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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Staff Nurse, Covid Vaccine Clinic Veterans Administration, Tomah, WI	May, 2021 - Present
Staff Nurse, Emergency Department Neillsville Memorial Hospital, Neillsville, WI	June, 2017 – June, 2018
Staff Nurse, Medical / Surgical Unit AND Emergency Department Black River Memorial Hospital, Black River Falls WI	January, 2015 – May, 2017
Quality Assurance Nurse Logistics Health Incorporated, La Crosse WI	September 2010 – January 2015
Staff Nurse, Medical / Surgical Unit St. Francis Medical Center, (Centaur Health System), Colorado Springs, CO	April 2009 - August 2010
Staff Nurse, Emergency Department Memorial Health System, Colorado Springs CO	March 2008 - January 2009
Staff Nurse, Surgery Center Printer's Park The Surgery Center Printer's Parkway (Memorial Health System), Colorado Springs CO	August 2005 - March 2008
Staff Nurse, Intensive Care Unit Sky Ridge Medical Center, Lone Tree CO	April 2005 - August 2005
Care Manager, Emergency Department Memorial Health System Colorado Springs CO	February 2004 - April 2005
ED Educator, Emergency Department Memorial Health System, Colorado Springs CO	November 2002 - February 2004

Staff Nurse, Covid Vaccine Clinic, (May 2021- to Present), Veteran Administrative Tomah, WI

I was responsible for the care of our Veterans during a Covid-19 pandemic. I had to become knowledgeable in vaccines and stay knowledgeable to this ever changing time. Veterans and active duty Service Members were coming into the clinic wanting answers. I was making sure they were getting the truth. Reviewing their care to make sure they recieved their Covid-19 vaccines in a timely manner. I was able to vaccinate Veterans spouses and or care takers too. When the CDC announced the need for another dose for the immunosuppressed Veteran, I had to learn what was considered the immunosuppressed Veteran. The dose. And also, when to seek consultation. To Veterans coming in for other doctor appointments, I helped other staff members make calls to Veterans homes to screen for Covid-19 signs and symptoms. I then started helping other nurses give Covid-19 boosters and seasonal flu vaccines. I develped a step by step plan to open and close the clinic for those nurses that did not always work at the vaccine clinic. I also developed a way to be cost effective while in the clinic also.

Staff Nurse, Emergency Department, (June 2017—June 2018) (Neillsville Memorial Hospital)

I was responsible for the care and customer service for patients in a small town hospital. At this hospital ED, I was the only RN on duty along with a Nurse Tech. I triaged and provided care for patients across the entire care spectrum in a level 1 trauma center / pediatric regional trauma center. I assessed and evaluated patients for illness and injuries. I then reported my findings to a physician who I would call via phone and report my assessment. We would then collaborate to care for the patient while the physician arrived at the ED. For a critical or trauma event, a code or trauma alert was called. Care was given per ACLS or TNCC standards. This hospital also had a med/surg area. In the event of an emergent situation, I would be the RN to respond to the need. I also assisted physicians with procedures and treatments. Computer system used was Cerner.

Staff Nurse, Medical / Surgical Unit, AND Emergency Department (January – May 2017) (Black River Falls Memorial Hospital)

I worked with a variety of diagnoses doing total patient care. Med / Surg patients that I have cared for, were TIA, stroke, COPD, pneumonia, PE, R/O MI, IBS, GI Bleeds, Colitis, Appys, Open and Lap choles, Colectomy, total knees and hips. Care included patients with PEG tubes, G tubes, NG tubes, and JP or Penrose drains. Other Patients I've treated have had diagnosis of pancreatitis, nephritis, hyper / hypoglycemia. I have worked with alcohol withdrawal patients, chronic pain patients, and patients with mental health diagnoses. Some of my patients have required IV therapy, PCA pumps, or foleys to monitor. Patients with wounds that need dressing changes and be monitored for changes in condition. I generally have a Patient Care Tech, (PCT), working with me which I am responsible for the work they do. I like to communicate with them often during the shift for any changes they see and look at their charting as I am charting. Part of the patient's care is watching for changes with the Lab and radiology reports. Computer system used is Cerner.

I also worked in the Emergency Department. I spent half time in the Med/Surg unit and half time in the emergency department. I worked in triage, main emergency and occasionally urgent care. I assessed patients across the entire care spectrum to quickly identify the care the patient might need. I worked closely with ED physicians to care for critical patients first. I assisted physicians with procedures or treatments. I worked with recognizing the signs and symptoms of varying critical patient needs, such as strokes, acute MIs, perforated bowels, and respiratory emergencies needing intubations.

