



Job Code: 1816
Grade: PA-1
HCWR: N

Job Title
Physician Assistant I

Department
Hospital Medicine

Job Summary

In collaboration with a licensed physician, the Physician Assistant provides exceptional care to a diverse adult patient population in the inpatient setting at John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital and Provident Hospital treating acute and chronic illnesses that require hospitalization. Promotes wellness and health maintenance by performing comprehensive diagnostic and therapeutic medical services. Develops and implements patient management plans in providing continuity of care. Maintains professional and technical knowledge through continued educational programs and workshops supporting emerging healthcare trends. Performs duties within the legal guidelines of the Cook County Health (CCH) policies.

Typical Duties

- Provides and manages direct patient care
- Conducts patient's health needs assessments
- Provides an independent physician assistant assessment, history and physical examinations, medical reconciliation, coordination of patient care and patient management for a variety of conditions
- Documents pertinent patient including all procedures in the medical record
- Orders appropriate diagnostic tests or lab work necessary, i.e., x-ray, magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), complete blood count (CBC), etc. and differentiates between normal and abnormal deviations
- Coordinates cardiology and radiology testing, including but not limited to echocardiograms, exercise stress test, stress echo (ordering Dobutamine), nuclear medicine (ordering Thallium) stress test and coronary computed tomographic angiography (CCTA)
- Informs and effectively communicates test results and/or diagnosis to the patient, along with treatment plan and recommended lifestyle changes to improve quality of health
- Identifies and communicates with supervisor any patient care issues; offers research guided recommendations for improvement initiatives if applicable
- Develops and implements patient management plans in providing continuity of care
- Requests appropriate referrals and consultations in collaboration with supervising physicians
- Performs procedures, treatments, and other subspecialty dependent modalities within the scope of the collaborating physician, and in accordance to credentialing, to improve patient outcomes
- Adheres to quality and patient safety standards set forth by CCH
- Adheres to infection control policies and protocols, i.e., hand hygiene
- Prescribes and dispenses medications utilizing best practices
- Complies with federal, state and local legal and professional requirements.
- Maintains professional licensing requirements and technical knowledge through continued educational programs and workshops supporting emerging healthcare trends
- Collaborates with the healthcare team to ensure comprehensive patient care coordination
- Performs other duties as assigned by the Department Chair or designee



Minimum Qualifications

- Graduate of an Accreditation Review Commission (ARC) Physician Assistant program
- Valid Physician Assistant license in the State of Illinois or have the ability to obtain license prior to starting employment
- Board Certified by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)
- Valid Illinois Controlled Substances License (ILCS) or must be able to obtain license within 6 months of starting employment
- Valid licensure with the Federal DEA or must be able to obtain license within 6 months prior to starting employment
- Current Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS) certification
- Current Basic Life Support (BLS) certification

Preferred Qualifications

- One (1) year of experience as a Physician Assistant

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 and the ability to apply them in a clinical setting.
- Excellent Physician Assistant clinical and technical skills
- Knowledge and skill to perform mathematical accuracy in measuring and dispensing medication
- 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 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 management/resolution skills
- Demonstrate attention to detail, accuracy and precision
- Ability to effectively communicate while maintaining HIPPA for PHI
- Ability to multi-task and meet deadlines in a fast paced and stressful environment
- Ability to adhere to department policies and standards utilizing best practices
- 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



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.