

# CORA SMITH BSN, RN

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## SKILLS

- Initial triage acuity assessment
- Intravenous therapy-Phlebotomy
- Patient and family advocacy
- Chronic disease management
- Neurology awareness
- Trauma recovery
- Educate health professional.
- High level of autonomy
- Culturally sensitive
- Collaborate with government agencies to ensure Infection control.
- Analyze infection data.
- Assist with development of action plans.
- Nursing Plan Development and Modification
- Conscious sedation

## WORK HISTORY

### **Registered Nurse** Johns Hopkins Emergency Department- Washington, DC

09.2021 - Current

- Organize, lead, and provide resources for patients who urgently need treatment.
- Assess and manage care for the vulnerable population.
- Triage incoming patients based on level of injury or acuity of illness.
- Assist with tracheotomies and intubations.
- Provide the full range of professional nursing care and treatment to a wide variety of critically ill patients.
- Perform patient assessments and independently determines and assigns priority of care based on patient's presenting symptoms and physical manifestations, using established protocols as a guide.
- Administer critical care drugs that require specialized knowledge.
- Operate specialized medical equipment such as resuscitators, defibrillators, electrocardiographs, oxygen apparatus, intravenous pumps, and rapid intravenous infusers.
- Ability to work in fast-paced environments under pressure.
- Willingness to continually learn the latest advancements in emergency medicine.

### **Registered Nurse** National Institutes of Health - Bethesda, MD

11.2018 – 8.2022

- Maintained highest levels of patient satisfaction, generating referrals to maintain productivity levels for hospital and research units.
- Observed and reported patient condition, progress, and medication side effects to accurately document updates.
- Leveraged feedback and process improvement opportunities to create safer and healthier environment and increase patient satisfaction.

- Advised patients and caregivers of proper wound management, discharge plan objectives, safe medication use and disease management.
- Offered clinical leadership and oversight to 10-20 clients - daily/including scheduling, tasking, and administration of care.
- Covid-19 team Nurse/Pandemic Critical Care Nurse

**Registered Nurse** -St Agnes Emergency Department - Baltimore, MD

06.2019 – 4.2020

- Educated patients on how to improve lifestyle choices, dramatically reducing chance of symptom re-occurrence.
- Administered medications and treatment to patients and monitored responses while working with healthcare teams to adjust care plans.
- Facilitated therapeutic communication, conflict resolution and crisis intervention by redirecting negative behaviors and helping patients regain or improve coping abilities to prevent further disability.
- Monitored patient condition, including interpreting, and tracking EKG readings, identifying irregular telemetry readings, and updating team members on changes in stability or acuity.
- Coordinated care for up to 5:1 patient ratio per shift in busy short-staffed setting with strict quality and cost constraints.
- Consistently maintained core measures and patient satisfaction on consistent basis

**Nurse Manager** B Positive National Blood Services - Riverdale, Maryland

08.2016 - 11.2018

- Ensures donor suitability, product integrity, and continued good health of donors through compliance with Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations and state regulations.
- Managed center's donor flow and on-site personnel, including scheduling, managing break times, and responding to day-to-day issues and concerns.
- Handled receipt of positive test results or other product-related issues; Counsels donor as it pertains to positive results; oversaw quarantining and/ destruction of questionable or unacceptable units.
- Recorded details regarding all therapies, including plasma and platelets to keep patient charts updated.
- Participated in education activities, including evidence-based practice project implementation, nursing competency development and nursing simulation activities.
- Provided training and supervision to 20-member staff.

**Charge Nurse** - Anchor Home Health Care - Vienna, VA

01.2016 - 08.2016

- Provide appropriate level of care during unusual and moderate to severe care for patient that were on ventilator machines.
- Assessed patient vitals, performed phlebotomy, and managed intravenous lines.
- Used sterile techniques, including hand hygiene and protocol preparation to prepare patients for procedures.
- Prevented drug interactions and contributed to correct diagnosis by recording patient health information, monitoring vitals, and updating patient files within electronic medical record.
- Administered direct patient care by initiating preventative and rehabilitative interventions, assisting patients with activities of daily living, positioning, mobilization, and personal hygiene support.
- Prevented drug interactions and contributed to correct diagnosis by recording patient health information, monitoring vitals, and updating patient files with accurate real time information.
- Used sterile techniques.
- Delivered high-quality direct and indirect nursing care to all patients.
- Prevented drug interactions and contributed to correct diagnosis by recording patient health information, monitoring vitals, and updating patient files.
- Evaluated patient status and re-assessed clients' nursing needs every hour.

**Progressive Care Nurse** BALTIMORE WASHINGTON MEDICAL CENTER - Glen Burnie, MD 07.2014 - 07.2015

- Coordinated care with health team to ensure that patient s needs were met in accordance with professional standards of practice.
- Supported physicians during examinations and scans to assist with diagnostic procedures.
- Managed patient care through closely monitoring respiration, blood pressure and blood glucose levels.
- Minimized staff and patient infection risk by cleaning and disinfecting equipment instruments.
- Evaluated patient status and re-assessed clients' nursing needs every hour.
- Prevented drug interactions and contributed to correct diagnosis by recording patient health information, monitoring vitals, and updating patient files.
- Observed, charted, and reported developments in patient health condition.
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**EDUCATION**

Sojourner-Douglass College - Baltimore, MD / 2015  
**Bachelor of Science:** Nursing