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Top Skills

Hospitals

Registered Nurses

Nursing

Languages

English

Certifications

CBN - Certified Bariatric Nurse
CCRN-K

Honors-Awards

Piedmont Newnan Hospital DAISY
Award Nominee, June 2014

Piedmont Newnan Hospital DAISY
Award Nominee, Feb. 2014

2013 Nursing Excellence Award
Nominee

PNH DAISY Award Honoree!

Piedmont Promise 360

Karen Strickland, RN, CBN, CCRN-K

Nursing Supervisor / Nursing Administration at Encompass Health
Newnan, Georgia

Summary

Dependable, High Performer, Creative, Tenacious, "A Go Getter", Ultimate Patient Advocate, Safety Conscious, Caring, Smart, A Leader, An Inspiration, Never Gives Up, Detail Oriented, Organized, Budget Conscious, Excellence, Reliable.

Experience

Encompass Health

Nursing Supervisor / Nursing Administration

January 2020 - Present (6 months)

Newnan, Georgia

Piedmont Healthcare

9 years 1 month

Piedmont Newnan Hospital Bariatric Services Coordinator (& Specialty
GI Nurse PRN)

October 2017 - October 2019 (2 years 1 month)

Newnan, Georgia

I developed the Bariatric program for PNH and coordinated the collaboration between PNH & the Bariatric surgeons office. Some of this included developing all patient education as well as the Bariatric Seminar & Bariatric Support Group, our pre-op multi-disciplinary assessment visit, monitoring of staff Bariatric education/training, & monitoring of all Bariatric surgical procedures - pre-op, intra-op & post-op. With PNH having over 200% growth in the Bariatric program last year, we will be moving forward with Bariatric MBSAQIP Accreditation preparations! I function as a clinician, an educator, a consultant & a researcher with the primary responsibility for promoting quality care for Bariatric patients. I coordinate/manage care of bariatric patients in order to meet multiple service needs, ensure continuity of care & eliminate fragmentation of care & services in all settings across the continuum. I support the development of written protocols/education of nurses detailing the rapid communication and basic response to critical vital signs that is specifically

required to minimize delays in the diagnosis & treatment of serious adverse events. I serve as the liaison between the facility & all surgeons performing metabolic and bariatric surgery at the center & any general surgeons providing call coverage.

I continue my practice of specialized GI patient care & studies as a PRN GI nurse: Performing Bravo pH capsule 48 hr studies & High Resolution Manometry, Specially trained in GERD by Legato Medical Systems (per the Bravo representative, I was the first nurse in GA to place bravo capsules in awake patients). I am responsible for all aspects of the tests: scheduling, patient pre-procedure preparation, patient/ staff education processes & materials, study completion, study editing, final physician interpretation & Medical Records filing. I monitor all Laparoscopic Nissen Funduplications & Laparoscopic Heller Myotomies & provide pre-op/post-op education for those patients.

Piedmont Heartburn Treatment Center Nurse Manager, PNH Bariatric Coordinator

October 2010 - October 2017 (7 years 1 month)

Newnan, GA

Perform specialized GI studies: Bravo pH capsule 48 hr studies and High Resolution Manometry, Specialized training in GERD by Legato Medical Systems (per Bravo representative, I was the first nurse in GA to place bravo capsules in awake patients). I monitor all Laparoscopic Nissen Funduplications and Laparoscopic Heller Myotomies as well as provide pre-op and post-op education for those patients.

I currently Chair the DAISY Award Nurse Recognition Program for Piedmont Newnan Hospital. 2014-2015 the program experienced 15% increase in nurse nominations, I orchestrated the acquisition of a Large Healer's Touch DAISY sculpture for PNH, the first in the entire Piedmont System.

As the PNH Bariatric Coordinator, I developed the Bariatric program for PNH and coordinated the collaboration between PNH and the Bariatric surgeons office. Some of this included developing all patient education as well as the Bariatric Seminar and Bariatric Support Group, our pre-op multi-disciplinary assessment visit, monitoring of staff Bariatric education/training, and monitoring of all Bariatric surgical procedures - pre-op, intra-op and post-op. With PNH's first Laparoscopic Sleeve Gastrectomy accomplished, we will be moving forward with Bariatric MBSAQIP Accreditation preparations! Next, starting preparations to develop a GI/Endoscopy team and eventually GI Center.

Piedmont Newnan Hospital

22 years 11 months

ICU, ER, PCU Charge Nurse rolls and Part-time Overhouse Supervisor
at Piedmont Newnan Hospital

1990 - October 2010 (20 years)

Registered Nurse

June 1988 - 1990 (2 years)

Med/ Surg and Labor and Delivery

Certified Nursing Assistant

December 1987 - June 1988 (7 months)

I floated and worked all areas while in Nursing School.

Education

Georgia Baptist College of Nursing of Mercer University

BSN, Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse · (2019 - 2020)

LaGrange College

Associate's Degree, Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse · (1986 - 1988)