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Perioperative LPN Nurse

MELISSA HARPER

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Compassionate and highly skilled perioperative LPN nurse with experience assisting in preoperative care, surgical prep, and PACU monitoring. Adept at working alongside surgical teams, maintaining sterile fields, and ensuring optimal patient comfort and safety.

EDUCATION

Practical Nursing Diploma

Central Piedmont Community College Charlotte, NC | 2017

Certifications

- LPN License NC | Active
- BLS (AHA) | Current through 2026

Continuing Education

- · Completed "Perioperative Care for LPNs" training (Atrium Health, 2024)
- · Attended 2022 North Carolina Surgical **Nursing Symposium**

SKILLS

 Pre-surgical patient prep 	Expert
 Foley catheterization 	Expert
Sterile field maintenance	Expert
 Pre-op education 	Expert
 Basic wound dressing 	Expert
 Medication administration 	Expert
 Vitals monitoring 	Expert
Room turnover	Expert
 EMR charting (Cerner) 	Expert
Patient mobility assistance	Expert

EXPERIENCE



2020 - Now

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Atrium Health Carolinas Medical Center / Charlotte, NC

- · Prepare patients for outpatient and inpatient surgical procedures, confirming consent and completing checklist protocols.
- · Support RNs and surgical techs by maintaining sterile environments and ensuring timely supply availability.
- Provide postoperative care under RN supervision, including monitoring vitals and documenting patient responses.
- · Ensure optimal patient comfort during surgical preparation, often reducing pre-op anxiety through clear communication.

2017 - 2020

LPN - Surgical Floor

Novant Health Presbyterian Medical Center / Charlotte, NC

- · Assisted patients recovering from surgery with daily care, wound checks, and mobility support.
- · Documented patient recovery status accurately, ensuring seamless communication during shift transitions.
- · Coordinated with interdisciplinary teams to ensure continuity of care and efficient discharge planning.

VOLUNTEER WORK

Health educator at Charlotte Community Clinics, providing pre-surgical info sessions and wound care guidance for underserved populations

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Member of hospital patient experience committee, representing LPN staff perspectives in quality initiatives