Nicole Hunter

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Summary

Registered Nurse with over 6 years experience in Cardiac Tele-StepDown unit. Specific practice in ACS, CHF management, DM, Heart arrhythmias, post-thoracic and vascular surgery care, post pacemaker and heart catheterization care.

- Vast understanding of cardiac pathophysiology and pharmacology of the Tele-StepDown unit.
- Clinical Nurse Excellence Award 2015 & 2017. As Charge Nurse, unit received 2018 Daisy Award.
- Preceptor for 3 years then promoted to Charge Nurse after 4 years of dependable and loyal service.
- Member of the Nursing Staffing and Through-put committees.

Specialty

TELE - Telemetry (6 years)

Licenses & Certifications

RN - Registered Nurse, TX (Compact), expires: Jan, 2021, lic#: 833321

BLS - Basic Life Support, Body: AHA - American Heart Association, expires: Jan, 2021

Professional Experience

Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo, TX

Charge Nurse, Jul 07, 2017 - Present, Employment Type: Permanent Employee

Facility Type:	Acute Care Hospital	Unit:	Cardiac SDU
Teaching Facility:	Yes	Unit Trauma Level:	N/A
Trauma Level:	3	Unit Beds:	15 - 19
Total Beds:	450 - 499	Caseload:	5

- Manage 4 nurses, 1 tech and 1 HUC on the day shift to exceed management expectations in all key performance metrics.
- Manage monthly schedule and daily assignments.
- Lead the Daily Safety Huddles with floor team, house-wide bed briefings and monitor tele-tracking for through-put.
- Audit charts and monitor compliance.
- Exemplary record of successfully mediating patient concerns.
- Educate and support RNs and selected as hospital-wide skills educator.
- Interdisciplinary care with physicians, case management, physical therapy, occupational therapy, respiratory therapy.
- Carry patients when staffing is short.

Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo, TX

Staff RN, May 10, 2013 - Jul 06, 2017, Employment Type: Permanent Employee

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Professional Experience (cont.)

Northwest Texas Hospital (cont.)

- Delivered exceptionally rated bedside care with 1 Tech and 1 HUC on unit.
- Developed care-plans for patients that included ACS protocol, post SICU CABG, PVD wtth PVI, CHF, DM, Post PM/ICD placement/pocket infections, post Heart Catheterizations, post SICU thoracotomy and Med/Surg overflow.
- Patient care included IV starts, 12-lead EKG, telemetry monitoring, chest tube bedside placement, management and removal, foley placement, incisional/wound/pressure ulcer care, daily medications focusing primarily on cardiac, diabetic and pain medications, including heparin and insulin drips.
- Completed CAUTI and CLABSI prevention training.
- Coordinated patient procedures with Nuclear Med, Radiology, Ultrasound, and Surgery.
- Patient advocate educated patients on Heart Health, Diet, Exercise, DM, Lifestyle adjustments, medication management and Incision/wound care.
- Interdisciplinary care collaborated with Physicians, Respiratory Therapy, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Wound care, Dietary, and Case Management.
- Discharged patient with appropriate post hospital care plan.
- Floated to Med/Surg and Acute Rehab Unit 5% of time.
- Preceptor for incoming team members.

Computer Skills

CERNER: 5+ yrs. EHR Super User for staff training. MISYS: 1-2 yrs.

Education

West Texas University, Amarillo, TX

Bachelor of Science Nursing (BSN) (2009 to 2013)