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Registered Nurse

Work Experience

Moderate Sedation Nurse, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
Naval Medical Center Portsmouth
620 John Paul Jones Circle
Portsmouth, VA 23703-2197

Duties: Performs clinical review of patient medical histories. Initiates vascular access for administration of intravenous medications. Administers moderate sedation medications. Provides oxygen therapy and hemodynamic monitoring of patients including CO₂ capnography during oral surgery procedures. Telemetry monitoring for identification of lethal electrocardiogram rhythms and reports concerns to provider. Advocates for patient safety by following established guidelines, protocols and regulations. Provides advanced nursing care to eliminate progression to potentially life-threatening occurrences and notifying surgeon of concerns. Evaluates patient's readiness for discharge. Provides aftercare education to caregivers.

Dates of Employment: March 28, 2022-present. 80hrs. Biweekly

Moderate Sedation Nurse, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
Birmingham Veterans Administration Medical Center
700 19th Street South
Birmingham, AL 35233

Duties: Performs preoperative assessments and clinical review of patient medical histories. Initiates vascular access for administration of intravenous medications. Prepare operatory suite by assuring that required equipment is available and setup properly. Administers moderate sedation medications such as Propofol, Ketamine, Midazolam, Fentanyl, Ativan, Dilaudid, Morphine, etc. Provides oxygen therapy and hemodynamic monitoring of patients including CO₂ capnography, during and after oral surgery procedures. Telemetry monitoring for identification of abnormal electrocardiogram rhythms. Advocates for patient safety and pain management by following established guidelines, protocols and regulations. Identifies signs or symptoms of the onset of patient distress during operative procedures and post-operative phase of recovery, provides advanced nursing care to eliminate progression to potentially life-threatening occurrences and notifying surgeon of concerns. Evaluates patient's readiness for discharge. Provides aftercare education to family members or caregivers. Responsible for complex care coordination of patients referred from multidisciplinary specialties and other facilities. Demonstrates critical communication skills for effective collaboration within an interdisciplinary

team setting. Development of health objectives and implementation of health initiatives relative to surgical procedures. Comprehensive review of best practices for development of policy and procedures relative to clinical practice. Compile data for clinical review and audits, formulation of reports and other quality control activities. Oversees scheduling of moderate sedation and major OR patients. Collaboration with contractual vendors to assure availability of resources (staffing, equipment, etc.) for patient care. Utilizes various electronic health databases. Assists in management of residency program by providing assignments and mentoring. Identifies and addresses ethical conflict occurrences. Serves as leader and expert resource to residents and staff members.

Dates of Employment: March 12, 2016-March 8, 2022. 80hrs. Biweekly

Supervisor: Dr. Shaunda Kelly, Former Chief of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Contact: (c) 205-514-7390

Supervisor: Dr. Arlene Lester, Former Chief of Dental Service

Contact: (c) 404-376-0840

Coronary Intensive Care Nurse
Birmingham Veterans Administration Medical Center
700 19th Street South
Birmingham, AL 35233

Duties: Provision of specialized and complex nursing care to cardiac and/or respiratory compromised patients with conditions such as arrhythmias, hypertension, coronary blockages, heart failure, respiratory failure, cancer, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, renal failure, post-operative cardiac ablations, angioplasty, cardioversion and pace-maker placement. Provided continuous patient monitoring to identify improvement or acute hemodynamic changes. Accurate interpretation of electrogram rhythms including lethal rhythms (ventricular fibrillation, ventricular tachycardia, pulseless electrical activity, asystole, etc.) via telemetry monitoring of patients on CCU unit as well as telemetry patients throughout hospital. Administration of oral and intravenous medications. Nursing care provided for other acute and chronic medical conditions. Patient education given to patient, family and caregivers. Collaborated with interdisciplinary staff to achieve common patient care goals. Advocates for patient safety by following established unit guidelines, protocols and regulations. Served as off-tour charge nurse. Utilizes various electronic health databases.

Dates of Employment: Jan 12, 2014-March 12, 2016. 80hrs. Biweekly

Supervisor: Naomi Watts, Former Cardiac Care Unit Nurse Manager

Contact: ph.205-933-8101 (ext. 5993)

Other Related Experience

Medical-Surgical Nurse
Atlanta Veterans Administration Medical Center
1670 Clairmont Rd.
Decatur, GA

Duties: Provided nursing care to veterans with acute and chronic medical conditions and postoperative patients after major and minor procedures. Collaborate with interdisciplinary staff to achieve common patient care goals. Advocates for patient safety by following established guidelines, protocols and regulations and making recommendations. Functioned as team leader and provided direction and support to team members. Utilizes various electronic health databases.

Dates of Employment: October 23, 2011-June 16, 2013, 80hrs. Biweekly

Supervisor: Dr. Connie Hampton

Contact: 404-321-6111 (ext. 6300)

Education

Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Ohio University
January 2011-Aug 2019
Athens, Ohio

Associate Degree of Nursing, Wallace State Community College
August 2008-May 2010
Hanceville, Alabama

Certifications

Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS)
Basic Cardiac Life Support (BCLS)
Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI Program)
PICC/Midline Insertion Class

References available upon request