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Dedicated and compassionate nurse seeking to further utilize experience and knowledge in a pediatric setting.

Work Experience

Registered Nurse

Aurora Advocate Healthcare

January 2022 to May 2022

- Work in Peri-anesthesia and PACU departments
- Admit patients on day of surgery. Duties include starting peripheral IV, reviewing patients medical and surgical history. Review medication and allergy history, release and carry out physician orders, assess patient's current level of pain, establish post op pain goals. In PACU, manage patient's pain, nausea, perform continuous assessments to ensure patient wakes up from anesthesia without complications. Perform focused assessments on surgical area or other areas of the body that could be affected by the surgical procedure. After care in PACU is complete transfer patient to inpatient unit or back to Day Surgery Department for discharge home. Patients who return to day surgery must meet discharge criteria, discharge instructions are reviewed with patient and family or caregiver.

Registered Nurse

Children's Hospital of Wisconsin

September 2015 to November 2021

- Manage patient care of pediatric populations with a variety of acute and chronic conditions. Including but not limited to; head to toe assessments, medication administration, taking and evaluating vital signs, coordination of various diagnostic testing, monitoring patients after sedation from procedures and surgical procedures.
- Focused knowledge of cardiac, liver, rheumatology, and metabolic patients, intention ingestions, patient who require cardiac monitoring, difficulties with oral feeding, and specialized infusions related to organ rejection, organ failure, and/or autoimmune conditions.
- Utilize appropriate scales to assess patient's pain level. Use pharmacological and non-pharmacological methods to reduce pain. Re-assess the effectiveness of pain management methods and adjust as needed. If patients had required narcotic pain medication for an extended period of time, use appropriate scales to monitor for symptoms and severity of withdrawal. Collaborate with providers if patients need adjustments to their current weaning schedule. At the same time incorporate age appropriate non-pharmacological methods to comfort.
- Maintain clean and safe environment for all patients, with a specific emphasis on immunocompromised patients.
- Close monitoring of patients clinical status, paying attention to subtle and acute changes that could have major consequences on the patients overall health outcomes, notify providers and collaborate on next steps to stabilize and improve patients outcomes.

- Expanded knowledge base of pediatric conditions that I feel comfortable floating to other units than my home unit within the hospital setting.
- Educate patients and families on procedures, medications, safety, admission and discharge instructions.
- Collaborate with other disciplines to provide patients with the best and safest care.
- Individualize discharge instructions for each patient and their family based on what they have identified as the most helpful method for them to safely and accurately care for their child and their specific needs upon discharge.
- Include patient's family and patients (when applicable) in daily bedside rounds, consider their input, along in the plan of care.
- Manage dietary, medication schedules, and daily cares to work toward a functional home schedule

Education

Associate Degree in Nursing

Waukesha County Technical College
May 2015

Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology

University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee, WI
1997

Skills

- Pediatrics
- Nursing
- Medication Administration
- Cardiology

Certifications and Licenses

RN License

PALS Certification

CNA