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Authorized to work in the US for any employer

Work Experience

PACU Registered Nurse

Elmhurst Outpatient Surgery Center - Elmhurst, IL

November 2020 to Present

- Monitoring post-operative patients' levels of consciousness during recovery from anesthesia.
- Measuring and recording patients' vital signs.
- Closely observing patients for signs of side effects of anesthesia medication.
- Treating pain, nausea, and other post-operative symptoms of anesthesia.
- Updating charts, patient files, and medical records.
- Collaborating with the medical team on post-operative patient care and facilitating timely specialized interventions.
- Providing comfort and reassurance to distressed post-operative patients and concerned family members.
- Educating patients and their families on post-surgery care, as well as answering questions.
- Trained in Pre-Op, GI Circulating and Minor Room Circulating roles.

Registered Nurse

Asthma and Allergy Center - Bloomingtondale, IL

June 2018 to November 2020

- Works with physicians and other members of the healthcare team to provide care of patients dealing with allergies, asthma and immunologic disorders.
- Rooms' patient, obtains medical history, vital signs, and completes medication reconciliation
- Administers skin prick testing, intradermal testing, antibiotic testing as well as oral drug and oral food challenges under the order of provider
- Administers vaccines intradermal, subcutaneous and intramuscular, including Biologics used in the treatment of asthma, urticarial and eczema; Xolair, Fasenna, Nucala and Dupixent.
- Monitors patients for signs of anaphylaxis and treats patients accordingly per physician order.
- *Administers breathing assessments including Niox evaluation and Pulmonary Function Testing. Treats as necessary via nebulizer or inhaler per physician order
- Triage incoming phone calls, monitors medication refills, completes school forms and prior authorizations for medication, testing and continued treatment
- Completes prior authorizations, medical appeals and paperwork for patients diagnosed with Hereditary Angioedema.
- *Educates patients and families on proper use of Epinephrine devices including EpiPen and Auvi-Q.
- *Educates patients and families on care of asthma including completing Asthma Action Plans, proper technique when administering inhalers and when medical attention is required.

Pre-Admissions Testing Nurse

Elmhurst Outpatient Surgery Center - Elmhurst, IL
November 2017 to June 2018

- Communicated with Surgical patient preoperatively over the phone, obtaining complete medical history, reviewing medications, providing pre-operative instructions including NPO status, medications to take and to hold and surgery center location
- Used Nursing judgment and assessment abilities to ensure patients safety prior to completing Pre-Procedure Phone Call
- Obtained additional medical clearance from patient's cardiologist, primary care physicians, or other specialists as needed
- Interacted with Surgical and Anesthesia team regarding high risk patients reviewing health history and determining if patient requires additional testing or education prior to procedures.
- Answering phone calls from patients, family members and physician's office coordinating care of patient.

Ambulatory Nurse-Otorhinolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery

RUSH UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER - Chicago, IL
September 2016 to November 2017

- Care Coordination for the Head and Neck Cancer Patient in the Outpatient setting
- Assisted with in-office procedures included performing and maintaining care of a sterile field, assisting with collecting and labeling of biopsies, wound care and dressing management.
- Phone Triage of incoming patients, ensuring adequate patient information was received and proper instructions were given based off of physician orders.
- Completed Medication Refills, Prior Authorizations and Scheduling of all necessary pre- operative testing for each surgical patient.
- Participated in weekly tumor conferences to determine treatment plan of each patient and advocate on behalf of patient to provide highest quality of care.
- Provided Pre and Post Operative education, including pain management, drain care and wound care to patients and family members, addressing all questions and concerns.

