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Summary of qualifications

Currently I am working at Nevada Sleep Diagnostics.  This is a three bed lab running three nights per week, with no day time techs.  I am currently the only tech to work in Pahrump.  I prefer working nights and took the opportunity to get back to working with patients face to face.  I prefer having more personal interaction with the patients.

While working in the Sleep Lab at Menorah Medical Center (Overland Park, KS) where I was a key part in opening a sleep lab for a second time. Here at MMC I have all the responsibility I had before at St. Mary’s and much more. Before this I was working at University Hospital in Colombia, MO learning pediatric sleep. For seven years before that, I started and ran the sleep lab at St. Mary’s Hospital in Blue Springs, Missouri, which grew from a one to a four-bed lab. My responsibilities were to educate patients (on confirmation phone calls), run day studies (split day, MSLTs and MWT), score records, upkeep the computers, and keep the permanent records of all studies on both optic disks and CD’s (which were kept with the patients paper file). If one of the techs were unable to work, I would cover for them as part of my responsibilities. I would hold meetings with the techs and/or sales reps as part of a routine to keep the lab running smoother.

Prior to St. Mary’s Hospital, I learned sleep at Research Hospital in Kansas City under the direction of Dr. Jon Magee. I also worked in the respiratory department at Research Hospital, where I worked on the floors, in the emergency room, in ICU and NICU.

 I am Registered in both sleep (RPSGT) & Respiratory (RRT).  I am also licensed in both Nevada and Missouri for Respiratory.

I am a dependable employee and have taken no sick days in the last ten plus years. I am organized and try to help the patients as much as I can with getting them comfortable with positive pressure breathing.

Employment

**March 2010 to present:** Everything for running a 3 bed lab.  This includes 3 overnight studies/night (PSG/Split nights/CPAP/BiPAP…).  Some of the other responsibilities were downloading HSTs, OPO’s, APAP studies and CPAP downloads w/both Fisher & Pykel, & Respironics software programs.  There is always something to do here w/computer maintenance monthly.  CPAP set ups were done here in Pahrump for the pts living here.  So many responsibilities, they cannot all be mentioned.

**May 2009 to March 2010:**  I worked three nights a week.  Here I was responsible for rearranging scheduled patients, confirm and educate via phone calls for each patient.  Our main responsibility is running studies and scoring on the fly.  We of course hook up and treat pts. as needed via CPAP, BIPAP, O2, and the new auto servo titration.   I am working three twelve hour shifts.  We run our studies and score them as they run.  Patients are treated with Compumedics system.  Using Respironics BiPAP system.

**May 2007 to May 2009:** Team leader for the sleep lab at Menorah Medical Center in Overland Park, KS. As the team leader I am responsible for scheduling and confirming pts. I also charge and register each of my pts., not to mention keep all records up to date and in order (charts, copies for admitting, and copies for medical records). I run all day studies including MSLTs. I score studies that have been ran in my lab, which is a two bed lab running 5-6 nights per week. I am responsible for calling the doctors’ office, if the pt. is in need of a second study and getting the order. I keep the linens stocked and all of the supplies needed for a hook-ups. I meet with mask distributors, and have meetings for promoting the lab. I am also responsible in keeping the equipment running efficiently (we use Compumedics for sleep software and Respironics for BiPAP system). In this job, I am doing a little of everything to maintain the lab running efficiently.The system used here was Compumedics.

**January 2006 to April 2007**: Sleep Technician, Pediatric Sleep Lab, University of Missouri Health Care in Columbia, Missouri. Responsibilities include hooking up and running sleep studies and scoring records.Occasional home ventilators were monitored to help w/ventilator dependent pts of all ages.  Due to the focus of the pt’s were pediatrics, CO2 monitors were used.  CO2 was monitored both via flow by catheter and transcutaneous.  Rembrant sleep system was used here (I believe they go by a different company name now).

**1998-2005**: Lead Sleep Tech. St. Mary’s Hospital

As Lead Sleep Tech I was responsible for running studies (S/N, S/D, MSLT, MWT), scoring studies, communicating with the techs, Doctors and patients. Also was liaison with Respironics and Sensormedics for equipment problems. Scored studies on optic disks and CD’s. Archived computers.

**1992-1998**: RRT, Research Medical Center

As a Respiratory Therapist, I worked in the ICU, NICU, Emergency Room, Recovery Room and Floor Therapy. As a Sleep Technician, I educated and hooked up patients, ran studies on the original polygraph machines and scored records.

**Education:**

1993 graduated from JCCC in Overland Park with an Associate of Science Degree in Respiratory. Completed my Registry for Respiratory in same year.

1999 completed a two-week course at the School of Sleep Medicine at Stanford University in California. Completed my Registry for Sleep in same year.

Completed necessary Continuing Education Units to maintain licensure as a Registered Respiratory Therapist.