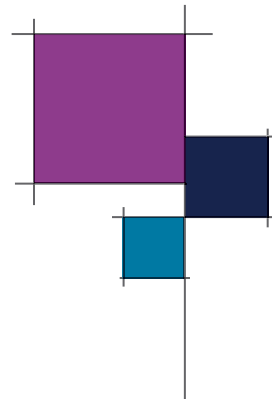


Neuroscience Nursing



Upstate University Hospital's Neuroscience Services represents a comprehensive continuum of services and care for neurology and neurosurgery patients. The Neuroscience nursing units work together to support patient processes and care throughout each level of need. We pride ourselves on the neuroscience nursing specialty, focusing on the unique expertise needed to care for this specialized patient population.

As patients progress through their recovery they are moved from the Neuroscience Intensive Care Unit to the Neuroscience Step-down unit and/or the Neuroscience Medical Surgical Unit. The Gamma Knife® Center also cares for patients in need of specialized care. Daily discharge planning rounds, involving all members of the multidisciplinary team, occur Monday through Friday.

Neuroscience Medical Surgical Unit (9G)

9G is the 19-bed Neuroscience Medical-Surgical Unit. The nurses on this unit care for a wide range of patients who have undergone complex neurosurgical procedures as well as trauma. The unit also cares for a wide range of neurology diagnoses including stroke and

migraine. The Unit also has telemetry monitoring capability for 16 patients.

Neuroscience Step-down (9E)

The Neuroscience Step-down unit is a 7-bed combination step-down, stroke and epilepsy monitoring unit. The nurses are trained in critical care as well as epilepsy monitoring. This unit is the primary support for patients admitted with newly diagnosed stroke in need of emergent TPA administration. All beds have state-of-the-art monitoring capability.

Neuroscience Intensive Care Unit (9F)

The Neuroscience Intensive Care Unit is a state-of-the-art 8-bed neuroscience intensive care unit. 9F is the only Neuro ICU in Syracuse. Nurses in this unit care for critically ill patients who have sustained neurological trauma, injury and/or complex elective procedures. Common patient diagnoses include subarachnoid hemorrhage (SAH), brain tumors, subdural hematoma (SDH), epidural hematoma (EDH), and stroke.

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Central New York Gamma Knife® Center

The neuroscience program at University Hospital is home to one of the latest advances in Neurosurgery, the Leksell Gamma Knife Model C. With unparalleled precision, the Gamma Knife delivers powerful doses of radiation to a variety of lesions in the brain, including some previously considered inoperable. Gamma Knife radiosurgery is now the standard of treatment for many brain tumors, including many previously considered inoperable, AVM's and trigeminal neuralgia. This state-of-the-art technology provides a tremendous dimension in the treatment of neurosurgical patients.

NYS Designated Stroke Center

The Stroke Center focuses on acute therapies for ischemic stroke, including drug treatment and interventional procedures, as well as management of critically ill hemorrhagic stroke patients. Nurses are part of a multidisciplinary approach which focuses on stabilization, secondary stroke prevention and education for patients and families. Together with members of the rehabilitation team, they facilitate the stroke patient's maximal functional independence.

Orientation and Training

All nursing staff in neurosciences are encouraged to pursue additional education and training and many of our staff take advantage of the tuition support programs that University Hospital offers.

All nurses work with a dedicated preceptor and attend regular progress meetings with their manager and preceptor. Our orientation is comprehensive and exposes nurses to the neuroscience continuum of care. All licensed staff attend the Neuroscience nursing program which includes detailed review of brain anatomy and function, neurological

assessment, and review of care of this specialized patient population.

We encourage and financially support pursuit of certification in the neuroscience nursing specialty. As a result, many of the neuroscience nurses have attained certification in Neuroscience Nursing (CNRN).

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