

ICU – Patient Care Assistant

Job description

Job Summary

Provide basic patient care under direction of nursing staff. Perform duties such as take vitals, bathe, dress, move patients, change linens and other duties as assigned.

Skills

Excellent verbal and written communication skills

Exhibits valuable time management skills

Strong analytical/problem solving skills.

Flexibility and ability to work in a multi-tasking environment as requested by the nursing staff, and reports any changes in patient condition.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

- Delivers assigned patient care and treatment as delegated by an RN or LPN.
- Performs or assists patients with activities including personal hygiene, bathing, ambulation, transporting, and range of motion exercises, dressing/undressing, feeding, changing bandages, elimination needs, and emptying drainage devices.
- Responds to patient calls and anticipates patient needs. Assures patient safety and comfort through use of safe patient handling techniques, regular rounding, environmental maintenance, equipment maintenance, and other appropriate safety measures.
- Calculates intake and output (excluding IVs). Measures vital signs. May perform bedside blood glucose testing. Makes entries to patient health records as consistent with scope of job duties and in compliance with hospital policy.
- Initiates or assists with emergency support measures (i.e., cardiopulmonary resuscitation, protecting patient from injury).
- Performs post-mortem care.
- Sets up equipment and supplies for procedures. Prepares patients and rooms for procedures, admissions, and transfers. Discharges patients from system.
- Observes and reports information regarding any change in physical/mental condition, behavior, or status of the patient to the nurse.
- Collects and labels specimens.
- Sets up, operates, and maintains selected pieces of equipment.
- May be required to support clinical care by performing clerical functions including computer order entry, retrieval of data, maintaining unit supplies, transporting supplies / equipment/patient medications, preparing and maintaining patient charts, providing customer service and acting as the central communication source on the nursing unit and other activities as necessary.
- Must be able to work in a fast paced environment which requires multi-tasking activities and ongoing communication with the professional nurse. Must be able to perform under stressful conditions with a compassionate, respectful and helpful manner. Must be able to take direction from a variety of care providers. Must be organized with excellent communication skills.
- Record Patients and Telemetry in ICU log book
- Set-up patient and information for ICU bedside monitors and Telemetry patients.
- Print Monitoring and Telemetry Strips

- Make Calls to Medsurg and document telemetry alarms
- Scans Documents to the appropriate location in Patient Care.
- Maintains professional mannerisms at all times.
- Other duties as assigned by nursing staff

Requirements

- High school diploma or equivalent, required
- Licensure/Certification/Registration
- Current BLS certification endorsed by the American Heart Association, required within 90 days
- At least 3 months of CNA experience, preferred
- Excellent attendance, interpersonal skills, and work history required
- Basic computer skills with the ability to become proficient in the Electronic Health Record (EHR)

Signature

Date