Internal Marketing of the CNS Role: Showing Your Impact

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Objectives

- Discuss internal marketing strategies for the CNS role
- Apply cost analysis tools and CNS competencies to demonstrate CNS impact
- Formulate a CNS impact marketing plan to demonstrate value and impact



R for Today







Life after a Crisis



Life is about how much you can take and keep fighting, how much you can suffer and keep moving forward.~ Anderson Silva

Don't dwell on what went wrong. Instead, focus on what to do next. Spend your energies on moving forward toward finding the answer. ~Denis Waitley

If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself. ~Henry Ford

One day? Or day one. You decide.



Situation

- CNSs are invisible champions
- Sometimes the role is not well understood
- Lack of Administrative understanding of the role & impact or outcomes
- CNS contributions missed or overlooked
- Lack of standardized job descriptions
- Lack of CNS job performance standards



Background

- The Clinical Nurse Specialist is uniquely qualified
- Lead evidence-informed process improvement initiatives
- Ensure quality cost-effective patient outcomes
- Support nursing practice
- Optimize system processes

↑Quality ↑ Safety ↑ Revenue

CNSs are challenged with demonstrating their value and impact.



Describing CNS Work

- Articulation work
 - Intersections between people, technology & organizations
 - Largely invisible
- Situating Work (CNS Work)
 - Beginning with end in mind
 - Garnering resources
 - Aligning evidence / data
 - Tailoring strategies
 - Managing teams
 - Developing skills in staff
 - Energizing forward movement
 - Monitoring progress
 - Meeting the challenges of resistance





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Description of work processes used by clinical nurse specialists to improve patient outcomes

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Work Processes for Achieving Project Outcomes



We need to "unveil the mystery and shine the light on CNS contributions to patient care, quality and safety initiatives, systems thinking, nursing practice and population health management."

Bruwer & Little, 2020





Role Considerations: Creating Consistency

- Job Description: Considering evaluating various roles in nursing to prevent confusion and dilution of the CNS role
- CNS standard work developed from CNS Competencies
- CNS orientation:
 - Novice/experience CNS need consistent orientation to ensure that all in the role have the same knowledge base from an agreed upon set of role expectations (Urden LD. CNS journal, 2011: Jan-Feb:18-27)
- CNS evaluation:
 - Structure beyond general organization expectation & based on 3 sphere of impact competencies
 - Consider structuring your narrative or designing to match your outcome structure

Significant variation creates confusion





CLASSIFICATION COMPARISON

| Classification | Clinical Nurse | Clinical Nurse | Clinical Care | CN IV | Nurse Practitioner | Manager, | Supervisor, | CN III | Educational Nurse | Education |
|--|--|---|--|--|--|---|--|---|--|---|
| Description | Specialist | Consultant | Coordinator | | | Clinical Nursing | Clinical Nursing | | Specialist | Coordinator |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| Basic Function & Responsibility | ~ Provide expert & complex clinical nursing and health care to specialized group of patients ~ Function as hospital wide & community consultant. ~ Develops & monitors implementation of new nursing practices. ~ Exercises clinical nursing leadership through practice, staff development & research | ~To serve as a nursing consultant to a clinical area, the hospital or health care community. ~ To provide clinical nursing leadership in administrative, educational & research activities | ~ Provide expert nursing care in multiple units to a specified patient population, ~ To design and coordinate nursing care programs for multiple units to a specified patient population Provide instruction and consultation to members of the health care team | ~To provide expert direct primary or specialty health care to patients ~To provide health education information to patients and to provide educational experiences for health care professionals | ~To provide direct primary or specialty health care to patients in acute inpatient &/or outpatient settings ~To provide health education to patients and to provide educational experiences for health care professionals | ~To plan and manage the nursing service operations of several clinics or units ~To coordinate patient care programs between clinics and units and other Medical Center services Implement standards of patient care | ~To plan & manage nursing service operations of a patient care unit in a multi-unit structure ~To participate in the implementation of patient care and quality assurance standards To plan, organize and evaluate specified clinical practice and education activities | ~To provide expert nursing care to a specific population through the design and development of unit based programs ~To assess and meet the educational needs of a specific patient population ~To provide and demonstration of the clinical nursing role through direct patient care and consultation to nursing and other health care team staff | ~To plan and implement nursing educational programs for orientation, in- service education and staff development ~To assess educational needs of nursing staff Advise nursing management on educational goals & objectives. | ~To design and implement unit, clinical area or hospital orientation and in-service education programs. ~To assess and meet the orientation and in-service needs of nursing staff To assist in the design and implementation of staff development programs |
| Productive & non Productive time | 100% non- productive time | | 100% non- productive time | 100% non- productive time | 100% non- productive time | 100% non- productive time | Productive time varies between 20% - 50% | Non-productive time/discretion of the Manager | 100% non-productive time | 20% non-productive 80% productive |
| Educational Level | ~ Masters in Nursing ~ 3 or more years as RN with one or more years in clinical specialty | ~ Masters in Nursing ~ 5 or more years as RN, 2 post graduate | BSN & 3 or more years as RN | ~ BSN or equivalent combination of education & experience (How is that measured or determined) ~ 3 to 4 years of experience in the clinical specialty is necessary | ~ A Masters degree in clinical nursing or equivalent combination of education and experience is necessary (How is that measured or determined) Graduation from a ~ Nurse practitioner continuing education program is necessary ~ Certification by the appropriate credentialing | ~ BSN or equivalent combination of education and experience is necessary (How is that measured or determined) ~ Reasonable progressively responsible nursing experience is necessary. (How is that measured or determined) ~ Some knowledge of management principles and practice is necessary (How is that | ~ BSN or equivalent combination of education and experience is necessary (How is that measured or determined ~ Reasonable progressively responsible nursing experience is necessary. (How is that measured or determined) ~ Some previous supervisory experience is necessary | ~ BSN or equivalent combination of education & experience (How is that measured or determined) 2 or more years of experience in nursing | ~ master's degree in nursing, education or a related field if necessary ~ 2 or more years of nursing experience as an RN is necessary. ~ 2 or more years in educational programming is necessary | ~ BSN or equivalent combination of education & experience (How is that measured or determined) ~ 2 or more years in nursing experience is necessary |

