

Danna Powell

Registered Nurse, Preoperative Services

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STRENGTHS

- ♥️ **Patient reassurance**
Calmed anxious patients through plain language preparation and teach back, helping families leave conversations with clearer expectations.
- 👥 **Clinical prioritization**
Reassessed changing conditions during acute care, then raised focused concerns early so providers could act with context.
- 👁️ **Safe sedation support**
Monitored procedural responses and recovery signals closely. Colleagues sought guidance on practical observation and escalation steps.
- ♥️ **Reliable handoffs**
Shared concise clinical details across surgical teams, reducing confusion during transfers and supporting smoother continuity of care.
- 👥 **Peer contribution**
Shared workflow observations during education and quality review, giving peers useful ideas for steadier daily execution.

SKILLS

Preoperative Nursing

Surgical Services Nursing Process

Patient Assessment Care Planning

Sedation Support

Post Sedation Monitoring

Medication Administration

Patient Education

Basic Life Support

North Carolina RN License

Compact RN Practice

SUMMARY

Registered Nurse with four years of progressive clinical experience across preoperative nursing, surgical services, post sedation recovery, and acute medical surgical care. Current practice includes focused **patient assessment**, readiness verification, medication reconciliation, individualized care planning, sedation support, physiologic monitoring, escalation, and safe handoffs. Clinical work centers on helping patients and families feel informed and supported before procedures, while coordinating clearly with anesthesia professionals, surgeons, nurses, and recovery teams. Earlier medical surgical experience strengthened recognition of changing conditions, prioritization, medication safety, patient education, and discharge preparation. Holds a **Bachelor of Science in Nursing**, active **North Carolina RN licensure**, and current Basic Life Support certification. Contributes to staff education, quality review, infection prevention, regulatory compliance, and respectful **patient centered care** that supports safe surgical outcomes.

EXPERIENCE

PreOp Registered Nurse

Cape Fear Surgical Center 📅 August 2024 - Present 📍 Wilmington, NC

Supports a varied daily surgical schedule through focused assessment, readiness review, sedation related care, **patient education**, and coordinated transitions. Contributes to staff learning, quality review, infection prevention, and documentation consistency while helping peers manage high volume periods.

- Completed focused assessments and readiness checks for varied **surgical patients** before procedure transfer.
- Applied **nursing process** priorities during preparation and communicated clinical risks with **anesthesia** and surgical providers.
- Supported ordered sedation medications, **physiologic monitoring**, and structured post sedation observation during procedural workflows.
- Educated patients and families about preparation, recovery expectations, safety instructions, and next steps.
- Coordinated concise handoffs covering history, allergies, medications, access, test results, and readiness concerns.
- Shared workflow observations during staff education and quality review to strengthen **infection prevention** and documentation.

Registered Nurse, Surgical Services

Coastal Carolina Medical Center 📅 July 2023 - July 2024 📍 Jacksonville, NC

Delivered perioperative nursing support for adult **surgical patients**, combining assessment, preparation, sedation monitoring, medication safeguards, and recovery coordination. Worked closely with patients, families, surgeons, anesthesia staff, and nursing colleagues to preserve continuity and support consistent clinical standards.

- Completed perioperative assessments and documented preparation details for adult surgical patients.
- Verified orders, testing, clinical information, and discrepancies before scheduled procedure transfers.
- Monitored respiratory, cardiovascular, neurologic, and comfort responses during sedation and early recovery.
- Applied patient identification, medication, documentation, and monitoring safeguards during **surgical services** care.
- Coordinated patients, families, **surgeons**, anesthesia staff, and nurses through timely procedural transitions.
- Participated in education discussions focused on patient experience, **safe handoffs**, and sedation monitoring.

Infection Prevention

Clinical Documentation

Care Coordination

LANGUAGES

English Native

Spanish Beginner

MY CAREER



● PreOp Registered Nurse at Cape Fear Surgical Center (2.1 Years)

● Registered Nurse, Surgical Services at Coastal Carolina Medical Center (1 Years)

● Registered Nurse, Medical Surgical at Piedmont Community Hospital (11 Months)

Registered Nurse, Medical Surgical

Piedmont Community Hospital 📅 July 2022 - June 2023 📍 Fayetteville, NC

Provided direct care for adult medical surgical patients with varied acute conditions. Managed assessment, **medication administration**, **care planning**, education, escalation, discharge preparation, and interdisciplinary transitions while strengthening clinical judgment in a high acuity setting.

- Managed assessments, medications, care plans, education, and discharge preparation for adult patients.
- Recognized changing conditions through reassessment and trend review, then prepared concise provider updates.
- Prioritized competing needs using **nursing process** evaluation and changing diagnostic information.
- Administered medications and therapies with identification, allergy, documentation, and monitoring safeguards.
- Prepared patients and families for tests, procedures, and discharge through teach back education.
- Strengthened transitions through structured handoffs with nursing, physicians, pharmacy, case management, and ancillary services.

PROJECTS

Preoperative Readiness Review 📅 2026

Improved consistency of readiness checks by organizing assessment, medication reconciliation, testing review, and provider communication steps for surgical preparation.

Sedation Monitoring Education 📅 2025

Supported peer learning through practical review of sedation observation, escalation signals, documentation expectations, and safe transitions into recovery care.

LEADERSHIP & AWARDS

- Recognized by surgical services peers for dependable patient preparation and clear procedural handoffs.
- Selected to support unit education and quality review focused on sedation monitoring and documentation.
- Commended for patient and family communication during time sensitive surgical preparation.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

University of North Carolina Wilmington 🎓 GPA: 4.0 📅 2022 📍 Wilmington, NC

Coursework: Preoperative Nursing, Adult Health, Pharmacology, Care Planning, Patient Assessment

CERTIFICATIONS

- Registered Nurse, North Carolina 📅 2022
- Basic Life Support, American Heart Association 📅 2026

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- **Perioperative Nursing:** Preoperative assessment, surgical preparation, recovery coordination
- **Sedation Care:** Sedation administration support, post sedation monitoring, physiologic observation
- **Nursing Process:** Assessment, care planning, implementation, evaluation
- **Medication Safety:** Medication reconciliation, allergy checks, patient identification
- **Patient Monitoring:** Respiratory monitoring, cardiovascular monitoring, neurologic monitoring
- **Clinical Documentation:** Electronic charting, readiness documentation, clinical handoffs
- **Patient Education:** Teach back, procedural instructions, discharge education
- **Infection Prevention:** Standard precautions, surgical infection prevention, environmental safety
- **Regulatory Standards:** Professional nursing regulations, local requirements, federal requirements

- **Life Support:** Basic Life Support, emergency response, clinical escalation
- **Interdisciplinary Care:** Anesthesia coordination, surgeon communication, nursing collaboration
- **Quality Improvement:** Quality review, staff education, workflow improvement

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Nurses Association member, supporting professional nursing practice and continuing clinical learning.
- North Carolina Nurses Association participant, connecting with regional nursing education and practice resources.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

REFERENCES

AVAILABLE ON REQUEST