



Job Code: 1816
Grade: PA1-
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Job Title
Physician Assistant

Department
Neurology/Medicine

Job Summary

Provides diagnostic and therapeutic services to patients on both the inpatient neurology service and the outpatient neurology clinics in collaboration with a licensed physician as deemed appropriate and within the scope and practice of the Neurology physician and in compliance with the Illinois Physician Assistant Practice Act.

Typical Duties

- Evaluates, completes a detailed history/physical and exam, including neurological exam, and treats patients on the inpatient Neurology consultation services and the outpatient Neurology clinics.
- Provides care throughout all Cook County Health Neurology inpatient and outpatient sites including Stroger Hospital and Provident Hospital under the supervision of an attending Neurologist.
- Performs appropriate and accurate Neurology specific history and physical examination and initiate treatment plans including laboratory and radiograph ordering, reviewing the findings with the physician, and completing treatment of the patient.
- Identifies and initiates emergent treatment for neurological emergencies including acute stroke, spinal cord compression, and status epilepticus.
- Completes daily progress notes for inpatient consults and outpatient notes for outpatients.
- Monitors and maintains Joint Commission requirements for accreditation as a stroke center for all stroke patients.
- Participates in research as applicable to Neurology as approved by the Chair of Neurology.
- Works closely with medical and PA students.
- Monitors and responds to lab results, patient messages and patient phone calls.
- Performs other duties as assigned.

Minimum Qualifications

- Successful completion of a Physician Assistant Program accredited by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA) or proof of completion of ARC-PA program two (2) weeks prior to starting employment
- Completion and maintenance of certification by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA) or eligibility to obtain certification two (2) weeks prior to hire date
- Current valid state of Illinois Physician Assistant License OR temporary license as a Physician Assistant from the State of Illinois, or eligibility to obtain license two (2) weeks prior to starting employment
- Valid Illinois Controlled Substances License (ILCS) or ability to obtain license within six (6) months of starting employment



Minimum Qualifications

- Valid licensure with the Federal DEA or ability to obtain license within six (6) months of starting employment
- Must possess a Basic Life Support (BLS) certification

Preferred Qualifications

- Bilingual
- Clinical experience with a focused neurology rotation during electives or previous job experience within the field of Neurology

Knowledge, Skills, Abilities and Other Characteristics

- Knowledge of proper hand hygiene and hand washing techniques
- Knowledge of infectious control policies and procedures
- Thorough knowledge of Physician Assistant practices and principles that apply them in a clinical setting
- Self-directed proficiency with Microsoft Word, Powerpoint Access, Excel and other data analysis tools and methodologies required for data gathering, analysis and presentation
- Excellent Physician Assistant clinical and technical skills
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills necessary to communicate with all levels of staff and a patient population composed of diverse cultures and age groups
- Strong evidence-based analytical approach to problem solving
- Strong customer service and empathy skills
- Demonstrates good computer and typing skills
- Demonstrates good phone and email etiquette skills and strong response times
- Demonstrates analytical and organizational, problem-solving, critical thinking and conflict management/resolution skills
- Demonstrates attention to detail, accuracy and precision
- Ability to effectively communicate while maintaining HIPAA for PHI
- Ability to multitask and meet deadlines in a fast paced and stressful environment
- Ability to maintain a professional demeanor and composure when challenged
- Ability to function autonomously and as part of a multidisciplinary team
- Ability to see and hear clearly (including with correction)
- Ability to tolerate exposure to unpleasant noise, odor and temperature
- Ability to take initiative, work with or without direct supervision

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.