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To obtain a nursing position that utilizes my work experience in program development, establishing policies and practices, patient safety and performance improvement.

Willing to relocate: Anywhere

Work Experience

Travel RN

Covington, GA

February 2022 to Present

Travel RN covering ICU, Intermediate Care and Acute Care patients.

Relief Charge RN

Staff Nurse & Stroke Resource Nurse

Augusta University Health

February 2020 to Present

- Implements total patient care in an intensive care unit setting
- Serves as patient advocate, assessing patient status and notifying physician of clinical changes
- Assesses patient conditions and implements appropriate interventions based on acuity; ability to multitask effectively
- Alternates between staff nurse and stroke resource nurse
- Serves as a resource to other staff on the unit
- Orients new nurses to the unit and hospital policies
- Responds to Code Strokes throughout hospital to include all Emergency Department incoming alerts
- Prepares and administers treatment to acute Code Stroke patients
- Accompanies stroke patients to interventional radiology and assists preparation

Quality Management, Stroke Coordinator

Doctors Hospital of Augusta

June 2016 to February 2020

- Responsible for the daily operation of a Joint Commission Primary Stroke Center
- Performed chart abstractions for all stroke patients to include core measures and Get with the Guidelines
- Collaborated with nursing staff on a daily basis to provide support and education
- Collaborated with physicians and leadership team to facilitate an operational Stroke Program
- Provided community outreach and EMS education
- Monitored performance data
- Initiated a new stroke education process to improve quality measures
- Initiated new processes to improve quality initiatives
- Responsible for ongoing policy and procedure changes to improve quality of care for stroke patients
- Decreased door to needle time by 50% over a one-year period

- Established a monthly Stroke of Hope Support Group meeting
- Responsible from start to finish of implementing a completely new process for ED and in-house Code Strokes to include tele health
- Provided performance improvement data to the appropriate departments for PI opportunities
- Led team in two successful Joint Commission Surveys, one with zero findings.
- Performed various duties within the Quality Department to include mortality reviews, filled in as Patient Advocate, involved in patient safety and RCA reviews, creating and assigning tracers within AMP Software, etc.

Special Procedures/Radiology, Staff Nurse

Doctors Hospital of Augusta

June 2016 to December 2016

- Implemented total patient care using critical thinking skills in a fast-paced environment
- Administering IV sedation during procedures, and monitoring patients throughout the procedure

Staff Nurse

Augusta University

September 2015 to June 2016

- Implemented total patient care using critical thinking skills
- Served as patient advocate; assessing patient status and notifying physician of clinical changes
- Floated to other units to include Trauma ICU and Medical ICU
- Assessed patient conditions and implemented appropriate interventions based on acuity; ability to multitask effectively

Neurosurgical Intensive Care Unit, Charge Nurse

Baptist Health - Lexington, KY

2011 to July 2015

Critical Care Float Pool, Staff Nurse

- Fulfilled staffing needs in five different critical care units and emergency department as needed
- Recognized for an excellent preceptor, mentor, and leader
- Participated in Clinical Ladder Review Board
- Served as patient advocate; assessed patient status and notified physician of clinical changes
- Fulfilled the role of charge nurse 2013 to 2015
- Evaluated staffing requirements, patient assignments and organized patient flow for a ten bed critical care unit
- Implemented total patient care using critical thinking skills
- Preceptor and mentor of new employees
- Member of the Stroke Alert and Code Blue Team
- In charge of completing the schedule for all night shift employees in the Neuro ICU

Education

Masters of Science in Nursing

Wilkes University

2018 to 2020

Bachelors Degree of Science in Nursing

Augusta State University

2007 to 2011

Nursing Licenses

RN

State: GA

RN

State: SC

Skills

- Critical Care Experience
- ICU Experience (10+ years)
- Laboratory Experience
- Medication Administration
- Nursing
- Program Development
- Quality Management
- Hospital Experience
- Triage
- Epic (2 years)
- Quality Assurance
- Vital Signs
- Cerner
- EMR Systems
- Patient Care
- Experience Administering Injections
- Phlebotomy
- Program Management