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Polling Question

- Have you created standard CNS work in your organization ?
 - A. Yes
 - B. No
 - C. Somewhat
 - D. I don't know





Standard Work

- Standard Work: Current best practices for performing a process
- How to:
 - Engage CNSs and stakeholders in the development process.
 - Encourage team members to collaborate and identify the current best practice (if one does not currently exist)
 - Be realistic for current state of the process
 - Standard work should support organizational goals
 - Guide through the creation and provide final feedback / approval

How can we make standard work of the CNS more actionable



Examples of Standard CNS Work

- CNS standard work is developed from CNS competencies
 - Assist staff with complex patient management
 - Process improvement in partnership with nursing staff and or Interprofessional team (i.e., Nurse Sensitive Indicators, sepsis program, workplace violence)
 - Recommendation/implementation of evidence-based processes & products/practices
 - Certain types of education
 - Journal club
 - Clinical rounding
 - CNS function in orientation process

Polling question

- Did you have a structured onboarding to your position?
 - A. Yes
 - B. No



Orientation Structure

- Lack of defined transition pathway can contribute to role confusion and anxiety for the novice CNS
- Mentorship from experienced CNSs facilitates transition
- Transition to practice must be:
 - Deliberate
 - Focused on Advanced Practice CNS competencies
 - Self-assessment
 - Separate from staff nurse orientation
 - Foster ability to articulate impact on outcomes
 - Patient Nurse System

Consistent Operationalization of Role

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|----------------------------|--|--|--|
| EMPLOYEE ID NUMBER: | 903636503 | | |
| UNIT/DEPARTMENT: | CENTER FOR NURSING EXCELLENCE | | |
| HIRE DATE: | 6/17/2019 | | |
| SUPERVISOR: | LEE GALUSKA | | |
| PROGRAM: | GERIATRIC PSYCHIATRY | | |
| PRECEPTOR(S): | серток(s): Diane Oran, Patty Sheehan, Erika Lozano | | |

Pros:

- a) Thorough
- b) Face time with key stakeholders
- c) Individualized to practice setting/population
- d) Regularly reviewed
 with mentor and
 director during
 onboarding

<u>Cons:</u>

a) Lengthy
b) None of the individuals on the list help a CNS show their value (i.e. quality team, business development, data, strategic planning)

| | INITIAL ENCOUNTER – DAYS 1 – 3 | Employee Initials | Reviewer/ Preceptor Initials | Comments |
|----|---|----------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. | Initial Meeting with Executive Director, Center for Nursing Excellence: Date: June 25, 2019, 11:30-12:30 □ Review of the following: ✓ Orientation Checklist ✓ Job Description/Job Specific Orientation Signed ✓ Work Week Schedule ✓ Timesheet/ Payroll Calendar ✓ Dress Code – Business/Business Casual; scrubs ✓ Set goals and expectations ✓ Talent Plus Feedback Card ✓ Performance Expectation/Evaluation Process Review ✓ ✓ Reviews 30-day, 60-day, 90-day, and monthly thereafter for first 12 months ✓ Next evaluation date: December, 2019 | LA | LG | |
| | Complete the following: Competency Assessment HR Regulatory Requirements Report | LA | LG | |
| 2. | Meet with Assistant to the Executive Director Karyn Greenstone: Date: June 25, 2019, 10:30-11:30 Obtain from new CNS: ✓ Cell phone number ✓ Emergency Contact Info (Everbridge) | LA | LG | Completed 6/25/2019 |
| | Review with new CNS: Office location/hoteling space Desk, chair, phone, computer, office supplies Mednet navigation | LA | LG | Completed 6/25/2019 |
| | Assist CNS to obtain: Parking/parking pass Keys for office/building Access to W:// drive, Box, Prox (employee card) Tableau access Duo Scanner and printer access | LA | LG | Completed 6/25/2019 |

