

Michelle Durham

PACU TRAVEL RN with 26 years of experience in ICU and PACU

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Compassionate and highly competent Registered Nurse with 27 years of clinical nursing experience. Dedicated to providing high-quality patient care with focus on safety and using evidence-based practices to improve treatment outcomes. Skilled in quickly building connections with patients to build trust and rapport in stressful situations.

Flexible hard worker ready to learn and contribute to team success.

Willing to relocate: Anywhere

Authorized to work in the US for any employer

Work Experience

PACU RN TRAVEL

Nomad Health - Alliance, NE

June 2022 to Present

PREOP/PACU and PHASE 2 , I float between all three areas, mostly in PACU

Staff RN PACU Travel

Nomad Health - Alliance, NE

October 2021 to Present

Travel contract working PACU RN staff 13 bay PACU, call 2x week and every 4th weekend. Post op surgeries include Bariatric, Orthopedic, ENT pediatric and Adult, Urology, GYN , VATS and general surgery. Utilized Cerner EMR

PACU RN

Ascension Via Christi St. Joseph - Wichita, KS

June 2019 to October 2021

Utilized computerized Electronic Health Record (EHR) system Cerner.

Checked on patients regularly to track progress with treatments, changes in symptoms and need for emergency interventions.

Identified abnormal and critical respiratory patterns through direct pulmonary assessment

Supervised cardiac monitors, mechanical ventilators and alarms and oxygen delivery devices.

Remained calm, stayed professional and provided exceptional service on all calls, even when interacting with difficult individuals.

Pre-op/PACU RN

Health First Hospital, PACU, GI Lab - Palm Bay, FL

June 2016 to June 2019

to evaluate current health status.

Recorded patient outcomes, new post-operative prescriptions and other information in patient charts.

Assessed patients on admission to evaluate and continually monitor.

Performed venipuncture to collect blood and submitted to lab for pre-operative testing.
Assisted with patient surgery preparation by administering proper medication, monitoring patients' conditions and charting abnormalities.
Evaluated patients recovering from surgeries and coming out of anesthesia.
Responded to emergency situations with speed, expertise and level-headed approaches to provide optimal care, support and life-saving interventions.
Monitored post-op vitals, set up PCA, fluids, reviewed post-op orders and assimilated patients to unit.

Travel Nurse/ Surgical and Step down Tele

Fast Staff Travel Agency, Mercy Hospital | Medical / Surgical 48 bed unit - Rogers, AR
January 2015 to May 2016

Offered, accepted and completed four 13 week assignments.
Assess patient's condition and provide age specific nursing care.
Assisting physicians in developing individualized patient care.
Monitoring patients vital signs and administer IV therapy, catheters, and fluids.
Performing life-saving procedures in emergency situations.
Giving emotional support and education to patients.
Utilized EPIC EMR to document all patient interventions, such as evaluations, care plans and observations.

Specialty Float Staff RN

St Vincent's - Hot Springs, AR
January 2013 to January 2015

interventions
Assessed patient conditions, monitored behaviors and updated supervising physicians with observations and concerns.
Administered oral, IV and intra-muscular medications and monitored patient reactions.
Monitored post-op vitals, set up PCA, fluids, reviewed post-op orders and assimilated patients to unit.
Treated patients with strokes, head traumas, comas and intracranial hematomas

Registered Nurse, Day Surgery Out patient/ Post Anesthesia Care and Holding

Wadley Regional Medical Center - Texarkana, TX
August 2006 to December 2012

Consult with anesthesia as needed and follow up with physician on Post Op orders.
Informed patients, family members and caregivers of physician instructions for post-operative at-home care.
Assist Anesthesia at bedside with nerve blocks, Arterial line insertion and Central Line Insertion in Holding room
Preop patients surgery prep, Peripheral IV insertion, Lab as ordered and preop education, and obtain consent for surgery.

Surgical ICU Registered Nurse

Wadley Regional Medical Center, Neuro Monitored patients' respiration activity, blood pressure and blood glucose ICU / Progressive Care - Texarkana, TX
May 1994 to January 2006

ending or arriving for shifts.
Responded to emergency situations with speed, expertise and level-headed approaches to provide optimal care, support and life-saving interventions

Updated physicians on patient test results and assisted in developing care plans.
Trained and mentored new RNs on best practices, hospital policies and standards of care.
Detected emerging problems by monitoring patients' behavior, vital signs and fluid intake and output.
Supervised cardiac monitors, mechanical ventilators and alarms and oxygen delivery devices.

Education

ADN in Nursing

Texarkana College - Texarkana, TX
September 1991 to May 1994

Skills

- Mentoring
- Nursing
- Vital signs
- ICU experience
- Blood sampling
- Venipuncture
- Laboratory experience
- Care plans
- Hospital experience
- Patient monitoring
- Pain management
- Ventilator
- Basic IV
- Epic
- Cerner
- Critical Care Experience
- EMR Systems

Certifications and Licenses

PALS Certification

February 2023

RN License

October 2022

ACLS Certification

April 2024

BLS Certification

April 2024

CPR Certification

Compact State Nurse License