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Summary

Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AGACNP-BC)

Board-Certified Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner with more than 30 years of cardiovascular nursing experience and specialized expertise in cardiac electrophysiology, arrhythmia management, cardiac implantable electronic devices (CIEDs), remote patient monitoring, and chronic cardiovascular disease management.

Extensive experience providing patient-centered care across electrophysiology clinics, device management programs, coronary intensive care units, cardiac catheterization laboratories, and outpatient cardiology settings.

Proven ability to deliver comprehensive cardiovascular assessments, interpret cardiac diagnostics, manage chronic cardiac conditions, coordinate multidisciplinary care, and educate patients on cardiovascular risk reduction and disease self-management.

Experienced in remote monitoring technologies, telehealth-supported care, care coordination, medication management, and population health initiatives focused on improving cardiovascular outcomes.

Skills

- Cardiovascular Care Management
- Cardiac Electrophysiology
- Arrhythmia Evaluation & Management
- Chronic Cardiac Disease Management
- Remote Patient Monitoring
- Telehealth & Virtual Care
- Pacemaker Management
- Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillator (ICD) Management
- Implantable Loop Recorder Monitoring
- ECG Interpretation
- Holter & Ambulatory Monitor Interpretation
- Medication Management
- Cardiovascular Risk Reduction
- Care Coordination
- Population Health Management
- Heart Failure Support
- Preventive Cardiology
- Patient Education & Counseling
- Transitional Care Management
- Electronic Medical Records

Experience

Nurse Practitioner – Cardiac Electrophysiology 10/2023 - Current
VCU Health, Richmond, VA, United States

Conduct comprehensive cardiovascular assessments and physical examinations for patients presenting with arrhythmias, syncope, palpitations, dizziness, and related cardiac symptoms.

Interpret diagnostic studies including 12-lead ECGs, Holter monitors, ambulatory cardiac monitoring devices, wearable patches, and implantable loop recorders.

Initiate, adjust, and monitor antiarrhythmic therapies while evaluating treatment effectiveness and patient outcomes.

Manage ongoing care for patients with pacemakers, implantable cardioverter-defibrillators (ICDs), and implantable cardiac monitoring devices.

Perform pre-procedure evaluations and post-procedure follow-up for electrophysiology procedures and device implants.

Provide education regarding cardiovascular disease management, medication adherence, risk factor modification, and lifestyle interventions.

Collaborate with electrophysiologists, nurses, device specialists, and multidisciplinary care teams to coordinate comprehensive cardiac care.

Maintain detailed electronic medical records and support continuity of care across the cardiovascular service line.

Device Nurse – Electrophysiology Device Clinic 05/2016 - 10/2023

VCU Health, Richmond, VA, United States

Managed remote and in-office monitoring programs for pacemakers, ICDs, and implantable loop recorders.

Performed device interrogations, programming adjustments, troubleshooting, and clinical review of transmitted cardiac data.

Triaged patient concerns, evaluated urgent cardiovascular symptoms, and coordinated appropriate follow-up care.

Managed medication refills and ongoing chronic cardiac care support.

Assisted in development of MRI safety protocols for patients with implanted cardiac devices.

Performed implantable loop recorder insertions and follow-up management.

Mentored new clinical staff and supported workflow improvement initiatives.

Served as a key clinical resource for remote monitoring and device management programs.

Electrophysiology Laboratory Nurse 11/2013 - 05/2016

VCU Health, Richmond, VA, United States

Delivered specialized nursing care for patients undergoing electrophysiology studies and invasive cardiac procedures.

Monitored patients for arrhythmias and hemodynamic instability during procedures.

Collaborated with physicians and procedural teams to ensure optimal patient outcomes.

Provided post-procedure education and recovery support.

Cardiac Catheterization & Electrophysiology Nurse 01/2006 - 11/2013

St. Mary's Hospital, Richmond, VA, United States

Delivered comprehensive nursing care for patients undergoing diagnostic and interventional cardiovascular procedures.

Assisted with electrophysiology studies, cardiac catheterizations, device implants, and recovery care.

Developed orientation materials supporting clinical excellence and staff development.

Responded effectively to emergent cardiovascular situations requiring rapid intervention.

Travel Nurse Cardiac Critical Care/Catheterization 01/2003 - 01/2006

Cross Country TravCorps, United States

Provided cardiovascular nursing services in coronary intensive care units, cardiac catheterization laboratories, and recovery units nationwide.

Managed complex cardiac patients requiring advanced monitoring and intervention.

Adapted quickly to diverse healthcare systems while maintaining high-quality patient care standards.

Staff Nurse – Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory 01/2000 - 01/2003

VCU Health System, Richmond, VA, United States

Managed pre-procedure, intra-procedure, and post-procedure care for cardiovascular patients.

Assisted physicians during cardiac catheterization procedures and monitored patient stability throughout interventions.

Staff Nurse – Coronary Intensive Care Unit 01/1997 - 01/2000

VCU Health System, Richmond, VA, United States

Delivered critical care services for patients with acute coronary syndromes, cardiac emergencies, respiratory failure, trauma, and post-surgical cardiac conditions.

Managed high-acuity patients requiring continuous cardiovascular monitoring and advanced interventions.

Education and Training

Master of Science, Master of Science in Nursing Practice, 05/2023

Virginia Commonwealth University, United States

Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, 2016

Liberty University, United States

Associate of Science, Associate Degree in Nursing, 1994

J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College

Certifications & Licenses

- Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AGACNP-BC)
- Virginia Registered Nurse License
- Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS)
- Basic Life Support (BLS)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Heart Rhythm Society
- Virginia Council of Nurse Practitioners
- American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP)

TECHNICAL & CARDIOLOGY EXPERTISE

- Remote Cardiac Monitoring Platforms
- Cardiac Device Interrogation
- Pacemaker Programming & Management
- ICD Monitoring & Follow-Up
- Implantable Loop Recorders
- ECG Interpretation
- Holter Monitoring

- Ambulatory Rhythm Monitoring
- Electronic Medical Records
- Telehealth Care Delivery
- Chronic Care Management
- Cardiovascular Population Health
- Patient Outreach & Education
- Care Coordination Programs