Polling Question

- Does your current yearly performance appraisal capture what you do as CNS?
 - A. Yes
 - B. No





CNS Evaluation



- 3 spheres/structure
- Evaluates Advanced Practice – CNS competencies
 - Skill Knowledge -Ability

Behavi

Sphere

- Incorporate into yearly organizational performance
- Current work of CNS captured in free text
- Peer appraisal
- Staff evaluation

Clinical Nurse Specialist Performance Evaluation Rating Descriptions

The following rating descriptions are examples of the behaviors employees would be demonstrating at each of the four levels of performance. These examples should assist the supervisor and employee during the performance evaluation discussion in identifying the current level of performance. In addition, this should assist is describing what additional behaviors the employee would need to demonstrate to achieve a higher rating.

| vior/Standard re of Influence | Not Met | Approaching | Solid Performance | Exemplary |
|----------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| t Care | This category is used when employees have consistently not met their job expectation over the course of the last fiscal year. It would be expected that they would have been counseled on the issues that have lead to this rating. | This category may be used for two purposes. One to indicate performance issues that need attention, the other is to indicate performance for a new hire or someone with a new job role who has not been in the position long enough to fully evaluate performance. | Fully capable, effective and provides value for the organization & serves as a role model. The CNS must meet these criteria to be considered for solid performance. | Meets and often exceeds Solid Performance criteria while actively mentoring, performing innovative work and is considered the "go to" person, plus: |
| | Programs/policies/procedures are not reviewed or developed. | Requires assistance in reviewing/developing programs/policies/procedures for specific patient population using evidence-based literature. | Programs/policies/procedures are reviewed and developed for specific patient population using evidence-based literature. | Develops innovative institutional programs/policies/procedures using evidence-based literature. |
| | Does not provide unit with resources upon request (AEB: customer survey) | Inconsistently provides unit with resources upon request. (AEB: Customer survey) | Serves as a clinical expert by providing resources upon request (Example: policy/standard, literature, demonstration, intervention) As Evidenced By (AEB) customer survey. | Proactively provides and develops unit resources |
| | Does not respond to requests for consults from other disciplines regarding specific patient population. | Inconsistently consults other disciplines regarding specific patient population. | Consults other disciplines regarding specific patient population AEB: customer survey, committee participation on unit/organizational. | Identifies new patient care needs and opportunities for collaboration. |

Visibility / Credibility Strategies: Unit Level

- Purposeful rounding
- Attend huddles
- Mentor staff in projects (clinical ladder)
- Be part unit share governance (EBP)
- Local journal club
- Take on a problem no one wants
- See and be seen
- Letter to new professional about your role (pamphlet)
- CNS assessment by staff



Visibility / Credibility Strategies: Organizational Level

- Ask or volunteer for high profile improvement initiatives: CAUTI lead, Sepsis lead, readmission Lead
 - Use CNS meeting to strategize positioning CNS's of leads
 - Ensure CNS on all the major programs to help with evidence base translation and implementation(speak up at meetings)
- Build relationships with operational leaders outside of your direct boss
- Quarterly or annual report
- Being a part of leadership forums
- Take on a problem no one wants
- See and be seen (emails, meetings, etc...)
- Social media CNS contributions (Facebook, IG, Linkedin in, Twitter etc)

Measuring & Demonstrating Impact Makes CNS's Visible



Elements of the Value Equation for CNS's

- Quality: Is defined as the reduction in variation of care delivery and implementation of evidence-based practices
- **Safety** is defined as the prevention of harm and suffering
- Service is defined as the active patient, family and stakeholder partnership and engagement integrated as the overall human experience
- **Cost of resources** is the calculation of expense needed to deliver the CNS based precision care

CNS Value = <u>Quality + Safety + Service</u> Cost or Resources

Formulate a CNS Impact Summary

- Build off of CNS Work / Action Plan
- Components to include in the design of impact summary
- Report out
 - To
 - Direct report
 - Senior Leadership
 - How often?
 - Quarterly
 - Yearly

- Impactful verbs / words to use
 - Achieved / Accomplished
 - Established / Implemented / Developed
 - Created / Designed / Redesigned
 - Streamlined / Simplified
 - Integrated
 - Initiated
 - Facilitated / Lead / Chair
 - Collaborated
 - Edited / Revised / Reconciled
 - Published
 - Audited / evaluated



Development of CNS Work / Action Plan

- Touch base with direct report
 - Collaborate
 - Develop engagement & support
 - Access to needed resources
- Utilize <u>Standard work</u> in development of Work plan
- Review work plan on regular basis = Communicate
 - 1:1 meetings





Example of Weak vs. Strong Metric

| Value Equation Components | Weak Metric | Smart Metric |
|------------------------------|---|--|
| Quality | Implementation of the A-F bundle will reduce time on the ventilator | CNS led implementation of the A-F bundle will result in a 35% reduction on time on the ventilator within 1 year with % cost savings |
| Safety | Reduction in central line association blood stream infections | The hospital will see a 50% decrease in CLABSI with CNS as lead with 1 year with % cost savings |
| Service | Patient and family education tool will improve satisfaction | Unit based CNS through design & implementation of a patient and family education tool will see a 30% increase in patient satisfaction scores within 6 month |
| Cost | Reduced hospital costs by decreasing CAUTI | CNS led CAUTI reduction initiative will see a 50% reduction in CAUTI saving \$50,000. |

