# Melisa Thacker

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Seeking a position which would allow me to plan and direct nursing activities in order to comply with established policies and procedures and to achieve goals and objectives; ensure high quality, cost efficient patient care by making appropriate nursing decisions; and demonstrating commitment to personal career growth and development.

Authorized to work in the US for any employer

# Work Experience

#### **Circulator - MCE OR**

Vanderbilt University Medical Center - Nashville, TN April 2020 to Present

! Coordinate nursing functions with anesthesia staff, surgeons and ancillary staff in assessing the patient and plan of care pre-operatively including consents, interviewing the patient and administration of antibiotics, if needed.

Maintain and manage clinical competencies in nursing staff.

Ensure comfort to patients through compassionate nursing care issues.

Monitor and review performance improvement activities in nursing functions.

Demonstrates commitment to personal career growth and development.

Ensure quality standards of the highest degree in nursing activities.

Comply with hospital standards and practices in nursing care issues.

Implements and documents intra-operative care of each patient such as the use of positioning equipment, warming devices, PAS Equipment, etc.

Evaluates post-operatively until patient goes to the recovery room.

#### **Staff Nurse**

Cardiovascular Intensive Care Unit - Knoxville, TN June 2019 to March 2020

Initiate and develop plan of care based upon the nursing assessment, medical diagnoses and clinical information. Utilizes a multi-disciplinary team to care for patients needs including respiratory, physical therapy, phlebotomy and case management. RN is responsible for monitoring vital signs and labs q1 hour, maintain IV access via peripheral, midline or central line access, titrating drips based upon assessment, administering IV and oral medications, q1 monitoring of intake and output, monitor ventilated and non-

ventilated (Bi-Pap, Opti-flow, Hi-flow nasal canula, and venti-mask patients), and assessing cultural needs for patient population.

- ! Evaluate patient's actual or potential responses to the disease process, interventions and outcome of nursing care.
- ! Establishes and maintains positive interpersonal relationships and promotes effective teamwork.
- ! Utilizes safety principles and practices to address issues related to the quality of care and services provide to each patient.

Operating Room - UTMC

## Team Lead Registered Nurse OMFS/Plastics

Catherine Millsaps

August 2018 to May 2019

Supervise nursing staff in carrying out clinical duties in a patient care setting.

- ! Assess and evaluate ongoing performance of the nursing staff.
- ! Coordinate nursing functions with anesthesia staff, surgeons and ancillary staff in assessing the patient and plan of care pre-operatively including consents, interviewing the patient and administration of antibiotics, if needed.
- ! Plan and implement schedules for the nursing staff on a daily basis.
- ! Maintain and manage clinical competencies in nursing staff.
- ! Ensure comfort to patients through compassionate nursing care issues.
- ! Monitor and review performance improvement activities in nursing functions.
- ! Demonstrates commitment to personal career growth and development.
- ! Ensure quality standards of the highest degree in nursing activities.
- ! Comply with hospital standards and practices in nursing care issues.
- ! Implements and documents intra-operative care of each patient such as the use of positioning equipment, warming devices, PAS Equipment, etc.
- ! Evaluates post-operatively until patient goes to the recovery room.

Operating Room- UTMC

#### **Registered Nurse-Circulator**

UTMC

July 2017 to August 2018

Patient advocate by providing safe and effective care to patients

! Work as a team with Anesthesia, the Surgeon and ancillary staff in assessing the patient and plan of care pre- operatively including consents, interviewing the patient and the administration of antibiotics, if needed.

! Implements and documents intra-operative care of each patient such as the use of positioning equipment, warming devices, PAS Equipment, etc.

! Evaluates post-operatively until patient goes to the recovery room.

## **Certified Nursing Assistant on 3Heart**

UTMC

June 2014 to July 2017

Nurse Manager: Jada Bates

- ! Provided safe and effective care to patients
- ! Assist with daily activities such as bathing and assistance with toileting needs
- ! Obtain vital signs q4hours
- ! Assist the Registered Nurse with basic care of patients

## Education

#### **BSN**

Lincoln Memorial University

August 2017 to May 2018

## **Bachelors of Science in Nursing in Nursing**

Lincoln Memorial University - Harrogate, TN August 2014 to December 2016

# **Diploma in Lamar Alexander Parkway**

Heritage High School - Knoxville, TN August 1991 to May 1995

# **Nursing Licenses**

## RN

#### RN

### Skills

- RN
- Hospital
- Critical Care
- Operating Room
- Staff Nurse
- Team Leader
- ICU Experience

# Certifications and Licenses

# **CPR**

**BLS Certification** 

**ACLS Certification** 

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