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SUMMARY

Compassionate and dedicated Acute Dialysis Registered Nurse with over 5 years of experience committed to delivering exceptional patient care in high-pressure environments. Proven ability to assess patient conditions accurately and implement effective treatment plans, emphasizing patient education and emotional support. Strong background in collaboration with interdisciplinary teams ensures optimal health outcomes for patients. Actively engaging in continuous learning and adaptation to advancements in dialysis treatments enhances clinical skills, ultimately benefiting patients' well-being and recovery. Eager to contribute expertise towards improving patient experiences and health metrics.

EXPERIENCE

Acute Dialysis Registered Nurse

June 2021 - Present

HealthFirst Medical Center

Chicago, IL

Specialized in providing comprehensive care for acute dialysis patients, leveraging clinical assessments to enhance treatment strategies and optimize patient outcomes. Engaged with a collaborative team of nephrologists and nursing colleagues to formulate individualized care plans tailored to each patient's unique health needs. Fostered effective communication through precise and timely documentation, ensuring continuity in patient care, while maintaining compliance with infection control protocols. Focused on patient education, empowering them to understand their condition, treatment process, and effective self-care methods.

- Monitored and assessed health status of dialysis patients, adjusting treatments based on clinical judgments.
- Collaborated with interdisciplinary team members to develop and execute personalized patient care plans.
- Educated patients and families on kidney disease management, promoting self-care and informed decision-making.
- Administered medications as prescribed, monitoring patients closely for potential side effects throughout treatment.
- Maintained meticulous records of interventions, observations, and responses to treatment to facilitate quality care.
- Upheld strict infection control standards, fostering an environment that efficiently minimizes the risk of hospital-acquired infections.

Dialysis Nurse

January 2019 - May 2021

Riverbend Health Network

Chicago, IL

Focused on managing comprehensive dialysis care processes while building rapport with patients to ease their anxieties. Supervised technical procedures during treatment sessions, ensuring adherence to established protocols. Participated in ongoing educational workshops enhancing technical acumen regarding dialysis technologies and methodologies, significantly impacting patient safety and comfort throughout treatments.

- Initiated, managed, and evaluated dialysis treatments according to strict regulatory guidelines.
- Conducted thorough patient assessments, enabling input for case discussions among healthcare teams.
- Provided empathetic support to patients and families, addressing concerns while fostering trust.
- Led training sessions for new staff, instilling best practices in patient interaction and maintenance.
- Collaborated on initiatives aimed at continuously improving patient care practices.
- Engaged in refresher courses to explore advancements in dialysis technology, furthering professional development.

Registered Nurse

March 2016 - December 2018

North Shore Community Hospital

Evanston, IL

Delivered wide-ranging nursing care across multiple departments, enabling a deep understanding of diverse patient needs. Worked with multidisciplinary teams focused on optimizing health outcomes through strategic care planning. Committed to continuous improvement by engaging in professional development opportunities, ultimately enriching patient interactions and knowledge base within care protocols.

- Provided compassionate nursing care, assessing and meeting varying patient needs across departments.
- Assisted with the development of nursing protocols focused on enhancing quality of care.
- Actively participated in continuing education seminars related to renal care advancements.
- Supported coordination between disciplines, ensuring thorough approaches to patient health planning.
- Documented all aspects of patient care, creating lines of communication that facilitated teamwork.
- Contributed meaningfully to a culture prioritizing empathy and motivation in patient-centric delivery.

LEADERSHIP & AWARDS

- Excellence in Patient Care Award from HealthFirst Medical Center, June 2022
- Best Mentor Recognition at Riverbend Health Network, February 2021

EDUCATION

Bachelor's Degree in Nursing
University of Illinois at Chicago GPA: 3.8
Coursework: Nursing Fundamentals, Renal System Physiology, Patient Care Techniques, Healthcare Ethics

2015
Chicago, IL

CERTIFICATIONS

- Registered Nurse License 2016
- Basic Life Support Certification 2023
- Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support Certification 2023

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Patient Care Tools:** Electronic Health Records, Medication Administration Systems, Patient Monitoring Devices
- Dialysis Equipment:** Dialysis Machines, Water Purification Systems, Peritoneal Dialysis Technology
- Clinical Protocols:** Infection Control Standards, Emergency Treatment Guidelines, Renal Care Best Practices
- Assessment Methodologies:** Patient Outcome Assessments, Clinical Judgement Techniques, Health Status Evaluation
- Communication Platforms:** Healthcare Chat Applications, Telehealth Software, Patient Feedback Systems
- Training Resources:** Continuing Education Workshops, New Staff Orientation Programs, Simulation Training Modules
- Professional Associations:** American Nurses Association, National Kidney Foundation, International Society of Nephrology
- Quality Assurance Methods:** Peer Reviews, Patient Satisfaction Surveys, Clinical Audits
- Emergency Medical Protocols:** Rescue Breath Techniques, First Aid Procedures, Advanced Cardiac Life Support Protocols
- Team Collaboration Tools:** Shared Documentation Platforms, Meeting Coordination Tools, Interdepartmental Collaboration Software

SKILLS

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| • Patient Assessment | • Chronic Kidney Management | • Quality Assurance | • Therapeutic Communication |
| • Dialysis Treatment Administration | • Emergency Response Procedures | • Documentation Practices | • Data Analysis |
| • Infection Control Protocols | • Medication Administration | • Dialysis Technologies | • Emotional Support Techniques |
| • Interdisciplinary Collaboration | • Continuous Education | • Patient Advocacy | |

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Member of the American Nephrology Nurses Association since January 2019
- Volunteered at Kidney Disease Foundation events, contributing to awareness campaigns since March 2020

LANGUAGES

- English (Native)
- Spanish (Proficient)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Work Status : Authorized to work in United States. No sponsorship required.

REFERENCES

AVAILABLE ON REQUEST