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Goal oriented and versatile nursing professional with skilled nursing experience that includes interdisciplinary care team contribution, plan of care development, detailed assessments and patient advocacy. Possesses quick ability to assess and prevent post-operative complications through thorough patient education and early intervention. Nurse who demonstrates ability to adapt to varied age-specific population. Highly developed organizational skills; accustomed to maintaining high productivity level with heavy workloads. Board certified in Medical/Surgical nursing and Licensed in the state of Illinois and possess BLS and ACLS

Work Experience

Staff RN

Memorial Hospital - Belleville, IL

January 2011 to Present

Provide nursing support to medical/surgical floor with telemetry monitoring. Perform head to toe nursing assessments, develop individualized plans of care, corroborate with multidisciplinary team to carry out interventions to ensure positive patient outcomes. Administer medications according to current hospital policy to prevent medication errors. Participate in quality improvement activity and disseminate information to unit employees. Precept new graduate nurses for duration of orientation.

Registered Nurse

Metroeast Gastroenterology - Belleville, IL

October 2021 to April 2022

Initiated and completed Prior Authorizations for medications ranging from standard oral to IV biologics at infusion centers. Completed health history and screening for gastrointestinal procedures, phone triaged, educated patients over the phone on gastrointestinal diseases and management. Delivered results of procedures, imaging, lab work and office visits to patients via phone. Managed physician surgery schedules, collaborated with drug reps, provided genetic testing, and obtained cardiac clearances for high risk patients.

Charge Nurse

Memorial Hospital - Belleville, IL

November 2011 to November 2021

Provided assistance to nursing teams on unit. Assigned patients to nurses and patient care technicians during shift. Started and maintained a census board with pertinent clinical information to disseminate to social workers and other care coordinators. Performed pre shift huddles and responded to disgruntled patients or family members.

Chairman of Fall Committee; Subcommittee of Nursing Practice Council

Memorial Hospital - Belleville, IL

January 2012 to December 2015

Developed fall prevention tools to assist in increased compliance of fall precautions on appropriate patients at the unit level. Researched barriers to compliance with fall precaution elements hospital wide. Initiated steps to implement an educational video for nursing staff to play at the bedside to increase patient and family knowledge on subject. Initiated monthly reviews of our Post Fall HUDDLE tools and sent out compliance letters on preventable falls to keep our staff accountable.

Unit Representative for Quality Council

Memorial Hospital - Belleville, IL
January 2011 to December 2015

Developed action plans for specific nurse sensitive indicators annually for the duration of my service. Implemented these action plans with the help of unit leaders and Nurse Practice Council, analyzed quarterly data from these initiatives and developed an annual report at years end. I developed a FOCUS-PDCA poster presentation for congestive heart failure to be displayed at our annual Quality Fest. Also developed Department Specific Quality Improvement Plans and worked diligently with staff nurses on my unit to improve HCAP scores.

Patient Care Technician

Memorial Hospital - Belleville, IL
January 2008 to December 2011

Provided assistance to diverse patient population with activities of daily living. Reported abnormal vital signs to nursing staff, prevented patient falls with implemented protocols for patient safety. Provided supplemental support to physical and occupational therapists.

Education

A.S. in Nursing Education

Southwestern Illinois College - Belleville, IL
2011

Skills

- Disease processes
- Plan of care development
- Personnel Supervision
- Infection and quality control
- Patient education
- Patient safety
- Medication administration
- Records management
- Wound care
- Treatment plans
- Telemetry assessment
- Use of Meditech/MCare/STATIT computer programs
- Admissions

- discharges
- Nursing
- Phone triage

Certifications and Licenses

BC/BE

Medical-Surgical Nursing Certification

RN License

BLS Certification

ACLS Certification

CPR Certification