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# Example of Patient Sitter Job Description

Our company is looking for a patient sitter. Thank you in advance for taking a look at the list of responsibilities and qualifications. We look forward to reviewing your resume.

## Responsibilities for patient sitter

* Utilizes soothing techniques to attempt to calm confused patients, talking in a soft, soothing manner, reading to the patient, touching the patient’s hand to redirect from pulling at lines
* Notifies the nurse for patient needs such as toileting, hunger, OR at any point that the patient would be a hazard to themselves or others
* May float as a CNA (as needed) if working under an active Texas CNA license
* Other duties as specified by department supervisor
* Through observation and surveillance, Reports any changes in patient's mental or physical condition, suspicion of ingesting questionable substances or items
* To provide safety in the hospital setting for those patients who require a sitter to perform continuous observation
* Performs and documents vital signs and other appropriate patient information in the EMR
* Ensures comfort and safety of patients, belongings and environment
* Observes the patient(s) in the room, never leaving the patient's side without replacement
* Follows RN's directions for patient care, and gives shift handoff report to assigned RN

## Qualifications for patient sitter

* Previous experience in a hospital and/or nursing facility preferred
* Alerting staff for medical emergencies
* Must possess patience and tact in working with the elderly or patients at risks for falls or other harm
* Completed all .edu courses on duties of the constant observer and .edu on restraint and seclusion
* Completes hospital approved training in managing patient behaviors and de-escalation techniques
* Constant Observer providing patient care must have completed all applicable competencies