Decide on a Metric Structure

- What components do you want to include?
- Is there CNS standard work that you can develop a metric template?
 - Organizational strategic plan
 - Pillars: people, quality, service, operations, strategy/finance (UCLA)
 - Magnet domains
 - Components of the CNS role
 - Roles or spheres or both



Consider a Structure for All Measurable CNS Activity

- Obtain baseline data using your defined metrics
- Identify current practice and processes (gap analysis)
- Review literature
- Implement practice change
- Track compliance to process change
- Obtain outcome data
- Perform clinical and financial cost benefit analysis
- Present or send report to all appropriate levels in the organization





Consider Process & Outcome Measurable Goals

• Process measures

- leading indicators
 - Delirium screening in the ICU
 - Use of the delirium order set
 - Oral care in the ICU on non-vented patients
 - CAUTI bundle compliance

- Outcome measures
 - lagging indicators
 - Reduction in incidence of delirium / length of stay
 - Mortality reduction
 - VAP & HAP rates



Measuring Process & Outcomes By Sphere

| Patient | Nursing | Organization |
|---|--|---|
| NSQIP- American College of Surgeon * VAP, CAUTI, CLABSI, Post-op pneumonia | Mentoring Nurses in Research Studies # of research studies conducted on the unit # of staff nurses as Principle Investigators | Lead / participate in system / council initiatives Sepsis/mortality reduction Delirium A-F Bundle Order sets Policy & Procedures |
| NDNQI * HAPI, CAUTI, CLABSI, Falls, Restraints | Implementing EBP Delirium screening daily Nurse interventions to prevent delirium | Professional Organizations Officers position, task force, participations Invited or accepted presentations / publications |
| Delirium screening/reduction | Nursing Professional Development # of posters / presentations # of articles # nurses advance education | NDNQI * HAPI, CAUTI, CLABSI, Falls, Restraints |



Possible Components To Include

| | Category | Example | Process Measures | Outcome Measures | \$ savings or avoidance |
|-----|----------|---------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| | | | | | |
| Exa | mple 1 | | | | |

| | Sphere of Impact | Metric | Process | Method & Frequency | Goal | Clinical Outcomes | Financial Outcomes |
|------|---------------------|--------|---------|-----------------------|------|-------------------|--------------------|
| | | | | | | | |
| Exan | nple 2 | | | | | | |

| Pillar | Sphere of Impact | Metric | Process | Method & Frequency | Goal | Clinical Outcomes | Financial Outcomes |
|----------|---------------------|--------|---------|-----------------------|------|----------------------|--------------------|
| xample 3 | | | | | | | |



CNS's Demonstration of Financial Impact

The How





Tools available to Demonstrate Value



Cost Analysis Toolkit

A Business Guide for the Clinical Nurse Specialist

Today's health care landscape is ever-changing. Initiatives to improve patient care and safety must take cost savings into account. Through their direct work with patients and families, nurses at the bedside and hospital and health system leaders, chincial nurse specialists are uniquely prepared to assess, analyze and improve the business of health care while continuing to put the patient first. The CNSs ability to translate value impact in the clinical setting is crucial.

| Cost Analysis <u>Total Cost of Program</u> = Cost Per Participant Number of Participants | Benefit-Cost Ratio <u>Net Benefits</u> = Benefit-Cost Ratio Total Cost |
|--|---|
| CostAnalysis Return on In Formulas | |
| Benefit-Cost Ratio (<1 =negative impact; >1 = positive impact) | Return on Investment <u>Total Benefit -Total Cost</u> X 100 =% ROI Total Cost |

Getting the Data

| From Where | Who Can Help | What to ask / look for |
|--|---|---|
| Internal Data Sources Facility Dashboards / Scorecards Financial reports External Data Sources National data sources (NDNQI, Vizient, etc) Literature | Business / Finance Operations Engineer Quality CMO COO Pharmacist Administrative Support Technical Support Clinical Documentation Experts Supply Chain Project manager (lean process experts) | Cost of hospital day Length of stay HAC's NSO Readmission data ICD -10 codes Cost of supplies |



