

Profile

Resilient nursing professional with knowledge, experience, and skills to make a valuable contribution to the health care industry. Resourceful, respected by others, and sound decision-maker. Background encompasses successful experience of responsibility which required organizational abilities and extensive human relations. Excellent communications skills; in-service facilitator/trainer. Ability to work efficiently within a fast-paced, stressful environment while prioritizing multiple patients' needs. Always focus on attention to detail.

Career Highlights

Technical Skills

- Proficient with all types of central line used on general units (Port-a-caths, Hickman's, Raafss, Piccs, Groshongs).
- Knowledgeable and skillful in accessing and caring for central lines, administration of chemotherapy, blood, and platelet transfusions.
- Provide frequent assessments, interventions, and follow-up.
- Proficient in administering doctor's orders.
- Accurately and legibly chart and carry out care plans, admissions, discharges, and transfers.
- Start IV's, perform lab draws, administer medications and injections.
- Provide dressing changes; monitor chest tubes; and insert Foley catheters, NG tubes, and tube feeds.
- Skillful in care of PCAs.
- Blood product administration.

Specialized Chemo Administration

- Care of BMT patients.
- Specialize in chemotherapy and pain management administration.

Leadership/Problem Solving

- Act as Relief Charge Nurse.
- Preceptor; provide orientation for new staff and graduates.
- Serve as role model for team – involved in creating activities to build morale in the unit.
- Known for ability to prioritize patients' needs and determine which situations are more critical than others or require immediate physician referral.
- Effective in developing new methods and procedures to improve efficiency.
- Participate as an active listener; share professional needs with staff and team members.

Communication Skills

- Patient instruction including planning and coordinating patient care.
- Communicate effectively with health care professionals and patients.
- Utilize ancillary staff.
- Provide emotional support to patients and their families during recovery and crisis situations.
- Confer with staff and departments to meet patients' needs.

Professional Work History

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SACRAMENTO, Sacramento, CA 03/1993 – Present
Clinical Nurse III (04/2000-Present)
Advanced with increasing responsibility on the Medical/Surgical; Hematology-Oncology, BMT unit with 35 beds and 13 health care professionals. Serve as Charge Relief Nurse as needed.

Clinical Nurse II (03/1993-04/2000)

HOSPITAL STAFFING SERVICES INCORPORATED, Stockton, CA 11/1992- 03/1993
Registered Nurse

MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA, Charleston, SC 08/1992 – 11/1992
Traveler, Surgical Oncology Unit

INDIANA UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER, Indianapolis, IN 04/1992 – 07/1992
Traveler, Autologous Bone Marrow/Hematology Oncology Unit

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA DAVIS MEDICAL CENTER, Sacramento, CA 02/1990 – 04/1992
Clinical Nurse II, Tower 8 Medical/Surgical Oncology

Education

AMERICAN RIVER COLLEGE, Sacramento, California
Associated Degree in Nursing

Graduate, MCCLATCHY HIGH SCHOOL, Sacramento, California

Other Qualifications

Chemotherapy Certified, Current
BLS Certified, Current
Hospice Family Volunteer
Extensive experience in the Oncology field.