

DIVISION SCOPE OF SERVICE

Division: SAN ANTONIO

Classification: ROUNDING NURSE (RN)

Applicant Name:

Rounding Nurse (RN):

The Rounding Nurse (RN) must have equivalent qualifications, competence and function in the same role as employed individuals performing the same or similar services at the facility, as defined by facility job description.

Definition of Care or Service:

The Rounding Nurse (RN) acts under the direction and supervision of the physician to facilitate safe results and optimal patient outcomes. Scope of Service may include:

- Assures quality patient care through coordination of patient care with members of the patient care team.
- As directed by the physician, makes patient rounds, apply the nursing process (assessment, planning, intervention, & evaluation), changes dressing, removes sutures, performs patient teaching, discharge planning, and/or document in the patient medical record (must be countersigned by physician within 24 hours).
- Works in accordance with facility policies, procedures, Texas Nurse Practice Act, related laws, and regulations.
- Demonstrates clinical and service excellence behaviors to include code of HCA Healthcare conduct core fundamentals in daily interactions with patients, families, co-workers and physicians.

Setting(s):

• Methodist Healthcare System facilities

Supervision:

- Indirect supervision by physician for rounding activities
- Indirect supervision by the nursing department director or designee

Evaluator:

• Supervising physician, medical staff member in conjunction with the nursing department director, CNO or designee

Tier Level: 2

eSAF Access Required: YES

Qualifications:

- Associates degree or higher in Nursing
 - Verification of high school graduation/GED is required for those with a nursing associate degree or diploma.
- Valid licensed as a RN
- American Heart Association health care provider BLS Certification

NOTE: Where education may not be defined in qualifications area of the Scope, HCA Healthcare requires the highest level of education completed (not training or courses) confirmed on your background check.

State Requirements:

• Maintains a current license recognized by the Texas Board of Nursing to practice as a professional Registered Nurse



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Experience:

• Minimum of one year recent experience in the specialty

Competencies:

The Rounding Nurse (RN) will demonstrate:

- Consistent practice within limitations of preparation, experience, and scope of practice as defined by MHS under the appropriate level of direct/ indirect supervision.
- Accurate patient information review and evaluation through:
 - Accesses the patient medical record appropriately maintaining confidentiality & privacy in accordance with HIPAA regulations.
- Assisting with procedures: Possesses an advanced working knowledge of aseptic principles & techniques:
 - o Follows hazardous materials management guidelines found on facility (Intranet)
 - o Consistently using personal protective equipment
 - Follow MHS guidelines for hand hygiene & using sanitizer before entry into a patient room and upon exit.
- Medication Management:
 - Follows MHS policy for verification and labeling of medications
 - According to physician's orders, prepares medications and solutions for use during procedures & communicates information to the MHS patient care team.
- Is knowledgeable about all current National Patient Safety goals as defined by the Joint Commission and applies them consistently and appropriately to all patients. (i.e. use of 2 patient identifiers (name & date of birth).
- Makes rounds in addition to physician, not in lieu of; conveys physician orders; documents in the medical record (must be countersigned by physician within 24 hours). The nurse may not dictate history & physicals or operative reports.
- Infection Prevention
 - Practices consistent hand hygiene
 - Uses personal protective equipment (PPE)
 - o Required immunizations per DHP Division requirements
 - Complies with Isolation precaution
- Consistently maintains a safe environment for patients.
- Assess for fall risks prior to exit of patient room
- Ensure patient call light is in close proximity to the patient
- Encourage patient to call for assistance if needed
- Performs accurate patient information review and evaluation:
 - Collects and documents assessment data into the patient medical record. Entries in the medical record are countersigned by the attending physician within 24 hours.
 - Facilitates communication between the physician, patient, family and patient care staff.
 - Notifies the appropriate member of the interdisciplinary patient care team of issues that require immediate intervention or attention.
- Maintains adequate knowledge about utilized equipment operation and basic troubleshooting.***The RN has the burden of proof to show documentation of training***
 - Has been trained and can validate correct operation of any utilized equipment.
 - Reports any equipment not functioning correctly immediately to a MHS staff member.
 - Has been trained and can demonstrate basic troubleshooting of any utilized equipment.
- Consistently applies nursing process (including assessment, planning, intervention, and evaluation),



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performs necessary patient teaching, and discharge planning; documents in patient medical record and communicates information to necessary caregivers.

• Collects and documents assessment data into the patient medical record.

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Texas Board of Nursing License Verification: <u>https://www.bon.texas.gov/licensure_verification.asp</u>

Nursing Compact States & Nurse Licensure: <u>https://www.travelnursing.com/what-is-travel-nursing/nursing-compact-states/</u>

Nursys: https://www.nursys.com/LQC/LQCTerms.aspx

Your signature confirms you will be able to comply with the Qualifications and Competencies listed within this Scope of Service and that you will confirm education via your background check.

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