



RN for Wound Care

Jennifer Farfan

Jennifer Farfan began her journey with ORHC in 2001 as she was going through nursing school. She first worked as a CNA, then as an LPN, and now RN. Her family moved away, but came back in 2012. That is when Jennifer started working in the ICU. In July Jennifer started working in the Wound Care Center.

A typical day in the wound care center varies. The intake nurse cleans the wound, and gets the patient ready to see the doctor. The Case manager rounds with the physician. Dr. Lewis does weekly debriefs with patients, assess the wound, provides dressing for the wounds, does skin grafting and hyperbaric oxygen therapy. The discharge nurse puts dressings and compression wraps on the patient and gets them back on their way. On average the Wound Care Center sees about 30 patients a day, and has a heal rate of about 98%. "Each day is different. I like the variety," Jennifer shared. "We get to directly impact the patients by seeing them each week until they are healed. That's unique to me in comparison to the acute care setting that I have been used to."

"There are a lot of people that have chronic wounds, I didn't realize the impact that wounds have on limbs, and can cause life threatening situations. Showers and daily life can be complicated and affected by wounds," Jennifer said. "We get to improve patients' quality of life." Jennifer shows compassion to patients by arranging transportation for those in need. Getting authorized pneumatic compression garments for patients who have lymphedema. She also contacts home health care to set up if needed be.

"I love the patient contact that I get to experience. I never want a job in nursing that isn't hands on interaction," Jennifer explained. "I try to be friendly and take their mind off the painful wound they are dealing with."

"She is always positive and has a good sense of humor to add to the team," said, Melanie Kipfer Director of Wound Care Center. "Working with Jennifer, you know she is someone you can depend on and rely on her to support you and provide good care to your patients."

"I love who I work with. We are a close knit group. We are not just co-workers, but friends! We function as a great team," Jennifer exclaimed.

"Jennifer does an exceptional job providing the highest quality care. Her order follow through is truly role model behavior. Her team is constantly recognizing her during our monthly rounding sessions. We are truly thankful to have her as a part of our team," Melanie said.

ORHC thanks Jennifer for always going the extra mile to ensure healing is the number one priority.