

PATRICIA CASTRO

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EXPERTISE

Cardiovascular Intervention
Care Plan Development
Conflict Resolution
Direct Patient Care
Disease Management
Outcome Management
Patient & Family Education
Patient Safety
Pharmacology
Process Improvement
Public Speaking
Team Leadership

EDUCATION

Purdue University Northwest
Bachelor of Science – Nursing
June 2018

Harry S Truman College
Associate Degree – Nursing with Honors
May 2014

REGISTERED NURSE LICENSE

RN Licensure: IL #041424040

CERTIFICATIONS

BLS | ACLS

EXPERIENCE

Registered Nurse, BSN, RN

Advocate Condell Medical Center | Libertyville, IL | September 2018 – November 2021

- » Worked in the Stepdown ICU unit with high acuity patients, including post-op open hearts, post VATs, post cardiac cath, postop Watchman, and Level 1 traumas, as well as tracheostomy-ventilator dependent patients.
- » Responsible for the care of other critically ill patients, including alcohol withdrawal, drug overdose, septic shock, respiratory failure, and medically declining patients needing emergent dialysis.
- » Provided care and continuous monitoring for patients on non-titratable cardiac drips and for patients with ordered neurological checks every 2 hours.
- » Cared for COVID patients who needed to be on continuous BiPap, on the maximum oxygen setting. Monitored these patients closely due to high likelihood for intubation.
- » During the initial COVID surge, was cross-trained as an ICU nurse to take care of intubated patients who were sedated, paralyzed, and routinely prone. Trained to administer paralytics, analgesics, and sedating IV medications to COVID patients.

Registered Nurse, BSN, RN

Victory Centre of Vernon Hills | Vernon Hills, IL | January 2017 – July 2017

- » Administered medication, maintained accurate medication administration records, ensured proper check-in, storage, and destruction of all medication, including narcotics, corresponded with and took orders from physicians, updated orders in physician order sheets and carried out physician orders, and notified physician and family of any status changes.
- » Monitored and documented residents' health statuses, completed required assessments for each resident upon move-in, readmission after a leave of absence, and annually, updating the resident service plan as needs or required services change, and completing the quarterly assessment reviews required by corporate.
- » Administered TB testing to new residents and new staff upon admission and hire and annually.

Resident Care Manager

Victory Centre of Vernon Hills | Vernon Hills, IL | March 2016 – January 2017

- » Managed the completion of all required assessments on every resident and that quarterly assessment reviews required by corporate are completed in a timely manner and are accurate and appropriate to the resident.
- » Managed the oversight of all resident care for 100 residents, and monitoring that all residents and staff receive proper TB testing upon admission and hire and annually.
- » Assisted the Life Enrichment Manager with scheduling of all healthcare personnel, which included 2 nurses and 14 CNAs, assuring staffing levels meet established resident ratios, and scheduling within budgeted hours.
- » Assisted the Life Enrichment Manager in directing, supervising, and training staff nurses; assisted with orientation process for all Wellness staff and provide performance feedback to the Life Enrichment Manager.

Registered Nurse, BSN, RN

Central Nursing and Rehabilitation | Chicago, IL | November 2014 – November 2015

- » Charge nurse for dementia and psych units with responsibilities that included administration of medication to an average of 60 residents; supervising, directing, and assisting the CNA staff; admitting or discharging residents from the facility; notifying doctors and NPs of any changes regarding the residents; and maintaining accurate and concise patient records.
- » Med nurse for skilled unit responsible for administration of medication via different routes: PO or G-Tubes, or IVs for antibiotic treatments.