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Professional Summary

Certified Anesthesia Technician for the Department of Veteran Affairs in Baltimore, Maryland. A dedicated and highly skilled technician with an expertise in conducting in and out of the operating room services for the Department of Anesthesiology. Proficient in multiple duties including preparation of operating rooms for various types of cases, sterilization of equipment through steris and cidex, maintenance of anesthesia equipment such as Hemocue, Glucometer, and Gem-4000 through daily quality control, and assistance to Anesthesiologists and Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists in caring for patients in need of anesthetic care. Very experienced with multiple types of anesthesia machines with ability to troubleshoot various problems, not only with Ohmeda and on Estiva, Avance and draeger, but also with arterial lines, CVP lines, fluid warmers, Massimo Monitors, BIS monitors, Vigileo-flow tracs, and rapid infusion equipment. Reviewed data and IL's IQM adequately. Performance of the Gem Premier 4000. Point of Care Blood gas patient Daily log. Hemocue Quality Control Maintenance log. Monthly P.O.C. Quality Assurance log. Conducted monthly audits for Narcotic inspections in the operating room on Omnicell Machines. Accounted for any training for narcotic inspections for equitable rotation within health care system. Have worked internally with all levels of management within health care facility. Review and assisted in related medical safety compliance requirements to make sure all counts of using equipment are used properly. Ensures that all monthly inspections are completed in accordance within Veterans Affairs Regulations. Have worked closely with Infection control and other joint commission issues during inspections. Provides orientation training, minimum annual refresher training on omnicells. Works closely with pharmacy to maintain and ensure we have the appropriate usage for the Omnicell in the Operating room, Making sure that employees get put into the omnicells and have the right access to get what is needed for surgeries.

Licenses

American Society of Anesthesia Technologists and Technicians

Certification Number 081316

Skill Highlights

- Trainer on Glucometer
- Trainer on Gem-4000 (blood gas machine)
- Trainer on glidescopes
- Ensures anesthesia staff are up-to-date for Competencies for glidescope, cidex, Gem-4000, glucometer, and c-mac, as well as maintenance and storage of records for all device-related compliance measures. Anesthesia competencies for joint commission.
- Regularly perform and document control Testing on the glucometer, Gem-4000, PVP, CAP and CVP to ensure compliance with VA and State Regulations.
- Pioneered OORAM (Out of Operating Room Airway Management) Initiative to increase patient safety throughout the VA Center through fulfillment of VA Directive 2012-032.
- Led committee to improve patient safety through revision of Airway Bag, utilized during Code Blue/Rapid Response scenarios, resulting in standardization and timely restocking of emergency medications and medical equipment
- Trained on Nellcor CO2 monitors, Massimo monitors, BIS monitors.
- Participated in educational in-service activity to familiarize with EZ-IO device, and arranged in-service activities to educate anesthesia team members and maintain and stock related supplies to offer this device.
- Arranged and conducted in-services through collaborating with other departments throughout the medical center (e.g., ER and SPD for proper decontamination of the C-MAC blade.
- Attended Lean Yellow Belt Training to become educated on lean process improvements, enabling me to systematically lead organizational change and aid in the reduction of waste.

- used by medical staff.
- Supported Central Line Simulation training activity, aiding in securing necessary supplies and resources.
- Work closely with Simulation Lab Specialists to stay up-to-date on necessary supplies and equipment needed for function of Simulation Lab.
- Complete and document weekly quality assurance checks on ACU-Sinq Enzymatic pump.
- Developed stronger and more personal relationships with members of the anesthesia care team through participation in and completion of the CREW (Civility, Respect and Engagement in the Workplace) Initiative.
- Assist Anesthesiologists and CRNAs with medical student, resident, and SRNA education.
- Initiated system of inventory to track anesthesia medications, supplies and equipment to promote appropriate use of VA resources.
- Insure temperature of decontamination room is consistently logged and maintained.
- Daily preparation of the operating rooms for cases, preparation of arterial lines, CVP lines, fluid warmers, and rapid infusers.
- Communication and coordination with Pharmacy to ensure delivery of and adequate stock of necessary medications for patient care/safety.
- Quality control and maintenance of the Malignant Hyperthermia Cart.

