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# Contracts Signed with Holy Cross Hospital and Mt. Sinai Hospital

We are pleased to announce that we began staffing at **Holy Cross Hospital** on October 1st! Holy Cross is located at 2701 W 68th St, Chicago, IL 60629. It is a not-for-profit neighborhood health system serving residents of Chicago's southwest neighborhoods and suburbs.

**Their greatest needs are in ER, ICU, Tele and M/S.** They do require that all healthcare providers attend a two (2) hour orientation to complete paperwork **but will allow RNs to staff without it for the time being.** They are not using a computerized charting program at this

point, but will in the near future.

Orientations are typically held once per month on a Friday from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. **Please call us and let us know if you would be interested in staffing this facility and we will send them your credentials. Please see the link to their website at the end of this article for further information regarding this facility.**

**Mt. Sinai** has also contracted with The Nurse Agency to help fill their per diem and contract needs. They are currently in need of a **Pediatric RN** to work on a **full time, 12 hour**

**day shift contract.** They would be willing to consider part time availability if a full time RN was not available

Mount Sinai provides state-of-the-art health services to Chicago's West Side Community and is located at California Avenue and 15th street.

We have been told that they tend to order close to the shift so if you give your availability please note that we may be calling to confirm you two hours prior to shift start time.

## Watertower Surgicenter Requesting RNs and Surgical Techs



The Watertower Surgicenter located at 845 North Michigan Ave., Ste. 948W is in need of OR RNs and Surgical Techs to staff their busy clinics. Watertower Surgicenter is a state-of-the-art, Illinois state licensed facility specializing in same day surgery for over 20 years. They specialize in cosmetic surgery, general surgery, pain management, and men's and women's health.

Please let us know if you have any OR, PACU or Surgicenter experience and would be interested in staffing these clinics.



## Northwestern Memorial Hospital News...

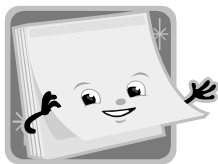
NMH will be redesigning their Inpatient Dialysis area in October and need to contract two nurses for a period of a month while this work is being completed. They are looking for two full-time RNs to do dialysis treatments in each patient's room since the unit will be out of commission.


**The RNs must have at least two years of experience working with Phoenix Hemodialysis machines.** This full time, 40 hour per week, contract would be a day shift contract consisting of either 10 or 12 hour shifts. The contracted RNs would be expected to float to all Med/Surg floors in Feinberg Pavilion.

The contract pays **\$49.00 per hour** and we will purchase parking tickets for you to utilize during the duration of the contract. Please call our office if you are interested.

Northwestern is anticipating that their per diem needs will increase this Fall and Winter. They are requiring that all RNs who staff their facility provide proof of having a flu shot. Please call us and let us know if you are interested in staffing at Northwestern. **We offer a \$5.00 per hour bonus on top of our Premium Pay Rates in order to help defray the cost of parking at the facility.**

**401(k) Reminder!** We now match your 401(k) Contributions—this is **FREE MONEY!** Start saving for retirement and decrease your tax burden at the same time. Call us for more information or for an enrollment packet and list of investment options.





Don't forget to send us your TB test (or TB Questionnaire if you test positive for TB) and physical every year. We also require a new Age Appropriate Exam, OSHA Exam, HIPAA statement and Skills Checklist annually. *All annual credentials are available on our website.* A reminder notice is sent out 45 days prior to your credentials expiring.

**Mercy Hospital** has been *busy* with **ICU, Tele, PACU and M/S orders!** In order to staff there you must be oriented to Cerner (their electronic medical records program). The orientation can be done on your home computer. There are a series of web based trainings (WBT) modules that will orient you to their new program. Please go to the following website in order to complete the orientation: [http://grdkwxlswhq00.cerner.com/ics/launchMERC\\_IL.html](http://grdkwxlswhq00.cerner.com/ics/launchMERC_IL.html)

## NEWS AND NOTES...



- **Have an Idea, Comment or Question? We Want Your Feedback!** We are always searching for new ways to improve the service we provide our nurses and our hospital clients. Please don't hesitate to call us with any feedback you may have—we are always interested in what you have to say. We won't know if you are satisfied with the service we provide you unless you tell us! Comments or questions can also be sent to us via our website [www.thenurseagency.com](http://www.thenurseagency.com). Simply go to the [Contact Us](#) page and send us an email. You may remain anonymous if you wish—simply type in “none” where the form asks for your name and email address. We look forward to hearing from you!
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## Protect Yourself from the H1N1 Virus this Flu Season

