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## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Passionate, multi-state Registered Nurse with over 11 years of experience in the healthcare field seeking local or travel contract. Excellent reputation for collaborating and coordinating patient care with the healthcare team and family members from admission to discharge by utilizing the nursing process. Eager to take the next career step with a growing organization offering professional development and advancement opportunities in Nursing.

## SKILLS

- Compassion
- Chronic disease management
- Culturally-sensitive
- High level of autonomy
- Holistic patient care
- Leadership
- Patient and family advocacy
- Preventative health
- Strong clinical judgment
- Team-building

## WORK HISTORY

**REGISTERED NURSE, MEDICAL-SURGICAL UNIT** | 05/2022 to Current

**Christus Santa Rosa Hospital - San Marcos, Texas**

- Managed patient care from admission to discharge.
- Maintained quality care and comfort for patients with heart failure, pulmonary hypertension and other conditions.
- Performed emergency medical procedures such as BLS and other condition stabilizing interventions.
- Evaluated healthcare needs, goals for treatment and available resources of each patient and connected to optimal providers and care.
- Ordered and analyzed diagnostic tests to identify and assess patient conditions.
- Utilized EPIC EHR to document data related to patient care such as medications, interventions and patient responses.
- Monitored patient condition by interpreting and tracking EKG readings, identifying irregular telemetry readings and updating team members on changes in stability or acuity.
- Monitored hemodynamic variances to identify signs of life-threatening complications.

- Advocated for patients by communicating care preferences to practitioners, verifying interventions met treatment goals and identifying insurance coverage limitations.

**LEAD REGISTERED NURSE COVID19 VACCINE IMMUNIZER | 04/2021 to 06/2021**

**Rite Aid - Santa Maria, CA, California**

- Supported Rite Aid's efforts in the pandemic by administering the COVID19 vaccines and monitored patients for potential adverse reactions to the COVID19 vaccine.
- Traveled to stores and to clinics within the division to administer the COVID19 vaccine.
- Reviewed, collected and filed patient information, replenished vaccine supplies, organized vaccination paperwork and reference materials, and performed any other duties required during vaccination administration.
- Assisted in organizing and facilitating workflow of COVID19 vaccine clinics.
- Performed duties in accordance with all applicable standards, policies and regulatory guidelines to promote safe working environment.

**COVID-19 REGISTERED NURSE | 08/2020 to 04/2021**

**NRS Staffing - California Men's Colony - San Luis Obispo, CA**

- Delivered outstanding care to inmates/patients with various diagnoses and managed care from treatment initiation through to completion.
- Administered medication and treatment to inmates/patients and monitored responses while working with healthcare teams to adjust care plans.
- Partnered with physicians, social workers, activity therapists, nutritionists and case managers to develop and implement individualized care plans and documented all inmate/patient interactions and interventions in electronic charting systems.
- Led successful 10-person team comprised of RNs, LPNs and CNAs to provide high quality care for up to 300 inmates/patients.
- Kept optimal supply levels in treatment rooms, triage and other areas to meet typical patient loads.
- Documented all inmate/patient interactions and interventions in Cerner EMR, including physical and psychological assessments, care plans, treatment and observations.
- Effectively prioritized assignments, executing care based on each inmate's/patient's relative condition and delegating tasks to available personnel deliver safe and efficient care.
- Educated inmates/patients and answered questions about health condition, prognosis and treatment.
- Performed COVID-19 Screening & Testing (Swab/Specimen Collection).
- Audited Cerner electronic healthcare records for accuracy.

**REGISTERED NURSE - SPECIAL NEEDS COORDINATOR | 02/2020 to 08/2020**

**ERP International, LLC - Vandenberg Air Force Base, CA**

- Served as the contact point, advocate, and informational resource for patients, care

- team, active duty members, family/caregiver(s), payers, and community resources.
- Coordinated the enrollment process and travel screening for all active duty family members; and travel screening upon request to the families of DoD sponsored assignments going to an overseas base.
  - Audited charts and reviewed clinical documents to verify accuracy.
  - Assessed patient's unmet health and social needs.
  - Developed a care plan with the patient, family/caregiver(s) and providers.
  - Monitored adherence to care plans, evaluated effectiveness, monitored patient progress in a timely manner, and facilitated changes as needed.
  - Created ongoing processes for patient and family/caregiver(s) to determine and request the level of care coordination support they desire at any given point in time.
  - Facilitated patients access to appropriate medical and specialty providers.
  - Educated patient and family/caregiver(s) about relevant community resources.
  - Facilitated and attended meetings between patient, family/caregiver(s), care team, payers, and community resources, as needed.
  - Cultivated and supported primary care and specialty provider co-management with timely communication, inquiry, follow-up, and integration of information into the care plan regarding transitions-in-care and referrals.
  - Assisted with the identification of "high-risk" patients (the chronically ill and those with special health care and education needs), and enrolled these to the patient registry (EHR - Q-base) and EFMP program.
  - Attended Care Coordinator training courses/webinars and meetings.
  - Provided feedback for the improvement of the Care Coordination Program.
  - Followed all personal and health data procedures to effectively comply with HIPAA laws and prevent information breaches.
  - Transitioned to telehealth during COVID-19. Established a pathway for easy access of patient's EHR for medical providers to review.
  - Established and documented proper procedures and policies regarding telehealth workflows and protocols.
  - Ensured proper documentation of telehealth encounters incorporated with into the patient's EHR .