Data & Sources

| Focus of Practice | Examples of Types of Assessments/Data | Examples of Sources of Evidence |
|------------------------------|---|---|
| Performance of the Sub-roles | Job expectations as; expert clinician, educator, consultant and use of evidence based practice | Time-on monthly reports/logs/summaries Peer review Staff review CNS year end report Education material & evaluations Presentations/publications |
| Direct Care Sphere | Mortality & morbidity data, symptom experience, functional status, mental status, stress level, patient satisfaction, avoidance of complications, quality of life, quality monitoring benchmarks | Case conference summaries, complaints, grievances, functional scores, quality data |
| Nursing Personnel sphere | Recruitment and retention, job satisfaction, improvements in nurse competency, decrease cost of products and other resources used in patient care | Recruitment and retention data, job satisfaction data, percent competency documented, percent completed orientation records, chart audits for compliance with practice standards, budget |
| System Sphere | Length of stay, readmission, post discharge services use, achievement of benchmarks, patient satisfaction, workforce or patient care redesign | Hospital databases, disease registry data, length of stay, readmission data, laboratory, chart audits, nurse sensitive quality indicator reports, national quality benchmarks, patient satisfaction data |
| Economic Impact | Revenue generation, cost benefit analysis, cost effectiveness analysis | Fiscal databases reflecting cost savings, cost avoidance and revenue generation using relevant clinical indicators from the three spheres, CNS generated calculations of cost savings or avoidance |

Davison J et al. Assessing Outcomes in Clinical Nurse Specialist Practice. Chapter 8 access https://nursekey.com/assessing-outcomes-in-clinical-nurse-specialist-practice
CNS Impact Example: CNS Moments

- How to demonstrate value / impact of rounds / interacting with staff addressing clinical questions and issues
 - Where does this fall into standard work?
 - How do you determine clinical outcome?
 - How do you determine financial outcome?

| Pillars (Categorization) | Standard Work | Clinical Outcomes | Financial Outcomes |
|-----------------------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Quality | | | |
| Safety | | | |
| Employee experience | | | |

CNS Impact Example: CNS Mini Consults

| Category | Standard Work | Clinical Outcomes | Financial Outcomes |
|----------------|--|---|---|
| Patient Sphere | Review patient chart for psych transfer Visited with patient | Ensure safe transition of medical psych patient to psych unit | Prevent delayed discharge impacts LOS. |
| | Performed COVID swabs on difficult patients | Prevent delay in ECT tx or discharge to residential Early catch PUI | Track LOS as a metric Cost of Hospital day / time saved = cost savings |
| | Support RN in complex medical discharge | | |
| | Consultant for complex wound care | Prevent wound infection | |
| Nurse Sphere | Code Blue Debriefing Facilitate Mock Codes | RN skill building Prevent code blue | Cost avoidance due to cost of nurse turnover |
| | In-time education, review of standards of practice and support nursing practice Foley catheter placement NG placement Drain site care | Zero CAUTI NG tube – allows advancement in treatment plan | Cost benefit Cost savings Cost avoidance |
| Organization | Weekly CNS/OT fall prevention group | Reduction in fall last Q4 of 2020 | Cost benefit / cost avoidance |
| | Developed patient brochure | Patient satisfaction in transition | Revenue |

CNS Impact Example: PICC Line Assessments



| Sphere of Impact | Metric | Process Change | Method & Frequency | Goal | Clinical Outcomes | Financial Outcomes |
|----------------------------|--|--|--|---|---|---|
| Patient/ Direct care | Patients with PICC lines will be assessed daily for s/s of infection. | CNS round with bedside RN and review PICC line flushing and EBP dressing changer per policy. Also review how to trouble shoot clogged PICC line. | Daily rounds and dressing change weekly and PRN | 0% CLABSI rate Increased knowledge, skills and competency among psych/ment al health RN in PICC line dressing change | 81 PICC line day – 0% CLABSI rate 10 RNs signed off on competen cy | Average CLABSI cost \$15,000-\$20,000 Cost of CNS time (pay) x stopped # CLABSI vs cost of CLABSI = Cost benefit Goal – is cost neutral (minimally) |

CNS Impact Example: Supply Chain Consultant



| Pillars (Categorization) | Standard Work | Process / Clinical Outcomes | Financial Outcomes |
|-----------------------------|--|---|---|
| Quality | Led trials of female external catheters Developed implementation plan & education for bringing in new product – female external catheter | Foley days Baseline: 15.3% at start of trials 8.6% after implementation of new product | Cost Analysis: Compare cost of external catheters & supplies vs indwelling catheter supplies Cost Avoidance: Reduction of Foley Days / Reduction of CAUTI Cost Benefit |
| Safety | Review products coming in to replace backorders Develop & provide needed education | New safety needles – no reports of needle stick injury | Cost avoidance |
| | Led Zoll to Lifepak conversion & education rollout with Code Cart Updates | No safety events | |
| Finance | Collaborated with Supply Chain reviewing IV tubing, and pieces / parts for the conversion from split septum to leur lock. Evaluated current products in use and streamlined processes | Elimination of duplicate products Standardized products across units eliminated supply confusion | IV tubing conversion completed with no increase in supply cost Cost Savings of \$15.52 per month or \$186.24 for year |

