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**REGISTERED NURSE**

*Delivering top-notch care and medical assistance to people in need.*

**OUTSTANDING PATIENT CARE | PATIENT MONITORING | CARE COORDINATION**

**Observant, compassionate Registered Nurse qualified with 3+ years of experience delivering medical care and assistance to hundreds of patients. Proven ability to support and nurture the health and well-being of others within a healthcare setting. A current team member of Northwestern Medicine, the #1 magnet hospital in Illinois.**

* Skilled in identifying abnormal vital signs, reading and monitoring telemetry, and performing thorough patient assessments. Able to implement and coordinate care plans that improve patient health.
* Efficient time management skills to care for several patients with varying needs simultaneously without error. Experience working in 800+ bed facilities where nurses and care staff are accountable for multiple patients.
* Excellent communication skills to relay important information and updates to care team and physicians. Capable of developing strong, trusting relationships with healthcare staff and patients.
* Extensive background managing patient charts and records. Strong understanding of the importance of documenting interactions, changes, and readings.

**EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS**

**Master of Science |** Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Candidate- University of Cincinnati

**DIVA Trained** (Difficult IV Access)

**Registered Nurse –** State of Illinois

**Bachelor of Science** | Nursing – Valparaiso University (2018)

**Bachelor of Science** | Healthcare Administration, Business Administration – Northern Illinois University (2014)

**EXPERIENCE**

**Medical-Surgical and Telemetry Nurse-AYA Healthcare (January 2022- current)**

**Attending Nurse- Cardiac/Heart Failure Unit | Northwestern Medicine- Chicago, IL (Nov 2020- January 2022)**

* Responsible for collaborating with Attending Physicians and Advanced Care Providers to coordinate safe discharge plans for up to 20 heart failure patients
* Organize patient education to ensure competent understanding of summary of stay, follow up plan, and medication regimen upon discharge
* Collaborate with outpatient clinics to ensure close follow up for high-risk patients
* Communicate with patients in order to proactively approach potential patient discharge concerns
* Maintain alertness to patient care needs and take proactive approach to addressing discharge issues
* Spearheaded PACT-HF (Preference Aligned Communication and Treatment) pilot program, which helps identify patients with signs of clinical decline and ensure goals of care are properly documented. Once patients are identified, collaboration is done with Spiritual Services to facilitate ongoing goals of care conversation during hospitalization.
* Perform in-services for cardiology nurses to update on new unit protocols, such as ways to efficiently document daily weights and intake & output
* Complete patient discharge call backs and report to management areas of opportunity to increase patient satisfaction on unit.
* Collaborated with theunit quality meeting by spearheading “Heartthrob of the month” in order to increase employee recognition

**Registered Nurse** – Cardiac/Heart Failure Unit | Northwestern Medicine – Chicago, IL (Jan 2019-Nov 2020)

Provide excellent medical care and support to assigned patients who require close cardiac observation per surgeon or physician orders, heart transplant workups, and monitoring. Update patient charts, take vitals, and immediately communicate abnormal findings with care team. Develop strong working relationships with care team, patients, patient family members, and physicians.

* Serve as unit charge nurse, which includes managing admissions and discharges, responding appropriately to unit concerns, organizing nurse assignment, and serving as liaison with physicians on patient changes
* Accountable for prioritizing and delivering care to up to 5 patients per shift in a 40-bed inpatient/observation unit. Tend to the needs of each patient in a timely manner, follow strict doctor orders, and conduct status checks.
* Attentively monitor LVAD devices for designated patients and interpret telemetry monitoring. Document readings in patient charts and records; maintain charts, records and files. Instantly report alarming results or findings with care team as needed.
* Floated and cross-trained to higher acuity units during COVID-19 pandemic to reflect needs of hospital unit
* Thoroughly communicate care plan and cardiac procedures to patients. Answer questions, provide comfort and clarification, and serve as a point of contact in time of need.
* Team up with the interdisciplinary staff to ensure the patient’s holistic needs are being met throughout treatment.
* Serve as proctor for nurses getting Difficult IV Access (DIVA) trained
* Nominated for the esteemed Daisy Award after going above and beyond to deliver excellent patient care.
* Appointed Healthcare Associated Infection Champion to devise and implement strategies that decrease instances of CLABSI and CAUTI occurring in unit.

**Patient Care Technician** | Advocate South Suburban Hospital – Hazel Crest, IL (2016-2018)

Assisted 10+ pre-op and post-op patients with daily living tasks such as eating, bathing, getting dressed, using the restroom, and walking. Acted as a strong supportive figure to help make pre-surgical and post-surgical life easier for the patient. Responsible for the well-being and care of all assigned patients.

* Implemented strict, specific care plan completed by nurse. Administered medications, performed exercises (breathing, physical, speaking), and more as part as patient recovery.
* Completed all tasks with compassion and diligence.
* Monitored vital signs to make sure blood pressure, temperature, heartrate etc. are all normal. Reported abnormal vital signs to nurse immediately.
* Transported patients with necessary equipment to destinations within scheduled time frames, while ensuring patient safety

**American Red Cross Safe Families Member** | AmeriCorps – Chicago, IL (2014-2015)

Completed over 1700 hours with the American Red Cross-Chicago Chapter team to assist with disaster preparedness, crisis prevention, and devastation relief for millions of people in need. Administered CPR/First Aid Certification training and development class to 500+ Chicago residents.

* Visited Chicago Public Schools to educate youth leaders on safety knowledge, health, and how to prepare for emergencies. Professionally served as American Red Cross liaison at community events.
* Actively encouraged and promoted fire prevention through canvassing properties and teaching proper smoke detector installation to high-risk inner-city residents.
* Appointed as team leader and project manager of 10+ colleagues on smoke detector installation projects/initiatives.