

Sherri M. Drake

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Registered Nurse

Compassionate, resourceful Registered Nurse with extensive experience in multiple health care environments, including clinics, hospitals, long-term care and rehabilitative care nursing homes, and home health care. Supportive and personable professional, with broad background in patient assessment and education, wound management, pain management, medication management, and alcohol detox who can help motivate patients to reach medically-related goals. Sound decision-maker, who is not afraid to tackle challenges and obstacles in patients or projects.

Key Strengths

Pulmonary Monitoring | Substance Abuse | Wound Management | Pain Management
Phlebotomy | Cancer Treatment | Amputation Care | Cardiac Monitoring & Care
Cardiac Catherization | Acute / Chronic Care | Ambulatory Care |
Ulcer Treatment | Patient and Family Education | Medication IV Drips / Pumps
Surgical Wound Dressing Changes | Long-term Care | Infection Control

Selected Milestones & Achievements

- ◆ Evaluated diet and implemented nutritional changes for assigned individual, who suffered from morbid obesity, resulting in 100-pound weight loss. *Registered Nurse | Caregiver*
- ◆ Provided palliative care for individual patients who had not yet accepted hospice care as an option, facilitating pain management for patients with terminal illness. *Registered Nurse – Guardian Home Care*
- ◆ Established reputation as a Super User in computer charting, frequently contacted to clarify charting issues other nurses had, providing step-by-step instructions to help them resolve problems. *Registered Nurse – Guardian Home Care*
- ◆ Built expertise in wound care for patients, including using the wound vac to create a vacuum-sealed, which increases circulation and promotes faster healing. *Registered Nurse – Guardian Home Care*
- ◆ Conducted intense alcohol detox for major detoxification cases, including monitoring patient overall health during detox, assessing vitals continuously to assure detox continues without danger to the patients' health. *Registered Nurse – St. Luke's Hospital*

Professional Experience

Registered Nurse | Caregiver, Milwaukee, WI

2009-2011

Facilitated in-home health care services for elderly relative with minimal ambulatory skills who needed constant care and monitoring. Provided full assistance with activities of daily living (ADLs), medication management, and wound care.

- ◆ Scheduled and performed daily cardiac assessments to monitor diagnosis of patient's congestive heart failure.
- ◆ Facilitated transportation to medical appointments and served as the health care power of attorney to answer any questions and make decisions for new care recommendations.
- ◆ Prior to relocating individual, traveled to her original home location to assist with medical appointments and make medical decisions in her behalf.

Professional Experience *continued*

GUARDIAN HEALTH CARE, Milwaukee, WI 2000–2009

Registered Nurse – Guardian Home Care, Milwaukee, WI (2006–2009)

Registered Nurse – Stevens Medical Center, Waukesha, WI (2005–2006)

St. Luke’s Hospital, Milwaukee, WI (2000–2005)

As Registered Nurse – Guardian Home Care, served as the field office supervisor and as a Registered Nurse assigned to short-term home health care clients throughout Central and Northern Wisconsin. Managed peripheral and central access IV therapy for patients, including medication and hydration therapy. Completed lab draws and transported for analysis at labs, including peripheral and central access draws for both adult and pediatric patients.

- ◆ Participated in complete computer transition to new system, improving charting for the field nurses.
- ◆ Managed multiple aspects of patient care, such as medication management, patient assessment, diet and medication education, as well as analysis of signs and symptoms to determine when to notify physicians.
- ◆ Facilitated procurement of medical equipment, including hospital beds, commodes, walkers, and wheelchairs, to improve quality of life for patients.
- ◆ Conducted safety assessments to determine if there were modifications needed to help the patient in the home or to remove potential hazards.
- ◆ Facilitated patient and family education to help all involved to have the skill and knowledge to care for the patient as well as the ability to know when additional care was needed.

As Registered Nurse – Stevens Medical Center, served as a triage nurse, managed test results, lab results, and medication orders.

- ◆ Communicated with insurance company to assist the patients with clarifying the medical treatments and serving as a patient advocate when needed treatment was denied.
- ◆ Interfaced between patients and physicians to communicate the needs of the patients and the services such as prescriptions to help patients return to health.

As Registered Nurse –St. Luke’s Hospital, provided patient care within surgical floor primarily, facilitating wound care, mobility support, medication management, pain management and other patient services.

- ◆ Assigned to multiple departments simultaneously, including surgical and pediatric patients.
- ◆ Administered conscious sedation and monitored patient vitals during cardiac cath procedures.

SAINT THERESA NURSING & REHABILITATION HOME, Brookfield, WI 1996-2000

Certified Nursing Assistant

Gained basic patient care skills in 135-bed nursing home, building competency in facilitating activities of daily living (ADL).

- ◆ Assigned to work with a large population of patients diagnosed with Alzheimer’ disease, including assisting patients with incontinency and repositioning.

Education | Professional Development

Milwaukee Area Technical College, Milwaukee, WI

Associate Degree – Nursing, 2000

Ministry Health Care In-house Certifications and Training

Certification – Pediatric Care | Alcohol Detox Certification | Certification – Wound Management
Conscious Sedation Certification | Certification – Pain Management