CNS Impact Example: COVID Pandemic

| Pillars (Categorization) | Standard Work | Process / Clinical Outcomes | Financial Outcomes |
|-----------------------------|--|--|--|
| Quality | Facilitated Vent Education Classes, Proning Classes, SDU classes Facilitated education for upskilling staff to support potential expansion of ICU and SDU In-time review/ auditing to ensure standards of care met | No adverse events | Cost = # classes x Time Benefit = Ability to adjust work capacity to demand. Work to top of license |
| Employee engagement | Extensive Rounding and in-time education r/t PPE Grids, COVID, Patient care management, visitor policy, Staff support / wellbeing | Employee safety – No mass outbreaks Employee rate vs community rate Staff felt supported / | Cost Avoidance: Prevention of a surge in call offs, No significant OT pay and / or block pay No significant increase in turnover |
| Safety | Participated in Surge Planning & development of alternative triage process Facilitated Surge Drills at Free Standing ED | prepared | |

CNS Impact Example: Delirium Assessment



| Sphere of Impact & Pillar | Metric | Process Change | Method & Frequency | Goal | Clinical Outcomes | Financial Outcomes |
|---|---|---|--|---|---|--|
| Patient/ Direct care Pillar: Safety | Each patient on the geriatric unit will be assessed daily for delirium. (assuming delirium recognition results in lower delirium rates)* | Introduce concept a unit governance Obtain by in Decide on tool use Develop documentation process Develop education and evaluation plan | Audits will occur weekly, then monthly to determine % screened | 100% screening 10% reduction in delirium 10% reduction in LOS | Achieved 80% screening Achieve 5% reduction in delirium | Education and IT work part of regular services. Need number of patients with delirium pre and post. Take actual number difference & multiply by 16,206.00 per patient for cost savings** |

CNS Impact Example: Pressure Injury Reduction (From the 90's)



| Pillars (Categorization) | Standard Work | Process change | Clinical Outcomes | Financial Outcomes |
|-----------------------------|--|---|--|---|
| Quality | Pressure injury reduction through practice and product change | Product evaluation & adoption of static air overlay Product evaluation & adoption of incontinence cleansing and barrier protection Standardized risk assessment Education on prevention and treatment | Decrease in incidence rate < 5% Reduction in low air loss therapy bed days (46) 7-member skin committee for education & quality outcome measurement Sense of pride & valuing of skin care Initial cost savings | Pressure injury rate (5 injuries per month) Tx cost: \$1300 per ulcer Prevention costs; \$11,666 for static overlay and barrier product for MICU Cost avoidance: \$66,334 per year |

CNS Impact Example: CLABSI Prevention (From the 90's)



Cost Avoidance

Example: CNS Impact Summary

| Pillars (Categorization) | Standard Work | Clinical Outcomes | Financial Outcomes |
|-----------------------------|---|--|--|
| Quality | Led C-diff PI Project committee Developed Prevention Bundle w/ role delineation Developed & Provided education | C-diff rate: 2015 = 7.18 2016 = 4.30 | Cost of c.diff case X difference = cost avoidance |
| | Led Blood Utilization PI Project Audited charts for compliance / meeting clinical criteria Provided follow up education | # of RBC transfused not meeting clinical criteria 2018 = 97 2019= 33 | Cost of blood product X difference in # transfused = cost avoidance |
| | CNS Rounds in ICU, review & auditing of compliance to A-F Bundle, provided in-time education, facilitated adherence to protocol | Vent days Qtr 1 "18 = 2.36 Qtr 4 '19 = 1.9 SAT/SBT documentation compliance Qtr 1 '18 = 62% Qtr 4 '18 = 84% | ICU day cost x difference in vent days = cost avoidance |
| Patient engagement | Revised COPD patient education booklet Collaborated with pulmonary rehab patients in regards to content to meet their needs | Completed revision of COPD patient education booklet - | Patient Satisfaction Scores = Cost Benefit |
| | Co-Taught ED Patient Experience classes | All ED Staff completed training | |
| Employee engagement | Mentored staff led PI project investigation of hemolysis | Determined no significant difference in hemolysis in specimens drawn by EMS vs ED staff | |
| Safety | Led MTP drills in ED, OB, & OR | Achieved Anthem star rating points | Achievement of financial incentive |

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CNS Impact Marketing Plan



Demonstrating Impact





Example of Annual Report



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Clinical Nurse Specialist Team

Selected Empirical Outcomes

Selected Accomplishments

Research & Evidence-based Practice

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- To improve the health of patients by:
- Providing advanced nursing specialty consultation
- Working with interprofessional teams to optimize evidence-based care, patient safety, and efficiency in healthcare delivery
- Applying advanced systems thinking to impact care and enhance the health and well-being of specialty populations served

