**Melissa Reid**

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**OBJECTIVE**



Energetic cardiothoracic surgery nurse utilizing her strong prioritization and organizational skills to provide patients with first rate care post-op day 1 (most frequently HF, aneurysms, dissections, CABGs, valve repair/ replacements) and beyond. Frequent critical care float with positive attitude. Proactive and ready to collaborate to deliver safe and compassionate patient care.



## EDUCATION

**NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY,** Boston, MA May 2020

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

GPA 3.8/4.0

**UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT,** Storrs, CT August 2016

Bachelor of Science in Physiology and Neurobiology  
Bachelor of Science in Laboratory Psychology GPA 3.4/4.0

**CERTIFICATIONS**

Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) Certified 10/18/2021  
Basic Life Support (BLS) Certified 01/07/2021

Nursing Assistant Certified 09/14/2011  
Registered Nurse CT license #171516/ MA #RN2343605/RI #RN69298/ NC #331004 Unexpired

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**NURSING WORK EXPERIENCE**

**Intermediate Cardiothoracic Unit (currently merged with “CTIC”) at RIH**  Providence, RI

*Registered Nurse* March 2021-Present

• Prioritized care for assigned critically ill patients based upon indicated condition and changes in mental status

• Documented multi system assessments and data, reporting pertinent VS and lab data trends to LIPs

• Administered dosages of medications based on VS, pain level, and sedation requirements including Nitro, Levo, Precedex and Amiodarone

• Repletion of IV electrolytes via Cordis introducer per protocol

• Monitoring telemetry for potential arrhythmias, obtaining EKGs and discussing interventions with LIP

• Utilizing patients’ external pacemakers to maintain rhythms and blood pressures

• Care of cordis introducers- removal and dressing changes

• Chest tube dressing changes before and after removal with LIP

• Aiding LIPs with bedside para/thoracentesis, cardioversion, and external pacemaker removal

• Utilizing ACLS and BLS during cardiovascular resuscitation

• Daily phlebotomy and IV placement

• Care of pre-op patients post acute MI, TAVRs, and other ICCU procedures (practicum at MGH on E7 and ICCU float).

**InfiCare Health- Lemuel Shattuck Hospital** Boston, MA

*Registered Nurse* **Full Time Temp RN Covid 19 Position** November 2020-March 2021

• Conducting routine and surgery specific post op assessments after orthopedic and general surgeries on DPH and Correctional Units as a float RN

• Administering cardiac medications, heparin drips, CVC IV therapy, and blood transfusions per facility policy

• Providing vent care and monitoring the chronically ventilated- patients with SCI or neurodegenerative diseases

• Communicating assessed changes in CSM and LOC as well as post op complications such as bleeding and abnormal lab results to LIPs and MDs

• Developing and implementing patient care plan improvements for disenfranchised populations with medical team

• Administering Omnicell obtained medications IV/PO/SQ/IM

**Medix** Boston, MA

*Registered Nurse* **Full Time Temporary Covid 19 Position** May 2020 – Nov 2020

* Executing assigned nursing duties including: post-op patient assessment upon admission, discharge education, evaluating and reporting priority changes in patient status, and medication administration to 15-20 patients per shift
* Post-op wound treatments like suture removal and later stage pressure wound treatments such as wound VACs
* PICC line medication administration and maintenance as well as ACLS certification and telemetry experience
* Documenting physicians’ orders with proper follow up and execution
* Participating in health assessment and promotion as well as disease prevention activities related to COVID-19
* Expressing verbal and written communication in a clear, positive and cooperative manner to ensure teamwork and optimal patient care
* Discussing holistic patient needs to identify care plan interventions as well as disease process(es) and progression with patients and their family members

**Hartford Healthcare - Southington Care Center** Southington, CT

*Nursing Assistant*December 2016 – March 2019

* Cared for 8-14 patients per shift, reporting critical vital signs as well as changes in patient status, behavior, and cognition in addition to aiding with emergencies like falls, cardiac arrests, and strokes
* Monitored the integrity of patients’ post op surgical sites, wounds, G-tubes, IVs, colostomies, and Foley catheters
* Assisted on rehabilitation units- monitoring patient ability post surgery, MI, and stroke while assisting PTs with new transfers and following up with therapies
* Participated in educating patients and their families about post-op care and home transition as well as palliative and hospice care and expectations

**Countryside Manor of Bristol** Bristol, CT

*Nursing Assistant* 2012 - 2017

* Onboarded new CNAs and taught how to check for behavioral changes, prevent falls, and respond to emergencies
* Worked in the specialized dementia ward requiring supplemental training as well as with psychiatric patients
* Cared for 12-22 patients per shift, performing all CNA duties in a high-quality and timely manner to increase patient satisfaction and care for the person as a whole