

# **REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSE JOB DESCRIPTION ADULT CRITICAL CARE**

## **Job Summary:**

The Adult Critical Care RN is responsible for managing the care of the adult or elderly patient experiencing life-threatening problems requiring complex assessment, high intensity therapies and interventions, and continuous nursing vigilance. The Adult Critical Care RN is responsible to the Clinical Manager for assigned ICU or Emergency Department.

## **Qualifications**

- Current licensure in good standing in the state of practice
- Evidence of 1 year of adult critical care nursing experience within the past two years
- Evidence of BLS credential mandatory; additionally, the RN may have resuscitation credentials, including but not limited to ACLS or TNCC
- Additionally, the RN may have professional certifications, including but not limited to CCRN, CEN or CNRN

## **Responsibilities**

- Conducts an individualized patient assessment, prioritizing the data collection based on the adult or elderly patient's immediate condition or needs within timeframe specified by client facility's policies, procedures or protocols.
- Conducts ongoing assessments as determined by the adult or elderly patient's condition and/or the client facility's policies, procedures or protocols and reprioritizes care accordingly.
- Develops plan of care that is individualized for the adult or elderly patient reflecting collaboration with other members of the healthcare team.
- Performs appropriate treatments as ordered by physician in an accurate and timely manner.
- Performs therapeutic nursing interventions as established by individualized plan of care for the adult or elderly patient and his/her family.
- Provides individualized patient/family education customized to the adult or elderly patient and his/her family.
- Documents patient assessment findings, physical/psychosocial responses to nursing intervention and progress towards problem resolution.
- Initiates emergency resuscitative measures according to adult resuscitation and advanced life support protocols.
- Maintains confidentiality in matters related to patient, family and client facility staff.
- Provides care in a non-judgmental, non-discriminatory manner that is sensitive to the adult or elderly patient's and family's diversity, preserving their autonomy, dignity and rights.
- Reports patient condition to appropriate personnel during each shift.
- Maintains current competency in adult critical care nursing.

RN Name: \_\_\_\_\_

RN Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# CRITICAL CARE NURSING: ADULT KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS CHECKLIST

First Name	MI	Last Name
SSN	Date	

**Instructions:** Please check the appropriate column that best describes your experience level for each knowledge competency and skill. Choose 1 for Limited Experience through 4 for Very Experienced. Evaluate yourself based on experiences within the last two years.

### Self-Assessed Experience Rating Scale

Limited Experience   1   2   3   4   Very Experienced

	1	2	3	4		1	2	3	4
<b>ASSESSMENT &amp; CARE OF PATIENT W/ OR REQUIRING:</b>					32. Electrocution Injury				
1. Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Repair					33. Encephalitis				
2. Acute MI					34. ERCP				
3. Acute Pneumonia					35. Esophageal Bleeding				
4. Acute Renal Failure					36. Externalized VP Shunt/Reservoir				
5. Adrenal Disorders					37. GI Bleeding				
6. Angioplasty					38. Gun shot/Stab Wound				
7. ARDS					a) Abdomen				
8. Bacterial Endocarditis					b) Chest				
9. Basal Skull Fracture					c) Head				
10. Blunt Trauma					39. Hazardous Material Exposure				
11. Bone Marrow Transplant					40. Head Trauma				
12. Bowel Obstruction					41. Heat Exhaustion/Stroke				
13. Brain Death/Organ Procurement					42. Hepatic Failure				
14. Burns					43. Hepatitis				
a) First degree					44. HIV/AIDS				
b) Second degree					45. Hyperthyroidism				
c) Third degree					46. Hypothermia				
15. Cardiac Arrest					47. Hypothyroidism				
16. Cardiac Catheterization					48. Infective Endocarditis				
17. Cardiac Tamponade					49. Inflammatory Bowel Disease				
18. Cardiac Transplant					50. Ileal Conduit Nephrostomy				
19. Cardiomyopathy					51. Insulin Shock				
20. Cerebral Vascular Accident (CVA)					52. Intracoronary Stent Placement				
21. Chest Trauma					53. Leukemia				
22. Coma					54. Liver Transplant				
23. Congestive Heart Failure (CHF)					55. Lung Transplant				
24. COPD					56. Malignant Tumors				
25. Cor Pulmonale					57. Meningitis				
26. Cranial Aneurysm					58. Multiple Sclerosis				
27. Delirium Tremens					59. Multiple Trauma				
28. Diabetic Ketoacidosis					60. Multi-System Organ Failure				
29. Diabetes Mellitus					61. Myocardial Contusion				
30. Disseminated Intravascular Coagulopathy (DIC)					62. Near Drowning				
31. Drug Overdose					63. Neuromuscular Disease				
					64. Pancreatitis				

