



National Nurses Month 2020

Thank You Nurses!

Thank you Jason!



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“Jason took excellent care of my father when he was admitted with a fatal heart attack. For 3 days in a row, Jason was our personal angel. It is obvious he has lots of experience in intense medical scenarios, and I was not surprised to learn he was an EMT prior to becoming an RN. I have no doubt he will someday become an excellent CRNA, if he wishes to pursue that step. He would make an excellent physician. I am a physician myself, and I was calm and confident with Jason at my father's side during his eventual demise. Jason's gentle compassion and technical sophistication never stopped the 36 hours he kept my father alive. He kindly explained to my family the difference between the balloon heart pump and the Impella device. He anticipated my father's needs and appropriately stepped up the pain relief when he suffered and the pressors required to sustain his cardiovascular system. My father had lines in every major vessel and extremity, and my father developed hemolysis so that he continually bled from his line insertions. Jason kept my father's dressings and bedding clean and applied thrombin patches to keep my father in a presentable state, lest he lie in an ever growing pool of his own blood. Jason never sat down even once throughout his shifts. He was diligent in his duty, rising above and beyond any of my expectations. He was patient with our large family rallying around his patient, and he kept us informed as my father's status changed. He was a representative for the many subspecialist physicians involved in my father's care, and he was our family's liaison with the staff as we came to terms with my father's downward trend when his blood pressure crept down and his heart began to give out. I hope the unit realizes what a wonderful asset

Jason is and recognizes his heart, his expertise, and his service. I honestly cannot think of anything more Jason could possibly have done for my father or our family. He was an angel to us. Additional recognition goes out to Clark and Samantha who relieved Jason for the night shifts. They were also excellent and compassionate.”

– Melinda Coker

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