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Neuro ICU Nurse Practitioner

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Board-certified Neuro ICU Nurse Practitioner with a Doctorate in Nursing Practice and experience in neurocritical care. Specialized in managing subarachnoid hemorrhage, severe TBI, and post-thrombectomy patients. Skilled in procedures, interdisciplinary collaboration, and family guidance in critical scenarios.

EDUCATION

Doctor of Nursing Practice – Adult-Gerontology Acute Care

University of Illinois at Chicago | 2019

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

University of Chicago | 2015

Certifications

- Illinois NP License #101276 | Expires 12/2026
- DEA License | Active
- AGACNP-BC – ANCC Certified | 2025
- ACLS & BLS | 2025
- NIH Stroke Certification | 2024

SKILLS

- Lumbar puncture and ventriculostomy assistance **Expert**
- Post-op neurosurgical management **Expert**
- Advanced patient evaluations **Expert**
- Prognostic discussions **Expert**
- Team coordination with neurologists and intensivists **Expert**
- Medication titration and protocol development **Expert**
- Epic and Allscripts EMR **Expert**
- Clinical documentation and coding **Expert**

EXPERIENCE

2019 - Now

Neuro ICU Nurse Practitioner

Rush University Medical Center / Chicago, IL

- Serve as primary provider for complex neuro ICU patients, conducting initial consults, performing advanced physical assessments, and collaborating with attending physicians to formulate treatment plans.
- Independently manage post-thrombectomy and aneurysm coiling cases, including sedation management, blood pressure control, and ventilator weaning based on dynamic neuro assessments.
- Facilitate daily family meetings to provide updates, explain prognosis, and guide decisions regarding long-term care, palliative options, or goals of care redirection.
- Led quality improvement project introducing a standardized sedation protocol, which decreased time on ventilators and ICU stays by 20% across the unit.

2015 - 2019

Neuro ICU RN

UIC Hospital / Chicago, IL

- Managed care for critically ill neurological patients including those on external ventricular drains, continuous EEGs, and aggressive hemodynamic support.
- Supported bedside procedures such as lumbar drains, EVD placements, and trach insertions by ensuring setup, monitoring, and documentation accuracy.
- Provided mentorship to graduate nursing students and new hires, helping to build unit cohesion and reduce orientation times by 25%.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Presented "Improving Early Neuro Prognostication in ICU" at AANN 2023 National Conference