

Patricia Washington

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Reliable, ethical Registered Nurse with the ability to remain calm and intervene during crises, facilitate groups, and collaborate on multidisciplinary teams.

Proven ability to work in a leadership capacity and build effective and productive teams. Builds positive relationships with patients, family members, physicians, and other medical professionals. Kind, personable demeanor with outstanding attention to detail and the ability to work well under pressure. Demonstrates empathy and compassion with strong communication skills, and superior organizational skills.

Work Experience

Surgical Nurse

U.S.P.I Surgical Center of St. Louis - St. Louis, MO

January 2015 to Present

- Prepare patients for surgery by giving preoperative/post operative instructions
- Assist the Anesthetist and Surgeon by maintaining an unobstructed operative field using retractors, sponges, or suctioning and irrigation equipment, and passing equipment
- Verify the patient and the location of the operative site
- Sterilize and mark the incision site, cover patient with surgical drapes to maintain sterile operative field
- Prepare the operating room with instruments and supplies, assist members of the surgical team with gowning and gloving
- Record patient's medical information and vital signs
- Monitor surgical sites for signs of infection, cause of infection, and necessary action needed to control infection

Surgical Nurse

Riverside Surgery Center - Florissant, MO

January 2006 to December 2014

- Maintain accurate, detailed reports and records
- Provide health care, first aid, and immunizations
- Monitor, record, and report changes in patient's conditions
- Consult and coordinate with healthcare team members to assess, plan, implement, and evaluate patient care plans
- Adjust and maintain operating room temperature humidity, and lighting
- Assist in applying splints, casts, braces, or similar devices

Cardiac Nurse

Belleville Heart Center - Belleville, IL

April 2004 to December 2005

- Assist physician in performing physical tests to diagnose cardiac diseases
- Interpret lab results and results of cardiac test such as stress tests and echocardiograms

- Educate and inform patients of the best disease prevention and dietary or lifestyle changes
- Monitor heart devices such as defibrillators and pacemakers
- Monitor vital signs and administer medications for cardiac conditions

Surgical Nurse

Fairfield Memorial Hospital - Fairfield, IL

March 1998 to April 2004

- Circulator

Registered Nurse

Southern Ill Primary Care - Fairfield, IL

June 1994 to March 1998

Clinical Registered nurse Office Setting

- Performed direct clinic nursing administrative duties
- Provided support services regarding treatments and administration of medication as ordered
- Continuously monitored patients' conditions

Education

Associate of Science in Nursing

Frontier Community College - Fairfield, IL

Skills

- Fundamental computer skills and Electronic Medical Records.
- Capability to maintain professional standard of nursing; Compliant with HIPPA/OSHA.
- Maintaining accurate patient records.
- IV drug therapy management and medication administration.
- Skilled in conducting physical examinations/assessments.
- Familiarity with disease and pain management.
- Health & Wellness, Mobility Assistance.
- Circulated cases in multiple specialties.
- Vital Signs
- Laboratory Experience

Certifications and Licenses

RN License

BLS Certification

ACLS Certification