Professional Experience

2007- Present

Veteran Affairs Medical Center, Baltimore, Maryland

Lead Medical Instrument Technician-Anesthesia

Daily preparation of the operating room for cases. Preparation of arterial lines, CVP lines, fluid warmers, and rapid infusers. Education of Anesthesiologists and Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists in anesthetic equipment use and maintenance. Maintenance of Certification of Anesthesia Providers in equipment competencies including but not limited to CMAC, Glide-scope, Cidex, Gem-4000, and Glucometer. Communication and coordination with Pharmacy to ensure delivery of and adequate stock of necessary medications for patient care and safety. Communication and coordination with Medical Supply Department to ensure delivery of and adequate stock of necessary equipment for anesthetic care of patients. Maintenance of safety stations/items such as the Eye Wash Station. Assist Anesthesiologists and CRNAs with medical student, resident, and SRNA education. Daily stock and maintenance of the Emergency Airway Bag for Rapid Response/Code Blue events. Quality Control and maintenance of the Malignant Hyperthermia Cart. Coordination with Emergency Room, SICU, and Sterilization Room regarding education on sterilization of equipment. Chief Resource Manager for the Out of the Operating Room Airway Management Central Office Objective. Communication with Anesthesiologist when setting up Intubation bronchoscopes, Nerve block carts and Ultrasound Equipment. Making sure the omnicells are up and running and working properly with pharmacy. Conducts monthly audit for narcotic inspections in the operating room. Provides technical, advice and support on the Omnicell machines.

Washington County Hospital, Hagerstown, Maryland 2003-2007

Anesthesia Technician

Major Duties: Responsible for technical support, patient care support, administrative support and logistical support to anesthesiologists and nurse-anesthetists in department.

Typical responsibilities included: maintaining anesthesiology supplies and equipment; setting up anesthetizing locations; operating, monitoring and collecting data from anesthesia-related equipment and documents; performing selected point-of-care clinical laboratory functions; conducting preventive maintenance and repairs of selected equipment; and assisting with a variety of technical and clinical procedures. Worked within the framework of the functioning and requirements of the Anesthesia Department and the processes of anesthesia care. Handled other duties as assigned.

Washington County Hospital, Hagerstown, Maryland 2002-2003

Oncology Ward Nursing Assistant

In-patient nursing care assistance, documentation and transportation.

Washington County Hospital, Hagerstown, Maryland 2001-2002

Home Health Aide Assistant

Home health nursing care assistance for senior citizen patients.

Education and Training

Veterans Administration Medical Center 2014- Present

Certification

Basic Life Support and CPR Certification (Bi-annually).

Franklin Covey Writing Advantage Class 2014

Teaches how to set quality writing standards that help increase productivity, resolve issues, avoid errors and heighten credibility.

American Society of Anesthesia Technologists and Technicians 2013

Certification

Certified Anesthesia Technician.

American Society of Anesthesia Technologists and Technicians 2006

Certification

Certification Examination Preparation Course (creates eligibility for Certification as Anesthesia Technician).

Hagerstown Community College, Hagerstown, Maryland. 2002
Nursing Assistant Course
Certified Nursing Assistant/Geriatric Nursing Assistant.

Regional 2 Director for ASATT Society: 2016 - present
I am the Regional 2 Director for American Society of Anesthesia Technologist and Technicians. I represent 7 states in this position. Duties are to make sure we have the Education and knowledge and any other information that is needed for our certifications. Attending conferences, annual meetings. Meeting with many people to see what kind of supplies and techniques they can offer and then bringing back to work and showing or teaching about these products.

Community Service

Otterbein United Methodist Church 2013-present
Volunteered as Sunday School/Children's Church Instructor

Hagerstown Area Youth Soccer League 2013-present
Volunteered as "Team Mom", Statistician.