

 Oroville Hospital	Job Descriptions for Registered Nurse		Department:	Obstetrics
			Dept. #:	6380
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Reports To

Nurse Manager of Obstetrical Department

Job Summary

The Registered Nurse (RN) working in the OB Department is responsible for assisting the patients under his/her care to reach an optimum level of wellness and comfort. The RN is responsible for planning, organizing, implementing and evaluating direct patient care. The RN provides nursing care to all obstetrical/gynecological patients, newborns and clinic patients of all ages, participates in patient and family teaching, delegates assignments and provides leadership for support staff in accordance with their level of training and patient's acuity. This is done in conjunction with the patient, the patient's family, physician and other members of the health care team. The RN in the Obstetrical Department ensures that there is safe nursing care for all patients.

This job requires the employee to be responsible for the assessment, treatment, or care of patients of all ages including neonate, adolescent, and geriatric. Consequently, they must be competent in the interpretation of a patient's self – report or behavior and this information must be interpreted with an understanding of the cognitive, physical, emotional, and chronological maturation process. The treatment of patients should be individualized and should reflect an understanding of the developmental needs and range of treatment needs for each patient.

Duties

1. Demonstrates professional responsibility in the RN Role
2. Maintains confidentiality when interacting with patients, families, personnel and the public
3. Acts as the patients advocate
4. Conducts an initial and ongoing assessment designed to gather data relevant to the patients individual needs, including age specific needs
5. In collaboration with the patient families, develops and implements a plan of care
6. Establishes priorities for patient care activities
7. Communicates relevant patient information
8. Follows policies and procedures
9. Performs other duties as assigned

Qualifications

1. Graduate of an accredited school of professional nursing and licensed to practice as a Registered Nurse in the State of California
2. Experience as a staff nurse for at least two years preferred, but not required
3. Current BLS certification
4. Fetal monitoring education required within the first six months
5. Neonatal resuscitation certification (NRP) required within first six months

Lifting Requirements

Heavy: frequent lifting, not more than 100 pounds (with help) and/or carrying objects weighing up to 50 pounds.