The CDC has issued Interim Guidance for Infection Control for Care of Patients with Confirmed or Suspected Novel Influenza A (H1N1) Virus. To date, human cases of novel influenza A (H1N1) virus infection have been confirmed in residents of several U.S. states and Mexico. Investigations of these cases suggest that on-going human-to-human novel H1N1 virus is occurring. **Illness signs and symptoms have consisted of fever and respiratory tract illness (cough, sore throat, runny nose), headache, and muscle aches. Some cases have had vomiting and diarrhea. Cases of severe respiratory disease, including fatal outcomes, have been reported.** The novel H1N1 virus that has infected humans in the U.S. and Mexico is a novel influenza A virus that has not previously been identified in North America.

To prevent the transmission of all respiratory infections in healthcare settings, including novel H1N1, **respiratory hygiene/cough etiquette infection control measures should be implemented at the first point of contact with a potentially infected person.** They should be incorporated into infection control practices as one component of Standard Precautions. Healthcare facilities should establish mechanisms to screen patients for signs and symptoms of febrile respiratory illness at any point of entry to the facility. Provisions should be made to allow for prompt isolation and assessment of symptomatic patients.

Screening of patients presenting to medical facility should be done in a location with negative pressure air handling whenever feasible. Any patients who have a confirmed, probable, or suspected case of novel H1N1 and present for care at a healthcare facilities should be **placed directly into individual rooms and the door should be kept closed. Healthcare personnel who interact with the patients should follow the infection control guidance in this document.** Procedures for transport of patients in isolation precautions should be followed. Facilities should also ensure that plans are in place to communicate information about suspected cases that are transferred to other departments in the facility (e.g., radiology, laboratory) and other facilities. The ill person should wear a surgical mask to contain secretions when outside of the patient room and should be encouraged to perform hand hygiene frequently and follow respiratory hygiene/cough etiquette practices.

Healthcare personnel entering the room of a patient in isolation should be limited to those performing direct patient care. All healthcare personnel who enter the patient's room should take standard and contact precautions plus eye protection should be used for all patient care activities for patients being evaluated or in isolation for novel H1N1. Maintain adherence to hand hygiene by washing with soap and water or using alcohol-based hand sanitizer immediately after removing gloves and other equipment and after any contact with respiratory secretions. Nonsterile gloves and gowns along with eye protection should be donned when entering a patient's room. Respiratory protection: All healthcare personnel who enter the rooms of patients in isolation with confirmed, suspected, or probable novel H1N1 influenza should wear a fit-tested disposable N95 respirator or better. Respiratory protection should be donned when entering a patient's room. **Note that this recommendation differs from current infection control guidance for seasonal influenza, which recommends that healthcare personnel wear surgical masks for patient care.**

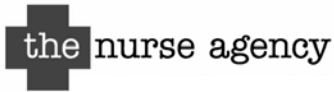
Isolation precautions should be continued for 7 days from symptom onset or until the resolution of symptoms, whichever is longer. Persons with novel H1N1 virus infection should be considered potentially contagious from one day before to 7 days following illness onset. Persons who continue to be ill longer than 7 days after illness onset should be considered potentially contagious until symptoms have resolved. Children, especially younger children, might be contagious for longer periods. Please see the following link for the full article on the CDC website:  
[http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/guidelines\\_infection\\_control.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/guidelines_infection_control.htm)

## Advocate Christ Hospital Medical Center Orientation

Christ Hospital and Medical Center will be holding an orientation on **October 26th** to their computer program, Care Connection, and a site orientation on **October 28th**.

**All RNs must attend the Care Connection training even if you have attended the class before.** The orientation now incorporates orientation to **IView**, a new component of Care Connection.

If you have already staffed at the facility you do not have to attend the site orientation. If you have not staffed the facility before you must be able to attend both orientations in order to be scheduled. Please call us ASAP to let us know if you would like to attend and we will submit your name in their staffing system.



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