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CLINICAL REGISTERED NURSE

Highly experienced and dedicated Registered Nurse with over 30 years of expertise in acute care, critical care, and telehealth services. Adept at providing patient-centered care, managing complex clinical cases, and leading multidisciplinary teams to achieve optimal outcomes. Proficient in advanced procedures such as cardiac and neurocritical care, forensic nursing, and telemedicine technologies, including Cerner, Epic, and Meditech. Certified medical-surgical, neuroscience, and forensic nursing leader, with a strong commitment to evidence-based practice and patient advocacy. Exceptional ability to deliver care in hybrid and remote environments, ensuring seamless care coordination and proficient patient experiences. Dedicated to leveraging clinical knowledge and leadership to excel in the evolving field of telehealth.

AREA OF EXPERTISE

Vasopressor, Sedation, & Paralytics Administration | Heart Failure Patient Care | Surgical Craniotomies Care | Acute Thrombolytic & Hemorrhagic Stroke Care | Left Ventricular Assist Device (LVAD) Care – Heart Mate III | Cerner, Epic, and Meditech | Tracheostomy & Ventilator Care | Relationship Building & Management | Chest Tube Care | Post-Surgical Drain Care | Hypothermia Care | Communication | Conflict Resolution | Adaptability & Flexibility | Critical Thinking | Problem Solving | Advocacy | Team Work | Wound & Ostomy Care | Cross-functional Collaborations | Diagnostics | A-V Fistula Care

CAREER HISTORY

Clinical Registered Nurse VI Cardio-Thoracic Surgery

University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, Texas

Mar. 2024 – Present

- Support post-surgical patients on vasopressor and antiarrhythmic medication, which results in decreased complications for patient-optimized recovery.
- Perform post-care of fem-pop bypass, Trans catheter Aortic Valve Replacement (TAVR), pacemakers, and percutaneous coronary intervention, improving vascular integrity and early complication detection.
- Provide pre and post-care of Congestive Heart Failure patients' cardiogenic shock, which enhances hemodynamic stability and reduces mortality risk by 40%.
- Support patients with left ventricular device (LVAD) Heart mate III, which improved patient survival rate; perform Post-Coronary Bypass and carotid Endarterectomy, which quickened patient recovery and improved outcome.
- Execute pre-and post-procedure care for cardiac catheterization and electrophysiology patients, including Telemetry patients with chronic cardiac conditions, reducing the complication rate by 40% and aiding faster recovery.

Clinical Charge Nurse

MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, Texas

Feb. 2010 – Feb. 2024

- Managed the daily operations of in-patient nursing units, providing business strategies that resulted in meeting and exceeding financial goals.
- Collaborated with a cross-functional team to address patient's needs and improve nursing efforts, which led to a 50% increase in efficiency and patient satisfaction.
- Supervised and enhanced staff performance per professional principles and practices that facilitated non-punitive performance accountability.
- Liaised with physicians, patients, and patients' families to plan care and evaluate outcomes, which enhanced patient outcomes, increased satisfaction, and increased recovery rates.
- Managed oncologic emergencies and provided adequate care to adults with septic shock, malignant hypocalcemic emergencies, and tumor lysis syndrome, resulting in a 60% improvement in critical patient outcomes.
- Improved efficiency and overall productivity by promoting care continuity, clinical competency, technology use, and optimum emergency management.

Clinical Nurse RN II, Neuro Surgical Intensive Care Unit

The Methodist Hospital-TMC, Houston, Texas

Nov. 2010 – Present

- Led continuous hemodynamic monitoring and support for critically ill patients, resulting in a 70% reduction in morbidity and mortality.
- Manage and monitor patients' cardiopulmonary, facilitating patient outcomes and a 50% reduction in adverse events.
- Monitor, record, and communicate patient condition, employing computerized documentation systems that improve accuracy and lead to a 60% increase in efficiency and patient safety.
- Maintain an excellent level of care for patients with acute thrombolytic and hemorrhagic strokes, minor head traumas, neuro-surgical patients, and other critical neuromuscular issues
- Care for multiple patients with Neuro-Oncology Post Tumor Resections, spinal cord injuries, acute strokes, craniotomies, etc., which improve functional recovery rates and patient outcomes.
- Provide post-operative care, manage ventilators, and prevent complications, resulting in a 65% improvement in patient stabilization, recovery rates, and reduced ICU stays.

