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SUMMARY

Charge Nurse and pediatric **Registered Nurse** with 9 years of progressive experience across **pediatric infusion**, hematology oncology, and ambulatory specialty care. Virginia licensed RN with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and American Heart Association Health Care Provider BLS certification. Leads daily staffing, patient flow, treatment priorities, and real time clinical problem solving while remaining directly involved in complex pediatric care. Administers infusion therapies, monitors treatment reactions, manages symptoms, and supports children receiving oncology and specialty treatments. Partners with physicians, **advanced practice providers**, pharmacists, child life professionals, and specialty teams across complex treatment journeys. Mentors nurses through case review, bedside coaching, evidence based practice discussions, and clear communication. Supports safe operations, nursing autonomy, **family centered care**, and positive experiences for children and caregivers.

EXPERIENCE

Charge Nurse, Pediatric Infusion and Specialty Care

July 2023 - Present

Piedmont Pediatric Specialty Group

Roanoke, VA

Leads **daily operations** for pediatric infusion and specialty services, balancing staffing, treatment schedules, acuity, chair capacity, bedside care, and clinical escalation.

- Coordinated **staffing, patient flow**, treatment priorities, and chair capacity during changing clinic demands.
- Administered pediatric infusions and escalated hypersensitivity reactions with prescribing clinicians and pharmacy.
- Mentored nurses through case review, bedside coaching, and **evidence based practice** discussions.
- Aligned treatment decisions with physicians, **advanced practice providers**, pharmacists, and family needs.
- Resolved flow disruptions while protecting continuity for scheduled treatments and observation needs.
- Reviewed **care priorities** and reinforced protocol adherence during complex oncology treatment visits.

Senior Pediatric Infusion RN

April 2020 - June 2023

Shenandoah Children's Cancer Center

Harrisonburg, VA

Managed complex pediatric hematology oncology infusion care while serving as a clinical resource during high volume treatment periods and interdisciplinary planning.

- Managed multi step **pediatric oncology** regimens through assessment, verification, administration, and monitoring.
- Recognized infusion reactions early and coordinated prompt oncology evaluation after focused nursing assessment.
- Educated families with age appropriate explanations, symptom guidance, and clear follow up instructions.
- Clarified laboratory readiness, treatment parameters, medication timing, and supportive care with **pharmacists**.
- Redistributed nursing workload during high volume periods while preserving readiness and safety checks.
- Contributed nursing observations during case discussions, strengthening continuity across changing treatment plans.

Pediatric Specialty Clinic RN

June 2017 - March 2020

Riverbend Children's Medical Center

Lynchburg, VA

Delivered **ambulatory** nursing care for children with chronic and specialty conditions, coordinating assessments, treatments, education, documentation, and follow up.

- Coordinated recurring assessments, treatments, **education**, and follow up across pediatric specialty visits.
- Escalated concerning symptoms after focused assessments, supporting timely care plan changes.
- Prepared children and families for procedures using age appropriate explanations and teach back.
- Maintained accurate documentation and communicated treatment updates across **multidisciplinary** specialty services.
- Applied **infection prevention**, medication safety, and **patient identification** practices during frequent transitions.
- Oriented new team members to pediatric communication, clinic workflows, and **family centered care**.

Pediatric Registered Nurse

June 2015 - May 2017

Cedar Valley Children's Hospital

Danville, VA

Provided direct pediatric nursing care for acute and chronic conditions while building clinical judgment, interdisciplinary coordination, family education, and safe bedside practice.

- Provided age specific assessments and family engagement for acute and chronic pediatric conditions.
- Administered medications under pediatric safety procedures and escalated unexpected clinical findings.
- Coordinated shift care with **physicians** and interdisciplinary professionals around family concerns.
- Educated caregivers on medications, symptom observation, follow up, and safe transitions.
- Responded to condition changes through reassessment, **communication**, and appropriate clinical resources.
- Strengthened **clinical judgment** through progressively complex assignments and accurate documentation.

PROJECTS

Ambulatory Infusion Flow Improvement 📅 2023

Mapped chair availability, staffing assignments, treatment priorities, and escalation points to support smoother pediatric infusion operations during changing daily demand.

Pediatric Treatment Continuity Review 📅 2022

Reviewed recurring oncology visits with interdisciplinary colleagues, connecting laboratory readiness, symptom updates, family education, and follow up across treatment plans.

LEADERSHIP & AWARDS

- Charge Nurse Leadership Recognition for dependable coordination during complex pediatric infusion operations.
- Clinical Excellence Recognition for compassionate family education and safe pediatric treatment support.
- Peer Mentor Recognition for practical coaching that strengthened nursing confidence and communication.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

2015

Radford University GPA: 0

Radford, VA

Coursework: Pediatric nursing, pharmacology, health assessment, community health

CERTIFICATIONS

- Registered Nurse, Commonwealth of Virginia 📅 2026
- American Heart Association Health Care Provider BLS 📅 2026

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- **Pediatric Infusion:** Infusion therapies, treatment reactions, symptom management
- **Pediatric Oncology:** Hematology oncology, oncology treatments, specialty therapies
- **Ambulatory Operations:** Patient flow, staffing coordination, chair capacity
- **Clinical Assessment:** Pediatric assessment, symptom review, acuity assessment
- **Medication Safety:** Medication verification, patient identification, safety checks
- **Family Education:** Caregiver teaching, teach back, follow up guidance
- **Evidence Based Practice:** Protocol adherence, case review, clinical practice
- **Interdisciplinary Care:** Physicians, advanced practice providers, pharmacists
- **Nursing Leadership:** Charge oversight, nursing autonomy, staff mentoring
- **Clinical Communication:** Escalation, documentation, treatment updates
- **Infection Prevention:** Infection prevention, body fluid precautions, isolation awareness
- **Basic Life Support:** AHA BLS, emergency response, clinical resources

SKILLS

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| • Pediatric Infusion Therapy | • Ambulatory Operations | • Symptom Management | • Multidisciplinary Care |
| • Pediatric Oncology | • Patient Flow | • Family Centered Care | • Clinical Escalation |
| • Specialty Clinics | • Staffing Coordination | • Evidence Based Practice | • AHA BLS |
| • Charge Nursing | • Infusion Reaction Management | • Nursing Mentorship | |

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Virginia Nurses Association member, supporting professional nursing practice and continued clinical development.
- Oncology Nursing Society member, connecting pediatric infusion practice with specialty education and research.

LANGUAGES

- English (Native)
- Spanish (Intermediate)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Work Status : Authorized to work in United States. No sponsorship required.

REFERENCES

AVAILABLE ON REQUEST