

Job Description for Registered Nurse

Department:	Patient Safety
Dept.#:	8754
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I. NATURE OF POSITION

The Registered Nurse/Charge Nurse working in the Patient Safety Department is responsible for planning, organizing, implementing and evaluating patient care of patients of all ages pediatric to geriatric. The RN coordinates, delegates, and provides direct nursing care for patients by working cooperatively with patients, family members, and all patient care team members. The RN provides supervision for patient team members in accordance with their level of training and the patient's acuity.

II. REQUIREMENTS

- A. Graduate of an accredited school of professional nursing and licensed to practice as a registered nurse in the State of California.
- B. Experience as a staff nurse for one year preferred.
- D. Current CPR certification

III. LIFTING REQUIREMENTS

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

STANDARDS OF PERFORMANCE

RESPONSIBILITIES	STANDARDS OF PERFORMANCE
A. DEMONSTRATES PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY IN THE RN ROLE	1. Complies with personnel policies. 2. Delegates nursing activities to other RNs, LVNs, CNAs and unit Clerks. 3. Takes action based on constructive performance evaluations and feedback. 4. Takes responsibility for helping to meet own learning needs. Recommended classes: A. Chemotherapy 5. Maintains confidentially when interacting with patients, families, personnel, and the public. 6. Responsible for maintaining current licenses/certificates on file. A. CPR B. RN licenses C. completed skills list 7. Completes assignments, documents and signs all care prior to end of shift. 8. Acts as the patients advocate 9. Attends 75% of scheduled staff meetings.
B. CONDUCTS AN INITIAL AND ONGOING ASSESSMENT DESIGNED TO GATHER DATA RELEVANT TO THE PATIENT'S INDIVIDUAL NEEDS TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION SPECIFIC NEEDS FOR AGE.	Review of assessments of patients 1. Respiratory Component: a. Identifies breath sounds b. Recognizes abnormal breath sounds c. Recognizes abnormal ABGs d. Identifies amount and character of secretions e. Determines need for supple mental oxygen/suction.

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	a. Performs cardiovascular assessment.
	b. Equipment - Attaches patient to telemetry
	3. Neurologic Component:
	a. Performs neuro assessment.
	b. Records on Neuro flow sheet if required.
	4. Renal Component:
	a. Assesses the volume and characteristics of urine
	output vs intake.
	b. Records I & 0 when appropriate.
	5. Multisystem Component:
	a. Performs abdominal assessment.
	b. Assesses amount and characteristics of gastric secretions.
	c. Assesses the patency of various gastrointestinal
	drainage tubes.
	d. Inserts an NG tube.
	e. Assesses nutritional status. f. Assesses
	surgical/trauma wounds.
	g. Assess surgical/trauma wounds. h. Recognizes
	the significance of abnormal lab values.
	6. Psychosocial Component:
	a. Determines patient's response to the
	environment.
	b. Identifies patient's support system.
	c. Determines patient's response to pain.
	d. Patient/family education.
	e. Environmental needs.
	f. Discharge needs.
C. <u>IN COLLABORATION WITH THE</u>	1. Identifies nursing diagnoses or problems based on
PATIENT FAMILIES, IMPLEMENTS A	patients assessments.
PLAN OF CARE	2. Formulates an etiology for nursing diagnosis.
	3. Begins discharge planning.

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D. <u>DEVELOPS A PLAN OF CARE FOR</u>	1. Identifies desired outcomes each nursing
SELECTED PATIENTS.	diagnosis/problem.
	2. Determines nursing intervention to reach
	outcomes.
	3. Prioritizes patient care activities.
E. <u>IMPLEMENTS THE PLAN OF CARE</u>	
	1. Provides, delegates and supervises care for
	medical patients.
	A. Cardiac
	1. R/O MI
	2. CHF
	3. A.S.H.D.
	4. Peripheral Vascular Disease.
	B. Pulmonary Patients
	1. COPD
	2. Pneumonia
	C. Neurologic
	1. CVA
	2. Concussion Syndrome
	3. Comatose
	4. Seizure Disorder
	D. Gastrointestinal
	1. Hepatic disease
	2. GI Bleed
	3. Gastroenteritis
	E. Renal
	1. Acute Renal Failure
	2. Chronic Renal Failure
	F. Endocrine
	1. Diabetes
	G. Autoimmune disorders
	1. Rheumatoid arthritis
	2. Systemic Lupus Erythematous
	3. Multiple sclerosis
	H. Oncology
	1. Tumors
	2. Leukemia
	I. Multi System
	1. AIDS
	2. Terminally ill
	3. Septic