Forensic Registered Nurse II

Harris Health System, Ben Taub, Houston, Texas

Dec. 2015 – Apr. 2019

- Conducted and documented a comprehensive, unbiased, and objective clinical forensic history and assessments on sexual/domestic violence victims which advanced legal accuracy and case strength.
- Maintained chain of custody for all specimens collected during the sexual assault nurse examination that enhanced evidence integrity and strengthened legal outcomes.
- Coordinated hospital, law enforcement, and patient advocacy for sexual assault/domestic violence patients as a forensic nurse examiner enhancing patient support and case resolution rates.
- Provided court testimony on behalf of patients seeking justice in the legal system, which enhanced the credibility of the evidence and improved case outcomes.
- Conducted forensic medical examination that improved evidence accuracy and led to a 60% increase in legal case success and victim support.
- Collaborated with law enforcement agencies and legal teams which improved legal process efficiency, patient recovery, and satisfaction.

Also excelled as:

Clinical Charge Nurse RN III, Neuro-Trauma Intensive Care Level 1

Jan. 2005 – Aug. 2011

Memorial Hermann TMC, Houston, Texas

Sexual Assault Response Team Coordinator

Mercer County Prosecutor's Office, Trenton, NJ

Jan. 2001 – Jan. 2005

Staff Nurse III Neuro/Body Interventional, Interventional Radiology/Special Procedures

Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, New Brunswick, NJ

Feb. 1997 – Jan. 2005

Staff Nurse RN III, Cardiac Medical Service CCU/IMU-Step Down

Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, New Brunswick, NJ

1997 – 2000

RN Team Coordinator, Neuro-Orthopedics, Medical Surgical, Correctional Health

CHI – St. Frances Medical Center

1992 – 1997

EDUCATION

Master of Science in Family Nurse Practitioner

Wilkes University, Wilkes, Barre, PA

Master of Science in Nursing Leadership and Healthcare Organization

Grantham University, Kansas City, MO

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Morris Brown College, Atlanta, Ga.

Post Bachelor Certificate in Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner

Rutgers the State University, New Brunswick, NJ

Continued Education in Legal Studies

Mercer County College West Windsor, NJ

CERTIFICATION

ANCC	Certified Medical-Surgical Nurse (RN, C)
IAFN	Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Adult/Adolescent (SANE)
State of New Jersey	Forensic Nurse Sexual Assault (F-SA)
AANN	Certified Neuroscience RN (CNRN)
AHA	Basic Life Support, PALS, and Advance Life Support
ENA	Trauma Nurse Core Course Provider (TNCC)

LICENSE

Registered Nurse State of New Jersey
Registered Nurse Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Board of Nurse Examiners Registered Nurse Texas (Compact)
Registered Nurse State of Minnesota
Registered Nurse State of Ohio
Registered Nurse State of Oregon
Registered Nurse State of Connecticut
Registered Nurse State of Hawaii
Registered Nurse State Of New York

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member, American Nurses Association
Member, New Jersey State Nurses Association
Member, International Association of Forensic Nurses
Member, Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses
Member, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.
Member, American Society of Law and Ethics
Member, National Black Nurses Association
Member, American Association of Critical Care Nurses
Member, American Association of Neuroscience Nurses
Member, Emergency Nurses Association
Member, National Black Nurse Practitioner Association

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Tools: IV Insertion/Phlebotomy, Sheath Care & Removal, Ventriculostomies ICP Monitoring, Lumbar Drains, Central Line, Arterial Lines, PICC, and Dialysis Catheter Care, Care of GJ (Gastro-Jejunal), PEG (Percutaneous Endoscopic Gastrostomy), and NGT (Nasogastric Tube)