

 Oroville Hospital	Job Description for Registered Nurse		Department:	Ambulatory Care Services
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Reports To

Nurse Manager of Ambulatory Care Services

Job Summary

The Registered Nurse is responsible for total patient care through implementation of the nursing process.

Duties

1. Responsible for total patient care and patient teaching
2. Provides nursing care to all patient's of all ages
3. Admit patients to the unit
4. Conducts an initial and ongoing assessment designed to gather data relevant to the patient's individual needs and age group
5. Recognize risks, problems and complications related to surgery procedures through knowledge of physical assessment
6. Explain surgical procedures and special procedures to patient pre-procedure; give specific instructions about patient care; verify consents
7. Create a wholesome atmosphere for patients to reduce pre-operative anxiety through reassurance and emotional support
8. Recognize drug reactions and post-operative complications; refer to attending surgeon or to anesthesia personnel
9. Able to operate emergency equipment; check equipment for malfunctions
10. Follow pre-operative and post-operative nursing protocol regarding patient admission and discharge
11. Teach student nurses and LVNs assigned in the unit
12. Support the philosophy of the unit and nursing services
13. Be able to perform and administer ordered drugs and treatments
14. Counsel patients post-operatively; explain post-operative instructions related to the surgical procedure, discharge instructions and return visits
15. Responsible for own staff development by attending in-service programs, also responsible for obtaining CE units applicable to ACS
16. Must be able to lift, stand without physical restrictions

Qualifications

1. Must be a graduate of an accredited school of nursing; currently registered in the state of California
2. Should have minimum experience of one year in an acute hospital or in surgical floor nursing
3. Should have leadership qualities and some management experience
4. Critical care nursing knowledge is essential
5. Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) certification required
6. Must possess a Basic Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation card
7. PALS & Conscious Sedation certifications highly recommended

Lifting Requirements

Sedentary- generally not more than 50 lbs. maximum and occasionally lifting and/or carrying such articles as ledgers, files and small items, may also push gurneys.