Staff Nurse- Operating Room

ADVENTIST LAGRANGE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL - LaGrange, IL, US
February 2016 to September 2016

- Exposure to the care of a surgical patient, from Pre-Operative Holding all the way through to the Post-Anesthesia Care Unit
- Advocating for patient's during their surgical stay, striving to achieve the best outcome for their care
- Worked closely with all members of the healthcare team including physicians and anesthesia
- Maintained ACLS/BLS competency
- Assisted Unit with transition to Pyxis dispensing system for medications
- Exposure to all service lines of surgery including Cardiology, Vascular, Neurology and Orthopedics
- *Departed after 6 months of working due to intra-unit hazing and bullying despite working with upper management.

Staff Nurse- Postpartum

NORTHWESTERN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL - Chicago, IL
April 2015 to February 2016

- Fine-tuned effective nursing care through time-management and critical thinking
- Worked with all members of the healthcare team to provide the highest quality of care for both mother and newborn until discharge including OB-GYN's, Pediatricians, Lactation Consultants and Pastoral Care.

- Exposure to and provided care to newborns which included monitoring vital signs, intake & output, bathing, breastfeeding, circumcisions, and vaccinations
- Care of high-risk mothers and newborns including preeclampsia, low birth weight, twin pregnancies, gestational diabetes, and retained placenta. Assisted in multiple postpartum hemorrhage emergencies and after care, which included frequent fundal checks, blood transfusions and possible transfer to Labor and Delivery for continual monitoring.
- Continuously educated and advocated for newborns, parents and families ensuring a seamless transition from the hospital to home

Magnet Nurse- Surgical/ENT, February 2013 to March 2105

MEDSTAR GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL, Washington, DC

- Transitioned from being an advanced-beginner nurse to a competent professional nurse in the clinical environment
 - Perfected Basic Nursing Skills including, IV Starts, Blood Draws, Dressing Changes, Tracheostomy Care, Central Line Care and assisting patients in ADL's as well as providing discharge education on surgical wounds, drains and self-administering medications.
 - Developed effective decision-making skills related to clinical judgment and performance
 - Provides compassionate care to patients and their families on a daily basis
 - Worked with all members of the healthcare team to coordinate a plan of care for the patient
 - Advocated on behalf of the patient and family to promote highest quality of life
 - Oriented to Charge RN after 2 years of clinical experience
- *Obtained ACLS Competency

Education

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Elmhurst College - Elmhurst, IL

May 2012

Nursing Licenses

RN

Expires: May 2022

State: IL

Skills

- Exposure to Cerner, PYXIS, IMS, EPIC and paper charting in the clinical setting
 - Confidence in Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Excel and Publisher
- EXTRA-CURRICULAR AND VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES:** Residency Program at MedStar Georgetown University Hospital (February 2013-March 2014): As a new graduate nurse, I went through a year long residency program orientating to the hospital policy as well as developing skills to succeed both in and out of the work place. The curriculum culminated in a group evidenced-based practice project to implement change on our units. My group chose to enhance the discharge process in order to prevent readmission specifically in patients at risk for falls in the home. Currently we are working to implement our ideas on to our unit with the help of our managers and clinical educators. Phi Mu Sorority (February 2009-Present): As a founding member of Phi Mu on the Elmhurst College campus, this organization provided me with a wonderful networking system working with individuals from around the country. Provided numerous volunteer opportunities with the Ronald McDonald House, Elmhurst YMCA and Feed My

Starving Children. It also provided me with the confidence to strive for leadership roles and multi-task along with my many academic responsibilities.

- EMR Systems
- Experience Administering Injections
- Medication Administration
- Triage
- Pain Management
- Experience with Children
- COVID Testing
- Phone Etiquette
- Medical Office Experience
- Vital Signs
- Patient Care
- Medical Records
- Laboratory Experience
- ICD-10
- Venipuncture
- Medical Terminology
- Phlebotomy
- Insurance Verification
- Employee Orientation
- Anatomy Knowledge

Certifications and Licenses

BLS Certification

March 2022 to March 2024

Certified through the American Heart Association

ACLS Certification

November 2020 to November 2022

PALS Certification

November 2020 to November 2022