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RN – Critical Care Transport – Peds/Neo						
Job Code: 790036	FLSA Status: Non-Exempt	Mgt. Approval: K. Scott	Date: October 2023			
Department: Emergency Medi	cine – Ground Transport	HR Approval: K. Fleming	Date: October 2023			

JOB SUMMARY

The RN – Critical Care Transport – Peds/Neo is a competent neonatal/pediatric registered nurse with demonstrated expertise in the care of critically ill or injured neonatal and pediatric patients. The RN assumes responsibility and accountability for the delivery and management of the critically ill or injured neonate, infant, child, or adolescent during interfacility pediatric ground or air transport in partnership with the Pediatric Transport Respiratory Therapist and a physician or Advanced Practice provider (APP) as required. The RN – Critical Care Transport – Peds/Neo systematically and continuously collects and assesses data in collaboration with the multidisciplinary team to provide therapeutic care and stabilization of the neonatal/pediatric patient. They perform all required elements of a nursing assessment including but not limited to physical examination, assessment of readiness to learn, psychosocial assessment, functional assessment, and utilization of patient/family specific assessment scales as required. The RN implements plans of care, performs ongoing assessments, and revises the plan of care based on assessment and/or changes in patient condition. They involve the patient and family in treatment plans as possible, utilize equipment required for treatment/procedures appropriate to age, request consults as needed, and educate the patient/family about the disease process and treatment.

The RN – Critical Care Transport – Peds/Neo will evaluate the effects of any intervention and adjust care accordingly. They perform systematic and ongoing assessments to evaluate the effectiveness of the interventions and evaluate effectiveness of instruction/teaching with the patient and family, incorporating factors related to safety, effectiveness, and cost in the planning and delivery of care while establishing goals and strategies for meeting the discharge or continuing care needs of the patient. The RN demonstrates appropriate and effective delegation as governed by the Wisconsin State Board of Nursing and policies of UW Health.

The primary responsibility of the position is to assure that the Pediatric Critical Care Transport Ambulance/Aircraft and equipment and supplies are always in a state of readiness. The Pediatric Critical Care Transport Nurse will be assigned other duties within the hospital when not on a transport and will receive assignments that allow for immediate release to respond to an assigned transport.

The RN utilizes research findings in practice and demonstrates knowledge of and participates in improving organizational performance activities. The RN acquires and maintains knowledge in nursing practice, assuming responsibility for the professional development of self, other nursing staff, and students.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

Clinical Practice/Quality of Care

- Establishes an in-depth database by assessing the behavioral and physiologic status of the patient utilizing interview, observation, physical examination, and other available data.
- Integrates nursing interventions into the multidisciplinary plan of care, incorporating appropriate standards of care and practice and patient outcomes.
- Implements safe, competent, and efficient patient care within policies, procedures and standards, and interventions as noted on the multidisciplinary plan of care.
- Sets priorities, adapting to changing patient and unit/clinic situations. Initiates action to reduce or correct risk in response to data indicating urgent and/or emergent risk to patient.
- Documents the nursing process to reflect a comprehensive and integrated approach to patient care.
- Evaluates patient's responses to care based on effectiveness of nursing interventions/actions in relationship to established outcomes and consults the Transport Team regarding clinical variances and recommended changes to the plan of care.
- Identifies learning needs with patients/families and teaches by adapting standard information to provide individualized and comprehensive teaching-learning. Utilizes the resources of the Teaching-Learning Center as appropriate to meet identified patient, family, and/or caregiver needs.

Resource Utilization

- Contributes to and supports the effective management of the patient and the service.
- Incorporates standards of practice and clinical practice protocols into practice to maximize clinical effectiveness.
- Acts to facilitate cost control in use of material and human resources.
- Effectively utilizes technology to support practice and efficiencies in care delivery.

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• Uses emsCharts, FlightVector, NinthBrain, or other clinical information systems to enter and access clinical information.

Collaboration

- Initiates multidisciplinary collaboration to positively impact the outcomes of health provided.
- Collaborates with physician/APP, Respiratory Therapist, and other partners in the provision of patient care.
- Initiates steps to support and enhance the patient's responsibility and self-determination in decision-making concerning health, treatment, and wellbeing.
- Involves the individual patient/family in identification of requirements/perceptions of learning needs and preparation to assume self-care on discharge.
- Participates in unit/clinic and/or departmental shared governance structure to improve care.
- Delegates and supervises care in accordance with nurse practice acts and professional nursing role.

Ethics

- Demonstrates sensitivity to the values of self and others.
- Participates in activities designed to broaden ethical decision-making skills.
- Integrates personal values with UW Health Mission and Nursing Vision and Aspiration Statements.
- Involves patient/family in plan of care, incorporating their cultural, spiritual, and other belief systems.

Research

- Participates in organizational improvement activities.
- Participates in activities that support the advancement of nursing practice through literature, professional organizations, research, and committee participations.
- Identifies recurring clinical practice issues and contributes to the development of specific plans to address identified
 issues.
- Demonstrates knowledge of research findings related to clinical specialty.

Education

- Acquires and maintains current knowledge in nursing practice and assumes responsibility of the professional development of self, other nursing staff, and students.
- Evaluates own performance and that of peers and other nursing staff in relation to standards.
- Demonstrates an awareness of elements in own performance needing further development and seeks opportunities to improve.
- Contributes to the learning experiences of students in cooperation with the instructor and other staff.

ALL DUTIES AND REQUIREMENTS MUST BE PERFORMED CONSISTENT WITH THE UW HEALTH PERFORMANCE STANDARDS.

		JOB REQUIREMENTS
Education	Minimum	Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN)
	Preferred	Bachelor of Science – Nursing (BSN)
Work Experience	Minimum	Three (3) years of neonatal intensive care, pediatric intensive care, and/or emergency department experience. Time spent orienting in the role will be considered as relevant experience to meet the minimum work experience requirements.
	Preferred	Pediatric Critical Care Transport experience including neonates
Licenses & Certifications	Minimum	 Licensed as a Registered Nurse (RN) in the state(s) where patients are receiving care or may work as eligible per state licensing requirements Basic Life Support/CPR Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP) or within 3 months Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) Transport Professional Advanced Trauma Course (TPATC), Trauma Nurse Core Course (TNCC), or Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS), or ability to obtain within six (6) months of hire

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