



Job Code: 1942

Grade: FB

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Job Title

Clinical Nurse II (Cardiology)

Department

Adult Cardiology-Clinical

Job Summary

The Clinical Nurse II is a professional care provider who is responsible and accountable for the overall management of patient case on a specific shift as well as maintaining comprehensive knowledge of patients' condition. Provides safe, effective and individualized care using the nursing process. Performance of these duties require skills, effective working relationships, setting priorities, and demonstrated knowledge of standard operating policies and procedures.

Typical Duties

- Provides general direction, guidance and coordination of patient care activities delivered by other levels of nursing staff
- Makes appropriate and timely decisions in a crisis of emergency situation
- Works and communicates effectively with a variety of individuals
- Applies knowledge of standard operating policies and procedures
- Identifies, plan of care for the total needs of patients considering their age specific requirements
- Assumes responsibility for the implementation of physician orders for patient needs
- Operates safely clinical equipment necessary for providing patient care
- Initiates and performs cardiopulmonary resuscitation activities
- Applies the principles of Infection Control and Environment of Care
- Facilitates patient transport from division/unit to urgent care as appropriate
- Collects assessment data relative to the following factors; biophysical, psychosocial, cultural and spiritual values, environmental, self-care capabilities, safety , infection control, learning needs, and ability to manage continuing care needs after discharge
- Performs reassessments according to divisional/unit standards and patient care needs
- Performs transfer assessments when patients are transferred in or out of the unit
- Ensures completion of transfer assessments
- Performs and ensures formulation and communication of an individualized plan of care derived from assessment data.
- Utilizes assessment data in formulating age specific plan of care consistent with: A) The therapies of other disciplines; B) Standards of nursing practice
- Involves patient/significant others, and collaborates with other health care team members in planning nursing care
- Utilized principles of growth and development across life span in formulating age specific needs of the patients: neonate/infant, child, adolescent, adult, geriatric
- Ensures collaboration and communication with patient/family and other health care team members are accomplished
- Ensures implementation of the nursing plan of care
- Performs interventions and ensures implementations are done in a competent, skillful and safe manner
- Ensures that patient's responses to interventions are evaluated and modified accordingly



Typical Duties

- Ensures provision of interventions to meet patient identified discharge needs
- Ensures education is provided to patient and family based on assessed learning needs
- Reviews and assists in providing accurate documentation
- Ensures the staff records pertinent information
- Records accurately, concisely and legibly
- Signs documentation with legible full signature and classification
- Ensures comprehensive delivery of patient care
- Adheres to and ensures staff follows principles of: infection control, environment of care
- Demonstrates competence in the safe and effective use of clinical equipment and ensure staff does the same
- Evaluates effectiveness of plan of care and revised interventions as appropriate
- Demonstrates leadership/management ability; competent in making patient care/staff assignments
- Identifies staffing needs to ensure safe, quality patient care
- Facilitates timely admission of patients to the unit
- Ensures timely discharge of patients
- Plans, coordinates team/unit care problems in a timely manner
- Follows the chain of command in referring problems
- Demonstrates and promotes teamwork and effective interpersonal relationships with all health care team members, patients and families
- Demonstrates knowledge of hospital-wide services and makes appropriate referrals as indicated
- Participates and facilitates: quality assessment and improvement activities, unit policy/procedures, unit rounds, patient care team, conferences, end of shift report, CPR/fire drills
- Demonstrates awareness of patient/family rights and ethical/legal issues
- Ensures patient/family confidentiality and privacy are maintained
- Participates actively in staff orientation and staff development activities for the unit
- Demonstrates responsibility and accountability for professional practice, growth and development
- Delegates and/or performs ECGs within the expected level of competence for a registered nurse. Reviews ECG results and communicates findings to appropriate care provider
- Assists physicians and/or advanced practice providers in performing non-invasive procedures conducted in the division of cardiology and/or the department of radiology such as dobutamine echocardiograms, transesophageal echocardiograms (TEE), stress tests, cardiac CT, cardiac MRI, and tilt table tests
- Starts intravenous access, administers medication, and ultrasound contrast (saline or commercial) according to protocols
- Administers sedation, monitor, and recover patients undergoing moderate sedation
- Coordinates care in noninvasive lab: including arranging, scheduling, and coordinating the
- Multispecialty team (cardiology fellow, cardiology attending, advanced practice provider, anesthesiology, Echocardiographer, nursing) needed to administer moderate sedation and perform a TEE
- Collects and submits data for research or quality improvement initiatives (institutional or national)



Typical Duties

- Performs exercise and pharmacologic stress under the supervision of a provider

Minimum Qualifications

- Licensure as a Registered Professional Nurse in the State of Illinois
- Current Basic Life Support (BLS) certification obtained through the American Heart Association
- Current Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS) certification obtained through the American Heart Association
- One (1) year of cardiac patient care nursing experience in an acute care setting within the last three (3) years
- One (1) year of experience in cardiac stress testing, tracing analysis and interpretation

Preferred Qualifications

- Bachelor of Science in Nursing from an accredited college or university
- Two (2) years of experience in cardiac stress testing, tracing analysis and interpretation
- Bilingual

Knowledge, Skills, Abilities and Other Characteristics

- Knowledge of using medical/surgical equipment
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills necessary to communicate with all levels of staff and a patient population composed of diverse cultures and age groups
- Emergency response skills
- Accurate mathematical skills to calculate medications levels using weight age, etc . Ability to apply the nursing process and utilize technical skills for patient care delivery
- Ability to make decisions under pressure
- Ability to see and hear clearly (including with correction)
- Ability to distinguish regular/high pitched sounds: discriminate source of sound
- Ability to demonstrate rapid physical/mental coordination
- Ability to use both legs, hands, and fingers
- Demonstrates attention to detail, accuracy and precision
- Demonstrates knowledge of and rationale for the safe use of equipment
- Demonstrates an ability to effectively utilize the nursing process as a basis for delivery of patient care
- Demonstrates knowledge in the current use of all forms and reports required in the day-to-day operation of the unit
- Demonstrates responsibility for professional growth and development in maintaining competency in nursing practice



Physical and Environmental Demands

This position is functioning within a healthcare environment. The incumbent is responsible for adherence to all hospital and department specific safety requirements. This includes but is not limited to the following policies and procedures: complying with Personal Protective Equipment requirements, hand washing and sanitizing practices, complying with department specific engineering and work practice controls and any other work area safety precautions as specified by hospital wide policy and departmental procedures.

The above statements are intended to describe the general nature and level of work being performed by people assigned to this classification. They are not intended to be construed as an exhaustive list of all responsibilities, duties and skills required of the personnel so classified.

For purposes of the American with Disabilities Act, “Typical Duties” are essential job functions.