**REGISTERED NURSE, MEDICAL-SURGICAL UNIT | 04/2017 to 02/2020**

**Dignity Health - Marian Regional Medical Center - Santa Maria, California**

- Accurately documented all elements of nursing assessment, including treatment, medications and IVs administered, discharge instructions, and follow-up care for patients
- Addressed disruptions in patient care including delays in discharge, postponed procedures, and discharge equipment unavailability
- Advocated for patients by communicating care preferences to practitioners, verifying interventions met treatment goals, and identifying insurance coverage limitations
- Changed out various tubes and catheters regularly to prevent infection or other

problems

- Facilitated therapeutic communication, conflict resolution, and crisis intervention by redirecting negative behaviors and helping patients regain or improve coping abilities to prevent further disability
- Managed care from admission to discharge, including patient assessments, care planning, and health educations to provide optimal, comprehensive care to over 5 patients daily in a high volume, acute care facility for adulthood patients
- Participated in education activities, including evidence-based practice project implementation, nursing competency development, and nursing simulation activities
- Partnered with physicians, social workers, activity therapists, nutritionists, and case managers to develop and implement individualized care plans
- Documented all patient interactions and interventions in Cerner electronic charting systems
- Prepared and educated patients and family members on all medical procedures such as gynecological, orthopedic, and bariatric surgeries
- Tracked warehouse contents, maintained constant awareness of stock levels, and performed formal inventory review each shift
- Facilitated discharge phone calls to assist in closing the gaps of healthcare, resolving problems, and improving patient satisfaction.

**REGISTERED NURSE, TELEMETRY UNIT | 04/2016 to 04/2017**

**Dignity Health - Marian Regional Medical Center - Santa Maria, Ca.**

- Accurately documented all elements of nursing assessment, including treatment, medications and IVs administered, discharge instructions and follow-up care
- Educated patients, families and caregivers on diagnosis and prognosis, treatment options, disease process and management and lifestyle options
- Monitored patient condition, including interpreting and tracking EKG readings, identifying irregular telemetry readings, and updating team members on changes in stability or acuity
- Oversaw delivery of care for 4 patients in 46-bed, acute care, cardiac unit while supervising and delegating nursing assignments using team approach
- Participated in nursing simulation activities, evidence-based practice project implementation, and competency development to further nursing education
- Partnered with physicians, social workers, activity therapists, nutritionists, and case managers to develop and implement individualized care plans; and documented all patient interactions and interventions in Cerner electronic charting systems
- Prepared and educated patients and family members on cardiac surgical procedures such as ablation, atherectomy, cardiac catheterization, and CABG surgeries
- Reviewed post-operative orders and continuously monitored patients' post-operative vitals, set up PCA and IV fluids, and oriented patients to unit to achieve optimal outcomes
- Treated patients with chronic and acute, health problems such as MI, stroke,

arrhythmias, asthma, COPD and pneumonia

**LICENSED VOCATIONAL NURSE, TELEMETRY UNIT | 05/2015 to 04/2016**

**Dignity Health - Marian Regional Medical Center - Santa Maria, CA.**

- Circulated assigned floor to measure and record patients' fluid and food levels, implementing measures to promote healthy intake and output as necessary
- Collaborated with RN on evaluation of care plan outcomes, implementing or adjusting interventions accordingly
- Continually improved knowledge, skill, and performance based on feedback and self-identified professional developmental needs
- Coordinated with other internal departments and customers to keep operations running smoothly, and solve both routine and complex problems
- Documented patient vitals, behaviors, and conditions; and communicated concerns to supervising RN
- Managed various general office duties such as answering multiple telephone lines, and transferring calls to appropriate personnel
- Monitored cardiac rhythms for 46 patients in acute care facility, and notified RN for rhythm changes; printed and assessed cardiac strips every four hours
- Transported patients to and from different departments

**UNIT CLERK/EKG MONITOR/NURSING ASSISTANT | 06/2011 to 05/2015**

**Dignity Health - Marian Regional Medical Center - Santa Maria, CA**

- Assisted with care of patients for activities of daily living
- Charted vital signs and added telemetry strips to charts
- Kept office supplies well organized and sufficiently stocked, placing orders promptly to replenish materials before depleted
- Kept reception area clean and neat to give visitors positive first impression
- Monitored and communicated patient dietary plans to carry out physician orders and prevent errors
- Monitored premises, screened visitors, updated logs, and issued passes to maintain security
- Prepared and documented updates to patient information in medical charts while maintaining HIPAA compliance and protecting confidentiality of records
- Promptly received and forwarded incoming communications, such as phone calls, emails and letters, to appropriate staff
- Reported changes in health condition of patient to nurse
- Supported 10-12 patients with timely and knowledgeable response to diverse requests

## **EDUCATION**

**Grand Canyon University - Phoenix, Arizona | Bachelor of Science**

Nursing, 2019

Online BSN program.

**Allan Hancock College - Santa Maria, CA | Associate of Science**

Nursing, 2015

**AFFILIATIONS**

- Member, American Nurses Association, 2019 to Current
- Member, Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society - Nu Upsilon Chapter, 2019 to Current

**LICENSE**

Active California RN license: 95090286 - expires 3/31/2024

Active Texas RN license: 1038832 - expires 02/28/2023

AHA BLS: expires 04/13/2024

AHA ACLS: expires 10/31/2024