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65. Orthopedic Injury					b) Foley				
66. Paralytic Ileus					v. Female				
67. Pericarditis					vi. Male				
68. Penetrating Trauma					c) Straight				
69. Pituitary Disorders					i. Female				
70. Post-Operative Care					ii. Male				
a) Cardiothoracic Surgery					d) Suprapubic				
b) GI Surgery					7. Cardioversion				
c) Neurosurgery					8. Cast Placement (assist) & Care				
d) Ostomy					9. Charge Nurse Routine				
e) Tracheostomy					10. Chemotherapy – Adult Protocols				
f) Vertebral Surgery					11. Chest Physiotherapy				
g) Vascular Surgery					12. Chest tube & drainage system				
71. Pulmonary Edema/Hypertension					a) Care & maintenance				
72. Pulmonary Embolism					b) Insertion (assist)				
73. Radiation Exposure					c) Removal				
74. Renal Rejection Syndrome					d) Set-up				
75. Renal Trauma					13. Continuous AV Hemodialysis (CAVH)				
76. Renal Transplant					14. EKG Interpretation				
77. Seizures					a) 12 Lead				
78. Shock					b) Arrhythmia				
a) Anaphylactic					c) Lead placement:				
b) Cardiogenic					i. 5 electrode placement				
c) Hypovolemic					ii. I, III, V-leads				
d) Neurogenic					iii. Lead II & MCL				
e) Septic					15. Emergency Tracheostomy (assist)				
79. Spinal Cord Injury					16. Extubation				
80. Status Asthmaticus					17. Feedings				
81. Traumatic Amputation					a) Continuous tube feeding				
82. Tension Pneumothorax					b) Gavage, intermittent				
83. Tuberculosis					18. Femoral Artery Sheath Removal				
84. TURP					19. Forensic Evidence Collection (ex. Rape Kit) ( <b>ED Skill</b> )				
85. Thyroid Dysfunction					20. Gastric Lavage, Iced Saline				
86. Urinary Tract Infection					21. Gastric Suction				
87. Additional patient types seen in ED:					22. Glasgow Coma Scale				
a) Bites					23. Halo Traction/Cervical Tongs				
i. Animal					24. Hemodialysis				
ii. Human					25. Hemodynamic Monitoring, Invasive				
iii. Venomous snake					a) Mean Arterial (MAP)				
iv. Venomous spider					b) Central venous (CVP)				
b) Eye Injuries					c) Pulmonary Artery/Capillary Wedge				
c) Precipitous Delivery					d) Radial Arterial				
d) Spontaneous Abortion					e) Specific Measurements				
<b>SKILLS</b>					i. Cardiac index				
1. Admission Process					ii. Cardiac output				
2. AMA Procedure ( <b>ED Skill</b> )					iii. SVO <sub>2</sub>				
3. A-V Fistula Care									
4. Brace/Splint Application									
5. Bronchoscopy (assist)									
6. Catheter insertion & care									
a) Bladder Irrigation									

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	1	2	3	4		1	2	3	4
26. Hemodynamic Monitoring, Non-invasive					34. Isolation Procedures				
a) Auscultation					35. Lumbar Puncture (assist)				
b) Doppler					36. Nerve Stimulators				
c) Electronic					37. Neurological Assessment				
d) Palpation					38. Nursing Assessment Care Planning				
27. Hyperbaric Skills Monitoring					39. Oral Airway Insertion				
28. Interpretation of Lab Results					40. Oxygen Therapy Administration				
a) Blood Gases					a) Bag & mask				
b) Blood Chemistry					b) ET tube				
c) Cardiac enzymes & isoenzymes					c) External CPAP				
d) CBC					d) Face mask				
e) Coagulation studies					e) Nasal cannula				
f) Cultures					f) Trach Collar				
g) Electrolytes					41. Pacemaker				
h) Urine dipstick					a) External				
29. Intestinal Tract Tubes, Placement & Care					b) Permanent				
a) Gastrostomy					c) Temporary				
b) Jejunostomy					d) Transthoracic				
c) Nasogastric					42. Peritoneal Dialysis				
d) Orogastric					a) Automatic cyclor				
e) T-tube					b) Manual				
30. Intra Aortic Balloon Pump					43. Peritoneal Lavage				
31. Intracranial Pressure Monitoring					44. Physical Assessment				
32. Intravenous Infusion Therapy					45. Restraints				
a) Blood & blood products infusion					46. Specimen Collection				
i. Albumin					a) Blood				
ii. Auto transfusion					i. Arterial stick, femoral				
iii. Cryoprecipitate					ii. Arterial stick, radial				
iv. FFP					iii. Central line				
v. Packed RBCs					iv. Venous stick				
vi. Whole blood					b) Cultures				
b) Central line site maintenance					c) Sputum				
i. Broviac					d) Urine				
ii. Groshong					i. Catheter				
iii. Hickman					47. Suctioning				
iv. Peripheral arterial line					a) ET Tube - Closed				
v. PICC					b) ET Tube - Open				
vi. Portacath					c) Nasal-pharyngeal				
vii. Quinton					d) Oral-pharyngeal				
c) Heparin lock					e) Tracheostomy				
d) Nutritional Infusions					48. Suicide Precautions				
viii. Hyperalimentation					49. Temperature				
ix. Intralipids					a) Axillary				
e) Peripheral IV insertion & maintenance					b) Oral				
i. Angiocath					c) Tympanic				
ii. Butterfly					50. Thoracentesis (assist)				
33. Intubation (assist)					51. Ventricular Assist Device (RVAD, LVAD)				
					52. Vital Signs				
					53. Wound/Ostomy Care				

