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Compassionate Registered Nurse with over 10+ years clinical experience. Clinical experience include Pre and Post op care, PACU, Endoscopy, Dermatology clinic, and Covid community clinic.

Sigma Theta Tau National Honor Society of nursing member.

Great 100 Nurse of Louisiana 2015

Lead Register Nurse for Covid Community Clinic for Orleans Parish Schools.

Sole RN managed and cared for 150+ patients in Tulane Medical Center CHF Clinic.

Neurology critical care experience with Tulane Medical Center. Stroke certification obtained.

Passionate outpatient registered nurse

Epic computer skilled, managing heavy daily patient volume including telephone triage, appointments and scheduling, medication refill and patient referrals.

Proficient in Epic and Meditech documentation/record maintenance/paperwork to ensure accuracy and patient confidentiality.

Skilled in Join Commission preparation teaching and preceptorship.

Enjoys collaborative practice to enhance holistic patient care, strong patient advocate.

Master of Science in Nursing

Work Experience

PACU Registered Nurse

Supplemental Health Care - Houston, TX

March 2021 to December 2021

Post operative nurse duties include monitoring post-operative patients' state of recovery and consciousness from anesthesia and giving updates to the treatment team. Checking vital signs to catch any malfunctions and provide an easy recovery.

Keeping dressings, bandages, etc., clean, dry, and safe. Treating pain, nausea, and other post-operative symptoms of anesthesia and administering medication as prescribed.

Education duties include communicating with patients and family members on the post-operative care procedures and how to continue care upon discharge.

Registered Nurse

Medical Solutions LLC - Tyler, TX

January 2021 to March 2021

Duties include post- surgical recovery of adult GI patients.

Frequent assessment, vitals, and multi-disciplinary postsurgical care is administered until patient is stable and no longer meets PACU criteria. Critical Care skills are essential for this patient care population.

Pre-operative and post-operative IV insertions with fluid and medication administration.

Preparation of discharge instruction and education. Assumes responsibility and accountability for the delivery and management of patient care. Utilizes the nursing process, the healthcare environment, and current technology to provide a climate which optimizes patient care and staff development.

Current position also includes training RN new hires to discharge process for PACU GI.

Covid Community Clinic RN Lead

Children's Hospital New Orleans - New Orleans, LA
September 2020 to December 2020

The registered nurse (RN) is accountable for the coordination of nursing care, including direct patient care and patient/family education. The target population being Orleans and Jefferson parish schools students and faculty. Working within Orleans parish schools and Hospital drive thru site.

Nurses working in the COVID Testing oversee collection specimens (e.g. - Nasopharyngeal swab and nasal swabs) from asymptomatic and symptomatic people to confirm or rule-out the COVID 19 virus.

Testing population consist of individuals who may have symptoms of COVID 19 or require testing to rule-out exposure to help facilitate quarantine efforts as indicated based on results. Nurses work in a team environment and rotate between various skills including ordering testing in EPIC under the direction of the care provider, collecting specimen and labeling, patient education, supply ordering, contact tracing, educating patient care assistants on proper swabbing procedures, labeling and timely lab delivery.

Special Procedures Registered Nurse

Children's Hospital - New Orleans, LA
October 2019 to September 2020

The responsibility of the Special Procedure RN is to provide close monitoring of patient during various invasive procedures. Special Procedures nurses also work within the operating room, while in both settings the nurse cares for patients and assists providers through a variety of surgeries, as well as diagnostic and treatment procedures.

The nurse also assists in surgical procedures, such as digit removal and operating room surgeries when a scope may be need for diagnostic or curative purposes, to name a few.

Responsibilities include:

Preparing, cleaning and maintenance of all Endoscopes and Colonoscopes.

Maintenance of EVOTECH and OLYMPUS equipment.

PROVATION proficient.

Conduct an initial and ongoing assessment designed to gather data relevant to the patient's individual needs and pediatric age group.

Nurses provide services in Gastroenterology cases such as Endoscopic scopes and biopsies, ERCP, EUS and foreign body removals. Documents and circulates on all endoscopy cases.

Urology procedures such as infant circumcisions. Also conducting the preoperative, intraoperative and postoperative care, along with discharging the patient.

Walker High School Registered Nurse

L.B. Landry - New Orleans, LA
July 2019 to September 2019

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As a high school nurse job requirement include:

Completed screenings and evaluated medical findings related to health development patterns along with vision and hearing problems.

Performed health screenings and assessments for elementary, middle school, and high school students.

Oversee physical examination, acquired student's health/developmental history, and determined the appropriate course of action for the child's presenting need.

Administered medications and assisted with management of special health care needs, including asthma, diabetes, and allergies. Documentation of all student interaction. Initiated parental contact and referral to additional school personnel as appropriate.

Post-operative Nurse

Advantage Medical Professionals - Metairie, LA

April 2019 to June 2019

Thibodaux Regional, Thibodaux, LA

After surgical procedures the nurse performs continuous monitoring of patients after they awaken from anesthesia. They evaluate the surgical sites monitoring for bleeding or signs of infections.

They also continuously monitor patient's vital signs and monitor for pain, nausea or other signs and symptoms that may result from surgery.

Discharge instructions and patient and family education is a key component of the nurse role in this position. This may include setting up home health or teach a family medications regimen post procedure.

Operative Nurse

Pre-operative and Post - Metairie, LA

January 2019 to March 2019

Ochsner-Kenner, Kenner, LA

Performed pre and post patient assessment, review of history, discharge planning, and review of diagnostic studies with appropriate follow through and physician consultation or follow up appointment.

