



Job Code: 1816
Grade: PA1
HCWR: N

Job Title
Physician Assistant

Department
Interventional Radiology

Job Summary

Under the administrative supervision of the Radiology Department Chair and in collaboration with an Interventional Radiology Attending Physician, provides exceptional care to a diverse patient population with complex, acute, and chronic health conditions. The Physician Assistant is responsible for completing comprehensive diagnostic and therapeutic interventional radiology consults, overseeing patient management before, during, and after diagnostic and therapeutic image-guided procedures in the inpatient and outpatient setting, within the Physician Assistant scope of practice and credentials privileging. Performs duties within the legal guidelines of the Cook County Health (CCH) policies.

Typical Duties

- Provides team-based care for patients as delineated in the collaborative agreement with an Interventional Radiologist.
- Provides independent, comprehensive health histories and physicals; documents progress notes; prepares and completes pre-anesthesia assessment of patients undergoing IR Procedures, including coagulation management and consents for procedures the Physician Assistant is performing. Documents discharge summaries as required.
- Identifies significant health and medical risk factors and documents in the EMR.
- Orders and interprets diagnostic tests to differentiate between normal variations and abnormal deviations; addresses patients abnormal results with a physician.
- In collaboration with the physician, develops treatment plans for consults and triages daily IR schedule.
- Prescribes and dispenses legal drugs and controlled substances as delegated.
- Acts as a liaison and collaborates with physicians, nursing staff, and house staff regularly to ensure quality and safe patient care.
- Performs interventional radiology diagnostic and therapeutic procedures as delegated; including, but not limited to, vascular procedures, central vascular access, permacath placement, fistulogram, picc line, image guided thoracentesis and paracentesis, lumbar punctures, arthrocentesis under image guidance, and US guided biopsies of thyroid and lymph node.

Minimum Qualifications

- Graduate of an Accreditation Review Commission (ARC) Physician Assistant program
- Licensed as a Physician Assistant in the State of Illinois or the ability to obtain Illinois state license prior to starting employment
- Board Certified by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA) or have the ability to obtain certification prior to starting employment
- Valid Illinois Controlled Substances License (ILCS) prior to starting employment
- Valid licensure with the Federal DEA OR the ability to obtain license prior to starting



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- Current Basic Life Support (BLS) certification

Preferred Qualifications

- Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) certification

Knowledge, Skills, Abilities and Other Characteristics

- Excellent verbal and written communication skills to work with all levels of individuals internally and externally
- Demonstrate communication skills to lead and teach
- Ability to work with patients and co-workers of diverse background
- Strong customer service and empathy skills
- Demonstrates good computer and typing skills
- Demonstrate good phone and email etiquette skills with strong response times
- Demonstrate analytical and organizational, problem-solving, critical thinking, and conflict resolution skills
- Ability to interpret complex organizational systems
- Ability to prioritize, plan, and organize projects and tasks
- Ability to see and hear clearly (including with correction)
- Ability to tolerate exposure to unpleasant noise, odor, and temperature
- Ability to work flexible hours, and may include evenings and/or weekends according to the needs of the clinic
- Demonstrate attention to detail, accuracy, and precision
- Demonstrate physical, mental, and muscular coordination
- This position requires various types of physical exertion with the use of hands, legs, and fingers including, but not limited to. lifting, pushing, pulling, prolonged standing/walking, operating any equipment and other devices or moving light to moderate weight

Physical and Environmental Demands

This position is functioning within a healthcare environment. The incumbent is responsible for adherence to all hospital and department specific safety requirements. This includes but is not limited to the following policies and procedures: complying with Personal Protective Equipment requirements, hand washing and sanitizing practices, complying with department specific engineering and work practice controls and any other work area safety precautions as specified by hospital wide policy and departmental procedures.

The above statements are intended to describe the general nature and level of work being performed by people assigned to this classification. They are not intended to be construed as an exhaustive list of all responsibilities, duties and skills required of the personnel so classified.

For purposes of the American with Disabilities Act, "Typical Duties" are essential job functions.