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E. <u>IMPLEMENTS THE PLAN OF CARE</u>	2. Provides, delegates and supervises care for surgical
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	A. Abdominal and pelvic Surgery
	1. Hernia
	2. Cholecystectomy
	3. Gastrectomy
	4. Ulcer Repair
	5. Splenectomy
	6. Colostomy
	7. Appendectomy
	B. Vascular Surgery
	1. Femoral-popliteal Bypass
	2. Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm
	C. Gynecological surgery
	1. Dilatation and Curettage
	2. Hysterectomy
	3. Cystocele
	D. Genitourinary Surgery
	1. TURP
	2. Iridium implant
	3. Ureterolithotomy
	E. Head and Neck Surgery
	1. T and A
	2. Radical neck dissection
	3. Thyroidectomy
	F. Breast Surgery
	1. Lumpectomy
	2. Mastectomy
	G. Thoracic Surgery
	1. Lobectomy
	H. Orthopedic Surgery
	1. Fractures
	2. Replacement of Joints
	I. Neurological Surgery
	1. Laminectomy
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F. EVALUATES THE OUTCOME OF	1. Explorates noticent's magneticent
NURSING CARE	1. Evaluates patient's response to
	interventions/reassesses and documents on patient's
	record.

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G. ORGANIZES NURSING CARE FOR A GROUP OF PATIENTS

- 1. Establishes priorities for patient care activities.
- 2. Delegates nursing activities to appropriate staff.

H. <u>COMMUNICATES RELEVANT PATIENT</u> INFORMATION

- 1. Reports changes in patient's status to charge nurse or physician, and staff caring for patient.
- 2. Documents nursing care consistent with hospital charting standards.
- 3. Complies with hospital policy for receiving doctor's orders, including verbal and phone.
- 4. Orients patients and family to Unit environment as able.
- 5. Relates Unit policy regarding visitors to family & friends.
- 6. Accurately gives report to oncoming shift.
- 7. Report extraordinary patient problems to supervisor, Vice President of Nursing or administrator as necessary.

I. POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

- 1. Complies with hospital policies procedures for selected precautions *i.e.* seizure, suicide.
- 2. Prepares patient for operating room.
- 3. Uses principles of body mechanics in mobilizing patient or objects.
 - A. Asks for help when lifting heavy patients
- 4. Complies with policies for immobilization and restraints.
- 5. Complies with policies for electrical safety.
- 6. Checks the Crash cart per policy
- 7. Incorporates infection control principles in practice.
- 8. Demonstrates skills related to the management of emergency situations.
- 9. Complies with policy for cardio-pulmonary arrest.
- 10. Demonstrates how to place STAT calls.
- 11. States hospital DNR/DNI policy
- 12. Complies with policy regarding risk management.
- A. Demonstrates appropriate use of Risk information reports.
- 13. Assists with PI studies
 - A. Collects data.
 - B. Responds to corrective plans.
- 14. Familiar with Med/Surg policy and procedure manual.

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J. CHARGE NURSES

EFFECTIVELY AND SAFELY ORGANIZES AND MANAGES A NURSING UNIT FOR HIS/HER SHIFT.

- 1. Makes assignments according to the needs of the patient and the capabilities of the staff.
- 2. Organizes and prioritizes work to be completed.
- 3. Effectively problem solves for self and other personnel on shift.
- 4. Gives concise report of patient's condition to physician.
- 5. Gives accurate, pertinent report to oncoming staff.
- 6. Provides direct nursing care.
- 7. Functions as a liaison between Nurse Manager and staff.
- 8. 7. Provides information to the Nurse Manager regarding performance of individuals as appropriate.
- 9. Provides guidance and supervision to employees for whom they are responsible.
- 10. Works on assigned projects under the direction of the Nurse Manager.
- 11. Assists the Nurse Manager in keeping productivity and costs within certain standards.
- 12. Assists the Nurse Manager in evaluating staff.