| UVA Health | Sp | | Nurse st Tea | m | | |
|--|-------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| Academic Preparation MSN DNP 8 5 14% Team Growth | | | | | | |
| CNS | Population | Subspecialty | Setting | Affiliated Service Line | | |
| Cheri Blevins, DNP, APRN,CCNS,CCRN | Critical Care, Adult | Medicine | Progressive & Critical | Medical | | |
| Scott Darrah, MSN, APRN,ACCNS-AG | Adult- Gerontology | Medicine | Acute & Progressive | Medical | | |
| Kim Elgin, DNP, APRN, ACNS- BC, PCCN, CMSRN (Lead) | Adult Health, Acute | Med/Surg | Acute & Progressive | Surgical | | |
| Amy Johnston, MSN, APRN, AGCNS-BC | Adult- Gerontology | Neuroscience | Acute & Progressive | Neuroscience & Behavioral Health | | |
| Kristi Kimpel-Wilkins, MSN, APRN, CCNS, CCRN | Critical Care, Adult | Surg/Trauma | Progressive & Critical | Surgical | | |
| Dea Mahanes, DNP, APRN, CCNS, FNCS | Critical Care, Adult | Neuroscience | Progressive & Critical | Neuroscience & Behavioral Health | | |
| Paul Merrel, MSN, APRN, CCNS | Critical Care, Adult | Medicine | Progressive & Critical | Medical | | |
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| Amanda Simmons, MSN, APRN, ACCNS-BC, CCRN- CSC | Critical Care, Adult | Thoracic Cardio- Vascular | Progressive & Critical | Heart & Vascular | | |
| Karen Sumner, MSN, APRN, AGCNS-BC, AGACNP-BC | Adult- Gerontology | Renal | Ambulatory-Critical | Renal | | |
| Tanya Thomas, DNP, APRN, AGCNS-BC, OCN | Adult- Gerontology | Oncology | Ambulatory- Progressive | Oncology | | |



Example: **CNS Brochure**

CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST-Critical Care

Jen Leonard, RN, MS, CNS, CEN

5 JULY 2010

Who am I?

So, here is a little blurb about your new CNS.

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CRITICAL CARE-CHS TORRANCE MEMORIAL **NEDICAL CENTER**

Have 2 Puggles (pug/ beagle) named I.V. &

the "fist pump" and

my all-time favorite,

Used to be a Toll

Collector on the NJ Turnpike

Active Officer in the

Force Reserve, serv-

ing on a Critical Care

Air Transport Team

(CCATT), which is a

mobile ICU in the sky

CONTACT

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INFO:

x2454

Location:

Across from

Room 255 in BICU

COME VISIT

SOMETIME!! If you see me around the

units, come

say HI!

United States Air

BON JOVI!

 SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

> Foley :) Born and raised in New Jersey, home of

> > I started off in a BSN program back East in Boston. Things didn't quite work out for me in that super expensive city (as a poor student), so I decided a change was in the wind.

> > > That wind blew me all the way out to Los Angeles, where I ended up at Los Angeles Harbor College as a "transfer" nursing student in their ADN program. I worked at TMMC in the

ED on nights while going to school for my BSN at CSUDH-which I highly recommend-it's great for the working nurse!

I then moved up to Northern California where I attended University of California-San Fran for my Masters Degree with a focus

on Critical Care/Trauma, doing my residency at San Francisco General. I have a passion for Trauma, so SFGH was a perfect fit for me!

My Work History: UCLA-Westwood, Liver Transplant ICU

Cedars-Sinai, ED ICU

Harbor-UCLA, Pediatric ED

California Hospital, ED Long Beach Memorial, ED Daniel Freeman, ED Thomas Jefferson University, ED/

St Christopher's Hospital For Children, ED UCSF, ED/ICU

Santa Rosa Memorial, ED/ICU

University of New Mexico, ER David Grant Medical Center, ICU

What do I do?

I like to describe the CNS as "the nurse's nurse." CNSs are clinically focused on safety of patients and development of staff members.

With specialized training in research, collaboration, education and teaching methodologies, as well as over 500 additional hours of advanced clinical training, the CNS can be your "go to" person for any questions you may have

about patient care, a procedure or policy, best practices, etc. manner. I am here to build on our new

graduate program and ensure that those new nurses get a great experience and that you work with the best team possible. I want to give you the resources you need to provide the best care. I also want to encourage you to bring up your questions, concerns, ideas for change to me

We can work together to effect change in a positive, professional

I encourage you to participate in unit councils, attend staff meetings, get involved with unit projects, and QUESTION things you are not familiar with or just want to know why we are doing things the way we are doing them. Quite often there is a better, safer way. Patient safety is #1.





Example: CNS Brochure

What is a CNS? (Clinical Nurse Specialist)

- An APN (Advanced Practice Nurse) who is Master's prepared in a specialty area
- Assists the nursing staff in developing expertise in patient care
- Consults with staff regarding patient care
- Establishes interdisciplinary relationships with physicians and other clinical staff
- Provides education opportunities
- Collaborates with the unit director & manager to form a strong nursing leadership team
- Networks with colleagues across the institution and the community to assist in bringing best practices to the bedside

When Do I Call a CNS?

When you have questions related to Education, Practice, Research, or any Clinical issue. The CNS influence encompasses:

Practice

- Equipment related to specialty (chest tubes, restraints, etc.)
- Quality improvement issuesProfessional Development
- through mentoring and coaching
 Serves as an evidence-based practice expert

Education

- Medications
- Diagnoses
- Competencies
- Core Measures

Consultation

- Participates in interdisciplinary rounds for complex patients
- Addresses questions regarding the management of complex patients

Research

- Benchmark data
- Standards of care
- Evidence-based practiceClinical questions

A Clinical Nurse Specialist is

Organization/

Network

Nursing

Practice

Patient

Client

TMMC CNS Mission Statement

To optimize pa-

tient outcomes

and promote ev-

idence- based

practice through

collaboration,

leadership,

clinical expertise

and research.

