

## **Job Description for Carriage House Nurse**

### **Position Summary**

Licensed LPN / RN responsible for the post-operative care of patients recovering from plastic surgery

### **Contract Position with the Quatela Center**

- Must be available Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday evening/overnight. Starting time can begin as early as 3:00pm but can be anytime thereafter. Typical end time of care is at 7:30 am (after giving report to MD or NP).
- Hours are not guaranteed due to the variability of our patients and the surgical schedules

### **Job Responsibilities**

- Provide post-operative care for patients who have had facial reconstruction or body sculpting procedure(s) from the time they are released from the PACU until the following morning
- Provide care for 1-2 patients each night
- Assess for possible post-operative complications including, but not limited to, post-operative nausea, uncontrolled pain or hematoma
- Contact provider on call as needed
- Maintain Carriage House cleanliness and order for duration of patients' stay
- Provide hydration and nourishment for patient(s) as needed or requested
- Assist patients with ambulation as needed
- Administer or assist patient in taking post-operative medications or their regularly taken medications
- Ensure patient remains as comfortable as possible
- Assist patient in applying ice throughout the night to reduce post-operative swelling
- Monitor and maintain JP drains and D/C Foleys, reinforce dressings as needed
- Maintain HIPAA confidentiality at all times
- Provide friendly, caring and supportive atmosphere for patient(s)

### **Qualifications**

- LPN or RN licensure from an accredited School of Nursing
- Current CPR certification
- Plastic Surgery background a plus or other surgical nursing experience if preferred

### **Attributes**

- Flexible schedule a must
- Ability to work independently
- Excellent references