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Objective

Registered Nurse with Charge Nurse, Step Down, Med Surg, Med Surg/Tele, and Vascular Surgery experience. Highly organized and utterly dependable. Exhibits superior communication skills while establishing trustworthy relationships with patients, families and staff. Able to incorporate a plan of care based on patient/family needs and implement critical thinking. Constantly seeking opportunities to assume responsibility and provide coverage for clinical functions. I am fully committed to providing safe and cost-effective patient care within the Standards of Nursing Practice.

Professional Experience

Critical Staffing Travel Assignment: Emory St. Joseph Hospital, Atlanta Georgia RN-Neuro Vascular, Covid and Float to other units as needed 11/2021-Current

- Manage neural conditions, such as strokes, brain injuries, encephalitis, spinal cord injuries, Parkinson's disease and multiple sclerosis
- Utilize NIHSS
- **Responsible for setting up and maintaining drips: sedatives, anti hypertensives, anti arrhythmics, heparin, narcotic analgesics, insulin, diuretics, etc.**
- Prepare and administer medications orally, subcutaneously, peripheral IV, Central Lines and Gastric tubes.
- **Care of patients requiring increased respiratory support: Bipaps, Airvo, Vapotherm, High Flow, Vents**
- Reports adverse reactions to medications or treatments.

Covid Crisis Travel Assignment: Baptist Hospital, Pensacola Florida RN-PCU, Step Down 8/2021-11/2021

- Consults and coordinates with health care team members to assess, plan, implement and evaluate patient care plans

- **Responsible for setting up and maintaining drips: sedatives, anti hypertensives, anti arrhythmics, heparin, narcotic analgesics, insulin, diuretics, etc.**
- Prepares and administer medications orally, subcutaneously, peripheral IV, Central Lines and Gastric tubes.
- **Care of patients requiring increased respiratory support: Bipaps, Airvo, Vapotherm, High Flow, Vents**
- Reports adverse reactions to medications or treatments.
- Monitors and adjusts specialized equipment utilized for patients interventions
- Identifies irregular telemetry readings and and initiate emergent medical intervention, notifies appropriate medical team members
- Initiates corrective action whenever information from monitoring equipment shows adverse symptomatology
- Initiates patient education plan with patient & family as prescribed by physician.

**Rapid Response Travel Assignment: St. Francis Hospital- Memphis Tennessee
RN Float Step Down, Telemetry
7/2021-8/2021**

- Responsible for the care of critically ill patients across the healthcare continuum (renal failure, heart failure, surgical, septicemia, moderate head/brain injuries, surgical, continuous cardiac monitoring, etc.)
- Responsible for setting up and maintaining drips: sedatives, anti hypertensives, anti arrhythmics, heparin, narcotic analgesics, insulin, diuretics, etc.
- Assist physicians with bedside placement of gastric tubes, chest tubes, central lines, bronchoscopy, etc.
- Responsible for maintaining central lines, gastric tubes, Trachs, chest tubes, etc.
- Responsible for frequent full system assessment
- Responsible for advising care team of patient condition in timely manner
- All patient findings maintained in computer based charting system
- Close collaboration with care team to determine plan of care post discharge
- Collaborate with case management for home needs post discharge.

**Travel Strike Assignment: Saint Vincent Hospital- Worcester Massachusetts
RN Float, Med Surg Tele, PCU
5/2021-7/2021**

- Consults and coordinates with health care team members to assess, plan, implement and evaluate patient care plans

- Responsible for setting up and maintaining drips: sedatives, anti hypertensives, anti arrhythmics, heparin, narcotic analgesics, insulin, diuretics, etc.
- Prepares and administer medications orally, subcutaneously, peripheral IV, Central Lines and Gastric tubes.
- Reports adverse reactions to medications or treatments.
- Monitors and adjusts specialized equipment utilized for patients interventions
- Identifies irregular telemetry readings and and initiate emergent medical intervention, notifies appropriate medical team members
- Initiates corrective action whenever information from monitoring equipment shows adverse symptomatology
- Initiates patient education plan with patient & family as prescribed by physician.

