

Neurosciences

Nursing at Mayo Clinic in Florida

This 28-bed unit serves both a medical and surgical patient population, with a focus on orthopedics, neurology and neurosurgery.

All patient rooms are private and divided into three zones: patient, family and caregiver. There is a computer in each room for the caregiver's use. Alcoves for charting are located between every two consecutive patient rooms.

Rooms have a large flat-screen television with media on demand, including extensive patient education materials and entertainment opportunities. Every room has a wide window to view the Florida sunshine and an enclosed bathroom with a shower.

Details

- Shared decision-making model with a Departmental Nursing Council and unit-based representation. Other departmental committees include Nursing Practice, Quality and Education.
- Assignments are made using an acuity-based system.
- Staff includes a team of **RNs, patient care technicians, unit secretary/monitor technician** and a **unit administrative assistant**.
- A **shift team leader** is responsible for staffing shift to shift, managing patient flow and beds, rounding with physicians, and being a resource to nursing staff.
- A dedicated **unit-based educator** focuses on staff's clinical educational needs.
- **Case managers** focus on patients' discharge planning, referrals and coordination of transfers to other facilities.
- **Stroke RNs** follow stroke patients and provide patient and family education.
- **Epilepsy technicians** operate epilepsy monitoring equipment and are a staff resource.
- A unit-based **pharmacist** reviews every patient's medication administration record and coordinates orders with the central pharmacy.
- All rooms have basic cardiac telemetry monitoring and five rooms have epilepsy monitoring.
- Mayo Clinic hospital is a Joint Commission Certified Primary Stroke Center and an Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA)-Certified Comprehensive Stroke Center. Rapid assessment and diagnosis begins in the emergency room and extends into Interventional Radiology or the operating room where brain aneurysms are repaired and stroke-causing clots may be removed. Care continues on the Neuro/Ortho unit with neurological assessments, patient education, rehabilitation and discharge planning.
- Certified orthopedic and neurology nurses on staff.
- Medical diagnoses can include:
 - CVA (stroke)

- Encephalitis
 - Epilepsy
 - Guillain-Barre syndrome
 - Interventional radiology procedures (kyphoplasty, vertebroplasty, aneurysm, clipping/coiling)
 - Neurological trauma
 - Other neurological diagnoses
 - Parkinson's disease
 - Seizure disorders
 - TIA
- Surgical diagnoses can include:
 - Bone tumor removals
 - Carotid endarterectomy
 - Craniotomy
 - Deep brain stimulation
 - Foot or ankle surgery
 - Hip fractures
 - Joint replacements (knee, hip, shoulder, elbow, ankle)
 - Limited orthopedic trauma
 - Other orthopedic and neurosurgery diagnoses
 - Skin grafts
 - Spine surgery
 - Ventricular peritoneal shunts

Shift options

- Primarily 12-hour day or night shifts and every third weekend
- Flexible alternative shift options
- Full time, part time, supplemental or PRN

Requirements

- Florida R.N. license required upon date of hire
- Hospital nursing experience preferred
- BLS required