Quality Assurance Nurse (2010 – January 2015), (Logistics Health Incorporated)

I evaluated and processed medical information to determine outcomes for many various types of regulatory exams; Interpret and document medical test results, laboratory test results, and EKG results; correlate health history information to determine functional abilities / limitations; initiate profiles in appropriate military database for limiting conditions, act as a resource for questions related to recommendations made on exams and PHA's processed; collaborate with Medical Directors regarding difficult examination / periodic health assessment (PHA) evaluation; identity and evaluate exam / periodic health assessment documentation that requires immediate follow up for behavioral health issues; completion of system generated tasks to process medical documentation.

I worked on VA disability exams, assisting Providers with correct verbiage and making sure there is objective medical evidence to support diagnoses along with consistency throughout the exam to assist in the Veteran obtaining appropriate disability for service related illness or injury. I assisted Medical Providers with medical opinions, to either support their positive or negative opinions with evidence from Veteran's records and current exam. I talked to providers on the phone making recommendations and providing the evidence needed to support the change suggested. I did provider teaching to assist in future exams. The computer program used for this is MedNeT.

Staff Nurse, Medical / Surgical Unit, (2009 - 2010), (Centaur Health System)

I was responsible for total patient care of a variety of diagnoses on a 52 bed medical / surgical unit. Samples of these diagnoses are R/ O MI, Post MI, Pneumonia, PE, Crohn's, Pancreatitis, GI bleed, Nephritis, Hyperglycemia, Nephrectomy, Colectomy, Appy, Chole, Total Hip and Knee joint replacement. Experience included but not limited to, IV therapy, hemovacs, pain ball pumps, PCA pumps, NG tubes, Foleys, and Wounds Vacs. Computer system used was Meditech. I also was a relief charge nurse.

Staff Nurse, Emergency Department, (2008 - 2009), (Memorial Health System)

I was responsible for the care and customer service for patients in a fast - paced city emergency department. I provided care for patients across the entire care spectrum in a level II trauma center / pediatric regional trauma center. The ED saw approximately 100,000 patients per year. Care was provided in a multi - faceted team approach. I assessed and evaluated patients for illness and injuries and also assisted physicians with procedures. Computer system used was Cerner.

Staff Nurse, Surgery Center Printer's Park (2005 - 2008), (Memorial Health System)

I was responsible for delivering high quality care to patients in an outpatient setting. Delivery of care was given to surgical patients, pain block patients, and patients with gastrointestinal needs. Care was given in collaboration with a multidisciplinary team. I assessed and evaluated patients for surgery or procedures. I assisted in procedures in the areas of pain block and GI. I delivered sedation during procedures and monitored the patient's outcomes. I recovered post - op and post - procedure patients to include airway, cardiac status, pain management, and specifics to the procedure done.

Staff Nurse, Intensive Care Unit (2005 - 2005), (Sky Ridge Medical Center)

I was responsible for delivering high quality care to critically ill patients in an expanding ICU / level III trauma center. Patient's included medical and surgical diagnoses. I often floated to the ED to work as a staff nurse for various shifts. Computer system used was Cerner.

Care Manager, Emergency Department (2004 - 2005), (Memorial Health System)

I reported to the clinical manager of the Emergency Department and provided leadership and "best practice" patient care in the busiest Level II Trauma Center in the state of Colorado. I directly supervised five RN Liaison staff nurses in the Emergency Department. I have a thorough understanding of process improvement, research, data collection / distribution and EMTALA regulations. Collected, processed, and interpreted data for improved customer service and patient care. Actively participated in the preparation for and successfully passed the JCAHO survey, April 2005.

Emergency Department Educator (2002 - 2004), (Memorial Health System)

I reported to the Emergency Department Clinical Manager and the Director of Nursing Support Services, and provided clinical education for the Emergency Department. I was responsible for the orientation of all employees to the Emergency Department. This included the writing of skills checklists, clinical pathways, and competency checklists. Wrote, developed, and taught ED School, an Emergency Department training program for new graduate RNs. This was an intensive 15 - week program to recruit and train new graduate nurses and prepare them to be Emergency Department Nurses. I successfully graduated 3 classes of students while in the Educator position. This school remains in place today. I educated staff in a variety of ways including poster presentations, study packets, bi- weekly newsletter, and staff meetings.

Education

Bachelor of Science in Nursing; Regis University, Denver CO 2000 Associate Degree in Nursing; Pikes Peak Community College, Colorado Springs, CO 1992

Professional License / Certifications

Current Wisconsin State Nursing License Basic Life Support (BLS)