

# **Child Health**

# We Answer the Call: The many roles that nurse's play in a patient's health-care journey

### **NICU** Nurse

They work in an exciting and dynamic interprofessional team. The area is ever changing. If you like variety, they have that in spades. The clientele includes 23 weeks gestation to 6 weeks corrected gestation, who range in size from around 500 grams to 4 kg. The nurse provides many levels of care. The levels include infants on no respiratory support who are learning how to feed to intubated infants in multiple system failure. NICU nurses also care for the family, supporting them though all the ups and downs of being an infant in a NICU. The Newborn Response team is a specialized team that attends high risk delivers. HSC NICU is the surgical site for neonatal surgeries.

### **NICU Educator**

Role includes providing basic orientation to NICU, and education for staff to care for higher levels of acuity, as well as supporting educational and practices changes.

# Child Health Educator

They help to support patients, families and staff with transitions of care. Child Health Educators teach and support nursing staff, mentor, develop educational materials, assist with the development of physician orders, develop and review clinical practice guidelines, develop and review standard operating procedures, provide clinical assistance, develop courses and problem solve.

# Children's Emergency Department (CHED) CRN

They are a support and resource for all emergency staff with anything they need from coordination of discharge plans, responding to questions/concerns and helping with departmental flow. They collaborate with the educator to help roll out new policies, assist with education and orientating new staff to the department. The CHED CRN rotation consists of 10 hour day/evening shifts. When they are on evenings they are in charge and on the floor. When they work days, they assist with scheduling, helping on the floor as needed, and work on "projects" to help facilitate flow within the department and to improve processes. CHED CRN also collaborates with multiple disciplines within the hospital to ensure the needs of the department, hospital, patients and staff are being met.

### **PICU** Nurse

The role of a PICU bedside nurse, is to provide safe and competent care to the critically ill patients and their families during their most trying times.

#### Transport Nurse Clinician

On the Child Health Transport Team (CHTT) the role of the Transport Nurse Clinician is to collaboratively work alongside the Advanced Practice Respiratory Therapist partner, to triage all pediatric patient requests within Manitoba, providing clinical advice, guidance, and determining the safest method of transportation required. They are responsible for ensuring safe and efficient stabilization and transportation of all critically ill neonatal and pediatric patients throughout the province by delivering advanced skillset and clinical expertise directly to non-tertiary care centres.