

* Educate patients and caregivers on diagnosis, treatment options, disease process and management.
* Provide comprehensive instruction on discharge plans to sustain continuity of care upon discharge.
* Precept student and new grads on unit and hospital policies, clinical skills, and direct patient care.

**Nursing Administration**

* Maintain confidential patient charts and medical files.
* Monitor and maintain inventory and supply levels; prepare and submit supply replenishment orders to maintain par levels.
* Implement floor assignments based on staffing requirements.
* Identify opportunity for improvement in procedures, unit activities, and treatment.

**Education**

Bachelor of Science: Nursing, Quinnipiac University, Hamden, CT

Bachelors of Arts: Psychology, Southern Connecticut State University, New Haven, CT

**Work History**

Yale New Haven Hospital **-** Medical Surgical Nurse, 9/2012 – Current (New Haven)

Saint Raphael’s Hospital – Medical Surgical Nurse, 7/2004 – 9/2012 (New Haven)

Family Care Visiting Nurse – Admissions Nurse/Case Manager, 7/2006 – 5/2016 (New Haven)

Willows of Woodbridge – Nursing Supervisor, 7/2009 – 9/2012

Jewish Home of the Aged – Nursing Supervisor 7/2004 – 7/2006

**Certifications**

BLS Certification

Mental Health Certification Specialty

**Languages**

English, Moderate Spanish