CNS Spheres of Influence:

• Patients/Clients

- Addresses the multifaceted needs of patients
- Shares knowledge of adult learning theory and clinical expertise related to patient condition/disease, to assist in collaboratively developing educational materials that increase patient and family knowledge
- Nurses and Nursing Practice
- Promotes positive outcomes for patients and families by educating nursing team about evidence -based recommendations

Organizations/Systems

- Develops plans to assure that quality patient care is delivered cost-effectively
- Collaborates with multidisciplinary teams to develop, implement, and evaluate continuousimprovement strategies for the organization

The CNS enhances the clinical environment:

- Promotes patient safety
- Advocates for quality patient outcomes and cost-effectiveness
- Serves as a patient advocate
- Leads in attaining magnet status
- Serves as a change agent
- Assists with staff retention through mentoring

Who Do I Call?

Barbara LeQuire ~ Director ~ 8728 Emergency Department ~ Alfie Ignacio~ ext. 2498 Transitional Care Unit ~ Betty Halvorson~ ext. 8798 Medical Surgical Units ~ Lisa Refuerzo~ ext. 2365 Mother Baby/ Labor & Delivery

- ~ Donna Yukihiro~ ext. 2747
- Progressive Care Units
- ~ Lianna Ansryan~ ext. 6428

<u>Diabetes</u>

 \sim Julie Semper \sim ext. 6427

<u>Patient Safety</u>

 \sim Jennifer Stewart
 \sim ext. 4729

Clinical Nurse Specialists Improve Patient Care

National Clinical Nurse Specialist Recognition Week

September 1-7, 2012

A Clinical Nurse Specialist is a master's degree -educated advanced practice nurse who is a clinical practice expert, an educator, a researcher and a consultant who influences patient care, nursing and hospital programs.

In Brenda's role as a CNS for the Sutter Heart & Vascular Institute, she:

- Collaborates with physicians and staff to improve the care and clinical outcomes for patients with chest pain and heart attack.
- Leads the Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement team on a new procedure for severe aortic stenosis
- Works to improve the safety of patients on anticoagulation therapy





Brenda McCulloch RN, MSN, CNS, RCIS Medical and Interventional Cardiology 916.719.0649

CNS Week Celebration

What is a Clinical Nurse Specialist? A Clinical The CNS works to improve patient Nurse Specialist (CNS) is a registered nurse

with a graduate degree who is a clinical expert in It is the CNS who a defined area of often sets the standards for auality nursing and papatient care. tient population CNS's are clini-

cal experts in the diagnosis and treatment of illness, and the deliverv of evidence-based nursing interventions

It is the CNS who often sets the standards for quality patient care; troubleshoots problems and crises; anticipates complications and helps to prevent their development; and views the individual, family or group within the context of a whole system

The CNS usually has a specialty practice area such as diabetes, cardiology, neurology, obstetrics, oncology, pediatrics or psychiatricmental health

care through three distinct spheres of influence: patients, nurses, and organizations. In each of the spheres of influ-



tient outcomes and mursing care. This The primary multi-level focus goal of the CNS is continuous allows the CNS to improvement of impact outcomes patient outnot only through comes and bedside practice but nursing care.

also by mentoring and educating nurses and making organizational processes and policy decisions.

What Does this Mean for You?

At Sutter Medical Center, Sacramento, CNS's are focused on improving the quality of care delivered to our patients. CNS's are actively involved in many patient care

and process improvement proj throughout the hospital. Examples of the work of the C? include participating in patient safety and quality initiatives sur as rounding, patient education, family conferences; developing policies, procedures, protocols, pre-printed order sets; consultin on complex patients; and educa nursing staff. When Would I Contact CNS?

- When you need specific info mation about a complex pat care situation or you have q tions about evidence-based for your patient population To help you develop in-
- services and presentations for your nursing unit. When you have question about
- the latest research in your area of patient care.
- When you want to begin or sustain a quality improvement process within your unit or between units.

Sutter Medical Center, Sacramento

National CNS Awareness Week August 31—September 7

Presented by the Clinical Nurse Specialist Council

Please plan to attend one of these events hosted by Sutter Medical Center, Sacramento's Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) Council. Come view poster presentations and talk with CNS's to learn about various clinical research and quality improvement projects done to improve patient care and safety. Everyone is welcome! Snacks available!

August 31

1300-1600 Sutter General Hospital Buhler, Classrooms 3 & 4

September 7 1300-1600 Sutter Memorial Hospital Auditorium

Drop in for a few minutes anytime between 1p-4p Aug. 31st or Sept. 7th.

Thank You

I am a Clinical Nurse Specialist I M pact atients Nursing PrActice C linical Outcomes Heal hcare Systems



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