

Jennifer Lukas

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Professional Summary

Registered Nurse with 26 years of experience. Areas of strength include Critical Care, PACU, Venous Access, Transplant, and Ambulatory Surgery. A knowledgeable resource as a Senior Team Member. Seek out opportunities to learn new things and also to share my knowledge.

License

Registered Nurse 1996-present

Skills

- Skilled in IV placement
- Critical Care expertise
- Familiar with surgical procedures
- Work with both adults and children
- Comfortable with teaching and working with families
- Excellent communication skills when dealing with physicians and other staff members
- Enjoy giving presentations to both peer groups, patients, and physicians

Professional Experience

Hepatology Nurse Coordinator/Liver Transplant Coordinator

Loyola University Medical Center, Maywood, IL

September 2019-present

Care for patients dealing with liver disease. Assist physicians in clinic. Triage phone calls and prioritize care. Coordinate with other health care workers and ancillary staff to provide excellent care to our Hepatology patients. Educate patients and families on the transplant process. Place patients on the liver transplant waiting list.

Registered Nurse, Ambulatory Surgery and PACU

Elmhurst Hospital, Elmhurst, IL

November 2015-September 2019

Care for patients pre-op and post-op. Prepare patients for their surgery. Provide them with necessary education prior to discharge. Special skills include IV placement, wound care, treatment of pain, and teaching

Clinical Transplant Coordinator, Pre-liver Transplant

UW Hospital, Madison WI

August 2013-August 2015

Assist with the evaluation of patients with both acute and chronic liver disease. Meet with a committee of nurses, physicians, and social workers to determine transplant candidacy. Work with patients on an outpatient basis to help manage their disease process. On-call shifts require the ability to triage phone calls and prioritize work load

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Registered Nurse, Post Anesthesia Care Unit (PACU)

UW Hospital , Madison WI May 2007 – August 2013
See both adult and pediatric patients through recovery immediately following surgery. This includes: maintaining safe and stable airway, treating pain, and completing head to toe assessment. Patients can be general care or critically ill. Experience with a diverse group of surgical patients including: orthopedics, neurosurgery, and vascular.

Registered Nurse, Venous Access Team

UW Hospital , Madison WI Jan. 2005 – May 2007
Placed peripheral IV's in both adults and children. Assistance with maintaining central lines and dressings. Obtained blood on patients when other staff members had difficulty. Placed Peripherally Inserted Central Catheters (PICC lines).

Registered Nurse, Trauma and Life Support Center

September 2001-May 2002 Travel Assignment
January 2003-2005 Staff member

UW Hospital, Madison WI
Cared for critically ill patients following traumas, surgeries, and other significant medical problems. Managed patients on ventilators, required multiple blood transfusions, and vasoactive medicines. Facilitated communication between families and physicians. Regularly provided emotional support to both patients and family members.

Registered Nurse, InteliStaf Travel Company Sep. 2000-2002

5 Critical Care Assignments: San Diego, Washington D.C., Chicago, Milwaukee, and Honolulu

Registered Nurse, Surgical Intensive Care Unit July 1998 – Sep 2000

Froedtert Hospital , Milwaukee WI July 1998 – Sep. 2000
Cared for critically ill patients primarily following extensive surgery and trauma

Registered Nurse, Surgical Oncology June 1996-June 1998

Columbia Hospital , Milwaukee WI June 1996 – June 1998
Administered chemotherapy. Provided significant emotional support to both patients and families dealing with cancer. Cared for patients following surgery.

Education

Cardinal Stritch University 1998
Bachelor of Science: Nursing

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Milwaukee, WI

UW Stevens Point

Wildlife Ecology

Stevens Point, WI

Three years of study in wildlife and biology before changing to nursing.

BLS Certified

Illinois Nursing License obtained 10/1/2015

Wisconsin Nursing License obtained 6/1996

Medical Mission to Lebanon 4/2017

Provided assessments, medication, and treatment to Syrian Refugees. Provided education to adults and children regarding burn care and safety required in the refugee camps