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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner specializing in Adult Heart Transplantation and Mechanical Circulatory Support (MCS), with a strong foundation in high-acuity cardiovascular care and a growing focus on transplant medicine. Clinically driven, detail-oriented, and highly collaborative APRN with demonstrated strengths in complex patient management, interdisciplinary teamwork, and continuous learning. Actively developing advanced competencies in transplant and MCS care, quality improvement, and program operations, with long-term interest in advanced practice growth and leadership roles. Proven clinical leader with a strong foundation in complex patient management, interdisciplinary collaboration, and patient education. Recognized for clinical excellence, adaptability, and commitment to high-quality, patient-centered care.

CORE COMPETENCIES

Adult Heart Transplant & MCS Clinical Care

Advanced Heart Failure & Cardiothoracic Surgery Collaboration

ECMO, LVAD/RVAD, Impella, IABP, Temporary MCS

Transplant Continuum of Care (Pre-, Peri-, Post-Transplant)

High-Acuity Cardiovascular Assessment & Management

Hemodynamic Monitoring & Device Fundamentals

Evidence-Based Practice & Clinical Learning

Interdisciplinary Team Collaboration

Patient & Family Education

Quality, Safety & Clinical Standards

Professional Development & Skill Advancement

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Adult Heart Transplant & Mechanical Circulatory Support (MCS)
Inpatient/outpatient APRN

Memorial Cardiac & Vascular Institute – Memorial Hospital Regional | Apr 2025 – Present

Provide comprehensive APRN-level care within the Adult Heart Transplant and MCS program, supporting complex clinical decision-making across the transplant continuum while continuing advanced clinical development.

Participate in daily multidisciplinary rounds, contribute to complex care planning, and ensure adherence to transplant protocols, regulatory standards, and institutional policies.

Manage and monitor patients supported with durable and temporary MCS therapies including LVADs, RVADs, ECMO (VA/VV), Impella, and IABP, with close attention to safety, complications, and clinical outcomes.

Collaborate closely with cardiothoracic surgery, heart failure cardiology, transplant coordinators, nursing, pharmacy, and multidisciplinary teams to support efficient, coordinated patient care.

Seek mentorship from experienced transplant clinicians while sharing clinical knowledge and supporting bedside teams as appropriate.

Participate in quality initiatives, data review, and performance improvement activities to strengthen transplant and MCS care delivery.

Adult Heart Transplant & Mechanical Circulatory Support (MCS) APRN

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Provide advanced practice care for adult heart transplant and mechanical circulatory support patients across the continuum of care, including pre-transplant evaluation, peri-operative management, and post-transplant follow-up.

Manage patients supported with durable and temporary MCS devices including LVADs, RVADs, ECMO (VA/VV), Impella, and IABP.

Perform comprehensive assessments, daily rounding, and development of complex, evidence-based plans of care for high-acuity cardiovascular patients.

Collaborate closely with cardiothoracic surgery, heart failure cardiology, transplant coordinators, intensivists, pharmacists, and multidisciplinary teams.

Lead clinical decision-making related to hemodynamic optimization, device troubleshooting, anticoagulation management, infection surveillance, and end-organ function.

Provide patient and family education regarding transplant candidacy, MCS therapy, postoperative expectations, medication adherence, and long-term outcomes.

Participate in quality improvement initiatives, protocol development, and outcomes monitoring for transplant and MCS programs.

Nurse Practitioner – Primary Care

ProHealth Primary Care | Jun 2024 – Nov 2024

Delivered comprehensive primary care for acute and chronic conditions, including diagnostic evaluation, laboratory interpretation, and evidence-based treatment planning.

Conducted Medicare, Medicare Advantage, and commercial insurance wellness exams.

Prescribed medications, ordered and reviewed labs and diagnostic studies, and ensured timely follow-up.

Collaborated with primary care physicians and specialists to co-manage complex patients.

Founder & Owner | Aesthetic Nurse Practitioner

Beauty Is You MedSpa | Jun 2022 – September 2025

Founded and lead a successful aesthetic medical practice delivering neuromodulators, dermal fillers, PRP/PRF, PDO threads, Sculptra, Kybella, and weight management services.

Perform comprehensive consultations, risk–benefit discussions, informed consent, and procedural care.

Maintain accurate clinical documentation and adherence to standards of practice.

Optimize workflow efficiency and patient satisfaction through team collaboration and process improvement.

Registered Nurse – Cardiovascular Critical Care

Memorial Hospital Regional – Memorial Cardiac & Vascular Institute | May 2021 – Apr 2025

Provided high-level cardiovascular critical care while serving as an informal clinical resource and leader for advanced therapies prior to transition into transplant leadership role.

Managed complex postoperative cardiac surgery, ECMO, and MCS patients while collaborating with surgical and medical leadership to optimize outcomes.

Supported protocol adherence, staff education, and safe implementation of advanced cardiac technologies.

Played a key role in maintaining continuity of care between CVICU operations and the transplant/MCS service line.

Rapid Response Team Registered Nurse

Jackson North Medical Center / Memorial Hospital West | Mar 2019 – Jan 2021

Responded to hospital-wide medical emergencies including Code Blue, Code Heart, Stroke Alerts, HIP Alerts, and Rapid Responses.

Collaborated closely with intensivists, administrators, nursing leadership, respiratory therapy, and multidisciplinary teams.

Provided decisive clinical leadership in high-stress, time-sensitive situations.

Intensive Care Unit Registered Nurse (ICU/MICU)

Memorial Hospital West | Sep 2014 – Mar 2019

Managed critically ill medical and surgical patients, including post-cardiac catheterization, pacemakers, and central venous access.

Administered and titrated vasoactive infusions and complex medication regimens.

Educated patients and families on disease processes and recovery plans.

Telemetry Registered Nurse

Central Adult Cardiac / Telemetry Unit | Dec 2012 – Sep 2014

Delivered comprehensive bedside care for cardiac and surgical telemetry patients.

Performed detailed physical assessments and collaborated on interdisciplinary plans of care.

Travel Critical Care Nurse

Custom Healthcare Solutions – Memorial Hospital West | Jan 2021 – Feb 2021

Provided post-operative care for open-heart surgery, cardiac transplant, and VAD patients during crisis staffing needs.

EDUCATION

Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) – Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
Nova Southeastern University, Davie, FL | Jan 2020 – May 2022

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)
Nova Southeastern University | Jan 2010 – May 2012

Additional Education
English as a Second Language – Miami Dade College
High School Diploma – Instituto Juan XXIII, Carazo, Nicaragua

CERTIFICATIONS

Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AGACNP-BC), ANCC | Sep 2022 – Sep 2027

Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS), AHA | Mar 2024 – Mar 2026

Basic Life Support (BLS), AHA | Mar 2024 – Mar 2026

Cardiac Advanced Life Support (CSU-ALS) | Mar 2023

HONORS & AWARDS

Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing | Apr 2022

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & GROWTH FOCUS

Advanced Clinical Skill Development in Transplant & MCS

Exposure to Transplant Program Operations

Quality Improvement Participation

Interdisciplinary Collaboration

Evidence-Based Practice Integration

Professional Mentorship & Lifelong Learning

PROFESSIONAL ATTRIBUTES

Decisive Clinical Leadership

Cultural Awareness & Sensitivity

Emergency Preparedness & Response

Quality Improvement & Patient Safety

Inventory & Practice Management

References available upon request.