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Work Experience

Registered Nurse, Neuro ICU

Ft. Sanders Regional Medical Center - Knoxville, TN

June 2021 to Present

- Provide bedside care of patients suffering acute stroke, intracranial hemorrhage, subarachnoid hemorrhage, brain tumors, and various neurological surgeries, as well as various other medical conditions.
- Perform physical assessments and in-depth neurological assessments.
- Perform specialized interventions, such as ventilator maintenance, vasopressor and vasodilator support, analog-sedation, and invasive intracranial pressure management devices.
- Develop individualized plans of care for each patient.
- Safely administer medication following physician's orders.
- Input orders per physician request.
- Coordinate care with other staff members.

Certified Nursing Assistant

Fort Sanders Regional Medical Center - Knoxville, TN

September 2020 to Present

- Provide quality care to patients on the medical/surgical floor
- Assist patients with activities of daily living, ambulation, and post op care
- Post op care includes: obtain vital signs (blood pressure, pulse, respirations, temp, oxygen saturation) empty surgical drains (Jackson-Pratt, hemovac, nephrostomy tubes, nasal-gastric tube, colostomy) foley care, encourage use of incentive spirometer, early ambulation, apply ted hose and sequential compression devices), assist patient with chlorhexidine bath
- Use electronic medical record to record daily intake and output and all activity for the day

Medical Support Assistant

Dept. of Veteran Affairs VA Medical Center - Knoxville, TN

April 2018 to August 2019

- Determine health care eligibility for veteran patients. Process enrollment, benefits, and registration.
- Determine eligibility for hospitalization, outpatient care, dental coverage, prosthetic issuance, travel reimbursement, and other special programs.
- Perform scheduling functions for patients including appointment, cancellation, and re-scheduling
- Manual and electronic data entry. Ensure all physician orders and consult request are entered into database
- Provide reception to incoming and outgoing patients and communication

Office Coordinator/Pre-determination Coordinator

Premier Surgical - Knoxville, TN

April 2017 to April 2018

- Coordinator for bariatric surgeon. Schedule patients to come into the office for bariatric consults
- Collect medical information from patients including demographic, insurance, medical history, check patients in for appointment and make follow up appointments
- Schedule testing (upper GI, barium swallow, EGD, chest x-ray, EKG), schedule referrals, schedule patient's surgery dates and preadmission testing, and collect down payment for surgery.
- Verify patient's insurance and obtain a pre-certification for surgery
- Enter charges, cpt codes, and diagnosis codes for billing
- Verbalize instructions for general surgery

Staffing Coordinator

Home Healthcare - Knoxville, TN

September 2015 to April 2017

- Manage and schedule home health aides to provide care to elderly residents
- Maintain daily staffing reports, verify employees' work hours, requested time off, and job vacancies
- Obtain information to complete payroll for all employees
- Manage authorizations from care coordinators with all insurances

Education

Associate of Science in Nursing

Lincoln Memorial University - Knoxville, TN

May 2021

Associate in Science (AS) in Nursing

Lincoln Memorial University

Skills

- EMR Systems
- Patient Care
- Senior Care
- ICD-10
- Nursing
- Medical Records
- CPT Coding
- ICD-9
- Vital Signs

Certifications and Licenses

CNA

CPR Certification

Registered Nurse (RN)