# Regina Scardino RN, BSN

#### Contact

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## Education

Associates of Science: Nursing May 2009-Dec 2012 Charity School of Nursing, New Orleans, LA

#### **Bachelor of Science: Nursing**

February 2015-August 2018 University of Louisiana at Lafayette Lafayette, LA

### Objective

Highly skilled Intensive Care Nurse with 9 years of nursing experience with exceptional skills in Neurological and Neurosurgical specialties and a passion for patient safety and advocacy. Dedicated and compassionate with progressive career history in direct patient care, triage, and care coordination in fast-paced environments. Proven to remain calm under pressure and skillfully handle difficult patients and high-stress situations. Consistently developing strong relationships with patients and families through empathetic communication, respectful attitude, and excellent customer service.

#### Experience

#### Registered Nurse, ICU, Contract Loyal Source Staffing, St. Tammany Parish Hospital February 2022-August 2022

- Provided exceptional care to high-acute patients needing complex care such as ventilator management, extensive neurological monitoring, and rehabilitation.
- Collaborated with physicians to quickly assess patients and deliver appropriate treatment while managing rapidly changing conditions.
- Conferred with physicians to discuss diagnoses and devise wellcoordinated treatment approaches.
- Administered medications such as critical drips and monitored responses.
- Collected blood, tissue and other laboratory specimens and prepared for lab testing.
- Reviewed post-operative orders and continuously monitored patients' post-operative vitals, set up PCA and fluids and oriented patients to unit.
- Advised patients and caregivers of proper wound management, discharge plan objectives, safe medication use and disease management.
- Taught patients how to improve lifestyle choices, dramatically reducing chance of symptom reoccurrence.
- Educated patients, families and caregivers on diagnosis and prognosis, treatment options, disease process and management and lifestyle options.
- Floated between Neuro ICU, Adult ICU, and Emergency Department

Registered Nurse, ICU Tulane Medical Center, New Orleans, LA August 2016 – Current

- Provided exceptional care to high-acute patients needing complex care such as ventilator management, extensive neurological monitoring, and rehabilitation.
- Collaborated with physicians to quickly assess patients and deliver appropriate treatment while managing rapidly changing conditions.
- Teamed on emergency neurological interventions such as bedside EVD placements, as well as, ICP and EEG monitoring involving serious head injuries and stroke patients.
- Conferred with physicians to discuss diagnoses and devise wellcoordinated treatment approaches. Administered medications such as TPA and other critical drips and monitored responses.
- Collected blood, tissue and other laboratory specimens and prepared for lab testing.
- Reviewed post-operative orders and continuously monitored patients post-operative vitals, set up PCA and fluids and oriented patients to unit.
- Advised patients and caregivers of proper wound management, discharge plan objectives, safe medication use and disease management.
- Taught patients how to improve lifestyle choices, dramatically reducing chance of symptom reoccurrence.
- Educated patients, families, and caregivers on diagnosis and prognosis, treatment options, disease process and management and lifestyle options.
- Provided clinical instructions to orient new nurses and potential student nurses to achieve training outcomes.
- Trained new nurses in proper techniques, care standards, operational procedures and safety protocols.
- Served as charge nurse over multiple units including Neurological, Medical, and Surgical ICU's
- Responded to Rapid Response and Code calls
- Served as resource for IV insertion

#### Registered Nurse, Progressive Care/Step Down Unit Ochsner Medical Center, New Orleans, LA March 2013 - August 2016

- Organized and managed care of 5 patients undergoing various therapies and procedures on progressive acuity unit.
- Administered medications such as heparin and insulin drips and monitored responses while working with healthcare teams to adjust care plans.
- EMU monitoring of 6 out of 28 beds
- Oversaw delivery of care for patients as charge nurse providing direct care, delegating nursing assignments, and supervising team comprised of nurses, LPNs, technicians and unit clerks.
- Provided clinical instructions to orient new nurses and potential student nurses to achieve training outcomes.
- Trained new nurses in proper techniques, care standards, operational procedures and safety protocols.
- Served as team member on Nurse Practice Council to improve workflow and employee morale.

## **Key Skills**

Critical care/ Neurology ICU Direct Patient Care Patient Assessment Patient Safety and Advocacy IV Insertion Medication Therapies Charge Nurse Staff supervision Preceptor EMR / EHR

#### Interests

Geriatrics Psychiatry

Neurology

Forensics

Patient Advocacy