Provided direct patient care to pre- and post-op surgical and endoscopy patients.

Advised on proper pain management techniques which included IV pain pumps, oral medications, and other alternatives. Effectively collaborated with an interdisciplinary team of physicians, physical therapists, and home health providers.

Assessed patient's pre-op and post-operative ordered required labs related to their medical history

Managed post-operative pain and surgical sites.

Assessed and prepared patients/families/significant others for discharge

Provided next day follow up call to all patients and addressed any questions and concerns

Orthopedic Clinic Nurse

Advantage Medical Professionals - Metairie, LA
March 2018 to October 2018

Metairie, LA
University Medical Center New Orleans

Orthopedic Clinic Nurse

A specialty area that focuses on musculoskeletal diseases and disorders.

The nurse must be familiar with a large variety of orthopedic conditions, surgical procedures and medications. The nurse must be a strong patient advocate and focus on strong patient education.

Dermatology Clinic Nurse

A specialty area that focuses on skin conditions. The nurse must assist with outpatient surgical procedures, treatments, wound management, and cosmetic procedures. The nurse must provide support to doctors during surgical procedures and monitoring of patient vitals.

Education is very important with this patient population for maintenance of skin ailments.

Perioperative and Recover RN and Endoscopy Circulator

Supplemental Health Care - Amherst, NY
December 2017 to February 2018

New Orleans East Hospital, New Orleans, LA

Endoscopy Circulating nurse:

A gastroenterology nurse circulator nurse, also known as an endoscopy nurse is a nursing professional that primarily treats patients suffering from diseases, disorders, and injuries of the digestive tract.

Diagnostic/Screening Colonoscopy, Flexible Sigmoidoscopy, Small Bowel Enteroscopy and Upper Endoscopy.

Pre-op, Post-op, and PACU Nurse:

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Registered Nurse

Neuroscience Step down Unit - Jefferson, LA
March 2017 to December 2017

Duties consists of caring for stroke, neurosurgery, and epilepsy patient.

Care is carried out in collaborate team approach to get the patient as close to their baseline status.

Majority of the population are postsurgical or acute brain injury.

Chart audits and teaching for Joint Commission and Stroke certification 2016.

Post-Anesthesia Care Unit Registered Nurse

Touro Infirmary - New Orleans, LA

July 2016 to November 2016

Duties include post- surgical recovery of adult patients, including maternity patients.

Frequent assessment, vitals, and multi-disciplinary postsurgical care is administered until patient is stable and no longer meets PACU criteria. Critical Care skills are essential for this patient care population.

Out-Patient Surgery Registered Nurse

Tulane University Medical Center - New Orleans, LA

March 2013 to May 2016

Duties include preceptor of new nurses to the unit and emergency charge RN when needed.

Pre-admit testing such as patient history and assessment, obtaining EKG's, obtaining blood serum and urine analysis and culture for surgical procedures.

Pre-operative and post-operative IV insertions with fluid and medication administration.

Preparation of discharge instruction and education. Assumes responsibility and accountability for the delivery and management of patient care. Utilizes the nursing process, the healthcare environment, and current technology to provide a climate which optimizes patient care and staff development.

Current position also includes training RN new hires to our department, charge nurse, unit educator, and electronic medical records super user for MEDITECH electronic medication reconciliation.

Heart Failure Registered Nurse Coordinator

Tulane University Medical Center - New Orleans, LA

June 2012 to March 2013

Duties include Sole RN managing the clinic operations, orienting medical fellows to the operations of the clinic in aspects of patient care.

To oversee orders, prescriptions and follow ups of heart failure, pre-transplant and post-heart transplant patients. Setting up home care visits and finding medical assistance is also a patient care role of the nurse.

ED Pool Registered Nurse

MCLNO - New Orleans, LA

June 2012 to December 2012

Per diem weekend nurse with In-house pool department mainly assigned to ED.

Provided rapid triage care, IV start and therapy.

Working in collaborative manner with ER MD to administer holistic and efficient patient care.

Neurology Intensive Care Unit Registered Nurse

Tulane University Medical Center - New Orleans, LA

June 2010 to June 2012

Duties include primarily caring for stroke and a variety of ICU patients including surgical and transplant patients. This is done while collaboration with multiple disciplines to ensure optimum patient care. Critical thinking skills are essential with this population.

Cardiac Care Step-down Unit Registered Nurse

Ochsner Hospital - New Orleans, LA

June 2009 to June 2010

Duties include primarily caring for a cardiac focused patient population after heart transplants and LVAD surgeries and various procedures. This is done while collaborating with multiple disciplines to ensure optimum patient care.

Rehabilitation and prevention are the focused nursing responsibility with this patient population.

Education

Masters of Nursing Science in Sigma Theta Tau National Honor Society of Nursing

Graduate School of Nursing - Baton Rouge, LA

December 2014

Bachelors of Science in Nursing Graduate

LSU Health Science Center - New Orleans, LA

May 2009

Bachelors of Science in Biology Graduate

Xavier University - New Orleans, LA

August 2006

Nursing Licenses

RN

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Skills

- Nursing
- Epic
- Laboratory Experience
- EMR Systems
- Patient Care
- Pain Management
- Critical Care Experience
- Nursing
- Triage
- Nursing
- Hospital Experience
- Medication Administration

- ICU Experience
- Experience Administering Injections
- Nursing
- Childcare

Certifications and Licenses

BLS Certification

September 2023

ACLS Certification

March 2022

PALS Certification

July 2023