Lena Acker

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**Professional Summary**

Diligent Nursing professional with demonstrated success in emergency patient care. Agile and responsive to dynamic patient needs and environmental conditions. Team-oriented and reliable with expert healthcare knowledge, clear verbal and written communication skills and sound clinical judgment. Seasoned nursing professional offering proven clinical knowledge, natural interpersonal strengths and technical abilities. Knowledgeable about EMR charting, medication administration and interdisciplinary collaboration focused on optimizing patient care and support. Quality-focused and efficiency-driven leader.

**Skills**

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| * Patient Care
* Teaching
* HIPAA Compliance
* Dementia Knowledge
* Patient Information Collection
 | * Critical Care
* Disease Management
* Catheterization
* Neurology
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**Work History**

ER/Travel Registered Nurse, ICU | 11/2021 to 02/2022

Fastaff Nursing - Greenwood Village, CO

* Planned, prioritized and provided nursing care by applying advanced specialty clinical nursing knowledge and skills to support comfort and safety of patients and families.
* Adhered to required infection control, isolation procedures and aseptic techniques in delivery of patient care.
* Educated patients and answered questions about health condition, prognosis and treatment.
* Kept optimal supply levels in treatment rooms, triage and other areas to meet typical patient loads.
* Observed and recorded signs, symptoms, behaviors and physiological status of patient.
* Fostered professional collaboration and participation of staff in decisions affecting patient care and practice environment.
* Assembled equipment and supplies for diagnostic or treatment procedures in specialty service areas.
* Administered nursing care to cardiac patients undergoing diagnostic, therapeutic or emergency services.
* Vaccinated patients to protect individuals from measles, pneumonia, influenza and other illnesses of concern
* Explained health care issues and ramifications to patients and families to promote informed medical care choices

Telephone Triage Registered Nurse | 10/2020 to 07/2021

White Stone Healthcare Resources® - Chanhassen, MN

* Obtained case history and gathered triage information to determine appropriate avenue for care.
* Performed additional clinic and non-triage nurse duties such as instructing patients in general and specific medical care and health issues and administering or dispensing medication and injections.
* Advised patients on pre- and post-operative instructions, medication administration, and symptoms indicating emergency care.
* Suggested appropriate disposition to acting physicians based on assessment.
* Performed additional clinic and non-triage nurse duties such as instructing patients in general and specific medical care and health issues and administering or dispensing medication and injections

ER Registered Nurse | 04/2015 to 12/2019

Mary Black Health System - Spartanburg, SC

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* Educated patients and answered questions about health condition, prognosis and treatment.
* Kept optimal supply levels in treatment rooms, triage and other areas to meet typical patient loads.
* Vaccinated patients to protect individuals from measles, pneumonia, influenza and other illnesses of concern.
* Collaborated with law enforcement on criminal cases by quickly reporting injuries and collecting needed evidence.
* Answered codes quickly and orchestrated efficient, skilled medical care.
* Administered medications via oral, IV and intramuscular injections and monitored responses.
* Provided skilled, timely and level-headed emergency response to critically-ill patients.
* Communicated with healthcare team members to plan, implement and enhance treatment strategies.
* Assessed and evaluated mental health needs, working with multidisciplinary team to initiate, manage and modify individualized care plans.

Registered Nurse Case Manager, Hospice - Part-time | 05/2018 to 05/2019

Kindred Hospice - Greenville, SC

* Authored initial assessments of patients and family to develop plans for individual home care needs.
* Verified legibility of patient clinical notes and updates prior to review by primary physicians.
* Provided home healthcare providers with training, guidance, support and supervision to achieve objectives.
* Actively engaged in on-call rotations to deliver continuous quality care to patients.
* Worked with suppliers and vendors on provision of medical equipment, items and services.
* Examined patients and documented history of current and previous conditions, illnesses, injuries and current medications.
* Identified care needs of individual patients and coordinated responses based on physician advice, insurance limitations and procedural costs.

**Education**

**South University - Savannah, GA | Bachelor of Science**

Nursing, 11/2021

**Brown Mackie College - Greenville, Sc** **| Associate of Science**

Nursing, 01/2015

* Member of National Honor Society

**Affiliations**

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**Certifications**

* BLS License - 2022
* ACLS Training - 2022
* PALS Training - 2022
* NIH Stroke scale Certification
* CPI
* RN Licensed in CA
* RN Licensed in SC (Compact license)