Covid Crisis Travel Assignment: DeTar Hospital Victoria Texas Navarro

RN Float Med Surg Tele, Transitional ICU

2/2021-5/2021

- Consults and coordinates with health care team members to assess, plan, implement and evaluate patient care plans
 - Responsible for setting up and maintaining drips: sedatives, anti hypertensives, anti arrhythmics, heparin, narcotic analgesics, insulin, diuretics, etc.
 - Prepares and administer medications orally, subcutaneously, peripheral IV, Central Lines and Gastric tubes.
 - Reports adverse reactions to medications or treatments.
 - Monitors and adjusts specialized equipment utilized for patients interventions
 - Identifies irregular telemetry readings and initiate emergent medical intervention, notifies appropriate medical team members
 - Initiates corrective action whenever information from monitoring equipment shows adverse symptomatology
 - Initiates patient education plan with patient & family as prescribed by physician.
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- Assist physician during examination and treatment of patient during bedside procedures
 - Responds to life-saving situations based upon nursing standards and protocol
 - Records all care information concisely, accurately and completely, in a timely manner, in the appropriate format
 - Other position-related duties as assigned, depending on assignment setting

Azura Vascular Surgery Center

PRN RN Pre-op and PACU

7/2019-Present

- Assess, instruct & prepare patients prior to surgery

- Ensure that operative and informed consents are signed and correct
- Take and record vital statistics of patients to ensure readiness for surgical procedure
- Initiate IVs and ensure patients are informed about procedure
- Assess patients' post-operative condition
- Monitor vital signs and other measurements of progress, meeting discharge criteria
- Log all findings in patient files
- Answer patient questions and ensure patient comfort
- Monitor patients for condition changes, reporting any changes to physician
- Perform intervention duties during post-operative emergencies

Eastside Medical Center

PRN RN Step Down

4/2017 to Current

- Responsible for the care of critically ill patients across the healthcare continuum (renal failure, heart failure, surgical, septicemia, moderate head/brain injuries, surgical, continuous cardiac monitoring, etc.)
- Responsible for setting up and maintaining drips: sedatives, anti hypertensives, anti arrhythmics, heparin, narcotic analgesics, insulin, diuretics, etc.
- Assist physicians with bedside placement of gastric tubes, chest tubes, central lines, bronchoscopy, etc.
- Responsible for maintaining central lines, gastric tubes, Trachs, chest tubes, etc.
- Responsible for frequent full system assessment
- Responsible for advising care team of patient condition in timely manner
- All patient findings maintained in computer based charting system
- Close collaboration with care team to determine plan of care post discharge
- Collaborate with case management for home needs post discharge.

Select Specialty Hospital

Charge RN-Med Surg/Telemetry, Stepdown

12/2015 to 4/2017 (Milwaukee location 12/15-6/16 relocated to Georgia location 6/16-4/17)

- Providing direct patient care to critically ill patients with trachs/vents, ET tubes, spinal cord injuries, brain injuries, severe wounds
 - Responsible for assisting physicians with bedside placement of gastric tubes, intubation, central & arterial lines, bronchoscopy
 - Responsible for maintaining critical drips: insulin, heparin/tpa, anti hypertensives, sedative agents, diuretics, antiarrhythmic agents, pressers, narcotic analgesics
 - Ongoing full system patient assessment

- Responsible for frequent updates to care team on patient condition and accurate documentation in computer based system (Epic, Mckesson)
- Assist with mentoring new RN orientees on various medical devices, protocols and an ongoing resource for questions regarding patient care.
- Assist with coordinating and assessing continuing education programs to maintain competency skills and enhance workflow environments.
- Supervising patient care provided by CNA's, and other support staff

Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare

RN-Telemetry

5/2014 to 12/2015

- Responsible for the care of mid acuity patients: post surgical, gastroenteric & cardiac compromised patients, renal & liver failure, uncontrolled diabetes, hyper/hypotensive, sickle cell, etc.
- Responsible for alerting care team of change in patient condition in timely manner
- Assess, plan and monitor outcomes of nursing interventions
- Collaborate with multidisciplinary teams to coordinate patient care, ensuring services are best utilized to meet the patient's needs
- Medication administration (IV and PO), packed RBC administration respiratory treatments and wound care
- Supervise nursing care delivered by nursing assistants and other unlicensed team members
- Ensure patients are safely able to manage healthcare needs prior to discharge at home with or without assistance from outside support
- Provide patient/family education on acute illness and lifestyle changes to prevent exacerbation and need for future costly medical treatment

Education

South University
2014-Milwaukee Area Technical College
Associate Degree Nursing Program

American Heart Association Certifications

ACLS
BLS

PALS
NIHSS

Other Certifications

Conscious Sedation

Preceptorship