**Self-Assessed Experience Rating Scale**

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	1	2	3	4		1	2	3	4
a) Colostomy site care/bag change					41. Verapamil				
b) Decubitus ulcers					42. Delivery Methods				
c) Ileostomy site care/bag change					a) Continuous IV infusion				
d) Irrigations					b) Eye/ear instillations				
e) Staple insertion (assist)					c) IM injections				
f) Sterile Dressing Changes					d) Insulin pump				
g) Steristrip application					e) IV Push				
h) Surgical wounds with drains					f) Meter dosed inhalers				
i) Suturing (assist)					g) Nebulizer				
<b>MEDICATIONS</b>					h) Rectal infusion/suppository				
1. Adenosine					i) SQ injections				
2. Albuterol (Ventolin)					j) Z track injections				
3. Aminophylline					<b>PAIN MANAGEMENT</b>				
4. Amiodarone (Cardarone)					1. Pain Level Assessment				
5. Amrinone (Inocor)					2. Care of patient w/:				
6. Aquamephyton					a) Epidural analgesia				
7. Atropine					b) IV conscious sedation				
8. Bretylium					c) Patient controlled analgesia (PCA)				
9. Charcoal					d) Narcotic agents				
10. Chemotherapeutic agents					e) Non-narcotic agents				
11. Corticosteroids					<b>EQUIPMENT</b>				
12. Dobutamine					1. BP transducer				
13. Dopamine					2. Cardiac Monitor				
14. Diazepam (Valium)					3. Centrifuge				
15. Digoxin					4. Defibrillator				
16. Diltiazem					5. Glucometer				
17. Epinephrine					6. Hemodialysis Machine				
18. Esmolol					7. Hypo/Hyperthermia mattress				
19. Insulin					8. Infusion Delivery Systems (Specify manufacturer)				
20. Ipecac					a) IV pump:				
21. Isoetharine (Bronkosol)					b) IV pump				
22. Kayexelate					c) IV pump				
23. Lactulose					9. Oxygen Analyzer				
24. Lasix					10. Oxygen Blender				
25. Lidocaine					11. Pulse Oxymeter				
26. Mannitol					12. Specialty beds				
27. Meraproteranol (Alupent)					a) Air fluidized				
28. Metoprolol (Lopressor)					b) Low air loss				
29. Nitroprusside					c) Rotating				
30. Nitroglycerine					13. Stryker Frame				
31. Phenobarbital					14. Ventilator				
32. Phenytoin (Dilantin)					a) CPAP				
33. Procainamide (Pronestyl)					b) High frequency jet				
34. Propranolol (Inderal)					c) Pressure				
35. Sodium Bicarbonate					d) T-Piece				
36. Streptokinase					e) Volume				
37. Terbutaline									
38. TPA									
39. Thyroid Replacement									
40. Vasopressin									

**Age Appropriate Nursing Care**

Please check the appropriate box(es) for each age group and activity for which you have had experience within the last year.

Age Specific Experiences	Adolescent (13-18 yrs)	Young Adult (19-39 yrs)	Middle Adults (40-64 yrs)	Older Adult (65+ yrs)
1. Understands the normal growth and development for each age group and adapts care accordingly				
2. Understands the different communication needs for each age group and changes communication methods and terminology accordingly				
3. Understands the different safety risks for each age group and alters the environment accordingly				
4. Understands the different medications, dosages and possible side effects for each age group and administers medications appropriately				

The information I have provided in this knowledge and skills checklist is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

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Signature

Date