

Service Description - Volunteer

Position Title:	Patient Care Partner		
Location:	Nursing units both campuses		
Reports To:	OVP Staff, Nurse manager/Charge Nurse/Unit Secretary		
Schedule:	8am-4pm; typically 4 hour shifts		
Physical Demands:	See Attached		
Uniform:	Badge, choice of official OVP issued uniforms		
Purpose:			

To provide support to the patients and staff on the unit and at the bedside to impact the patient experience Qualifications:

- · Understanding of and ability to maintain patient confidentiality
- · Committed to the Mission of Upstate University Hospital
- Sensitivity and respect for the diversity of the people we serve
- · Abide by all infection control standards
- · Conduct oneself in a mature and responsible manner
- · Positive and approachable attitude
- · Good communications skills
- · Able to communicate clearly in English; bilingual skills are helpful
- · Understanding and ability to use good customer service skills
- · Understand scope and limitations of the volunteer role assigned
- · Adhere to the Volunteer Code of Conduct
- · Adhere to the Volunteer Dress Code expectations
- Desire to support the Patient Experience and support enhancing patient satisfaction within the scope of your role
- · Honor the commitment you have made to your role

Role Specific Qualifications:

· Comfortable in a clinical setting

Training:

- · Completion of New Volunteer Orientation through OVP
- · Maintaining compliance with annual and any additional, mandatory trainings
- · Completion of Department specific orientation
- · Shadow OVP staff or other seasoned volunteer
- · Vocera Training

Duties:

Specific duties will vary from unit to unit, but may include:

- Promote patient satisfaction by rounding on patients:
 - o Addressing the 5 P's- Potty, possession, PO, Pain and position
 - Comfort rounding providing blankets, magazine, water, pillows, ice packs when appropriate (alert nurse for other needs – meds, bathroom, etc.)
- · Provide companionship as needed; conversing with patients/families
- · Hand out Patient Education Folders
- · Stock patient rooms/isolation carts- i.e. gloves, cavi wipes, gowns-
- · Escort visitors to cafeteria, gift shop, or other areas of the hospital as needed; using a wheelchair when necessary
- · Deliver paperwork, charts and specimens as requested
- Straighten waiting areas

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Be available for other duties as requested

Restrictions:

- · Volunteers are never to enter rooms or transport patients on Isolation Precautions
- · Cannot provide hands-on care of patients, perform any duties which will result in contact with bodily fluids or handle soiled linens/soiled items
- · Cannot assist in cleaning dirty rooms or stretchers
- · Cannot transport a stretcher alone
- · Cannot feed patients
- · Cannot help patients in/out of bed, recliner or wheelchair

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Volunteer Signature	Date	OVP Staff Signature	Date

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