Coordinator of Pre-Kidney Transplant

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City: Oak Lawn  Job ID: 36722  Facility: CHRIST MEDICAL CENTER  Department / Unit: Kidney Transplant  Status-FTE: Full-Time – 1 Shift: Day

Christ Medical Center, a not-for-profit, 694-bed, premier teaching institution with more than 1,000 affiliated physicians is a leader in health care and one of the major referral hospitals in the Midwest. Among their many specialty areas are cardiovascular services, heart and kidney transplantation, neurosciences, oncology, orthopedics and Women’s health. Christ Medical Center has four clinical institutes—Cancer, Heart and Vascular, Neurosciences and Bone and Joint.

The hospital provides emergency care for more than 90,000 patients annually and has one of the busiest Level I trauma centers in Illinois providing top quality health care to the Chicago area for more than 50 years. Christ Medical Center is one of only seven in Illinois recognized by Truven Health as a 100 Top Hospital. Designated by the American Nurses Credentialing Center as a Magnet Medical Center for the third consecutive time since 2005!

Bachelor's Degree in Nursing or equivalent.
5+ years med/surg and/or acute hemodialysis experience which includes 2 years transplant experience.
Strong analytical skills
Proven leadership skills
Good organizational skills
Good educator
Basic computer knowledge
Effective communication and presentation skills.
Effective time management skills
Attention to detail
Current RN license in the State of Illinois
CPR certification
Ability to recognize the needs and behaviors of a variety of age groups of patients treated
Ability to educate patients on age specific levels.
Ability to work flexible hours according to patient care needs.
Ability to effectively multi-task and problem solve
Ability to prioritize independently.
Ability to work effectively as a team member and to promote positive working relationships and teamwork skills.

Ability to communicate with patients/families

Ability to work within stressful conditions and difficult situations.

Close attention to details involving numerous patients often in periods where timeliness is critical.

If position has direct patient care or direct patient contact the following lifting requirement supersedes any previous lifting requirement effective 06/01/2015. Ability to lift up to 35 pounds without assistance. For patient lifts of over 35 pounds, or when patient is unable to assist with the lift, patient handling equipment is expected to be used, with at least one other associate, when available. Unique patient lifting/movement situations will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

The Pre-Kidney Transplant Coordinator works collaboratively with the transplant surgeons and nephrologists to provide quality and consistent care to the pre-kidney transplant patients. Responsible for coordinating the movement of patients through the referral and evaluation process, pre-transplant management, and listing process/organ allocation. Responsible for identifying the learning needs of pre-transplant patients, implementing teaching plans appropriate to the patients' level of understanding, and documenting plan and progress in patient charts. The Coordinator is responsible for coordinating the recipient and living donor evaluations, and to establish and maintain good relationships with nephrologists and dialysis units in the service area to promote increased patient referrals. Responsible for demonstrating an understanding of the certification process, and financial approval. Responsible for any duties as designated by his/her supervisor to improve clinical services and promote quality transplantation services.

Accountabilities:
In collaboration with the transplant surgeons and nephrologists, plans, assesses and implements the pre-transplant patient evaluation as it relates to kidney transplant patients.
Plans, develops, and implements the pre-operative evaluation and care of the potential living kidney donor as it relates to kidney transplant patients.

Administrative Responsibilities
Serves as a consultant and/or resource person for hospital personnel in area of specialization. Accepts referrals from all units of the hospital and collaborates with physicians, nurses and other members of the interdisciplinary team in planning the care of patients needing specialized transplant nursing. Initiates referral to other healthcare providers and resource agencies as necessary.

On-Call Responsibilities
Professional Development

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care hospitals, the state’s largest integrated children’s network, the state’s largest emergency and Level I trauma network, one of the area’s largest home health care companies, and the region’s largest medical group. Advocate Health Care has 4 teaching hospitals and is a not-for-profit, mission-based health system affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the United Church of Christ.