



Job Code: 1846
Grade: RX2-RPH
HCWR: N

Job Title
Clinical Pharmacist

Department
Pharmacy

Job Summary

The Pharmacist (Clinical-Pediatrics) provides comprehensive pharmaceutical care to patients by delivering clinically oriented pharmacy services in the inpatient and outpatient areas. These responsibilities include patient education and counseling of medications, performing medication histories and ensuring optimum patient outcomes or therapy. In addition, provide training and teaching to pharmacy students and residents, medical students and residents, and ancillary professional staff, i.e., dietitians, nurses, respiratory therapists, and others.

Typical Duties

- Monitors drug therapy by routinely analyzing patients' drug therapy with respect to potential problems, laboratory data and special procedures
- Provides consultation on the selection of drug therapy and appropriate dosing regimens, determination of therapeutic endpoints, total parenteral nutrition, clinical pharmacokinetics, and intravenous therapy
- Participates in patient care rounds, as well as attending and grand rounds
- Monitors and evaluates patients' drug therapy in the ambulatory setting of high-risk meds (for Clinical Pharmacists).
- Prepares patient admission medication histories on selected patients using accepted guidelines and document this information in the patient's permanent medical record using the approved format in accordance with the established policy and procedure
- Provides patient education and counseling on selected patients using accepted guidelines
- Participates in the education and training of pharmacy staff and pharmacy trainees (i.e., pharmacy students and residents)
- Initiates and/or participates in pharmacy and clinical drug investigations
- Conducts drug utilization evaluations and participate in patient continuous quality improvement projects
- Serves as the department of pharmacy representative on various committees throughout the institution (i.e., Drug and Formulary subcommittees, Task Force committees)
- Prepares literature evaluations for new drugs being requested through the Drug and Formulary Committee
- Contributes written information for Pharmacy Newsletter
- Remains current with medication and pharmaceutical literature
- Maintains state of Illinois continued education (CE) hours at an annual minimum of 15 C.E contact hours per year
- Records and submits workload statistics/clinical interventions as required by departmental administration
- Participates in the management of medical emergencies, i.e., disasters, cardiopulmonary resuscitation
- Receives verbal medication, or medication related orders from authorized practitioners and reduce them to writing on a Physicians' Order Sheet (POS) or input into Cerner, in



Typical Duties

- accordance with established policies and procedures
- Monitors, detects, and reports adverse drug reactions (ADR's) and medication administration errors in accordance with established policies and procedures
- Assists in proper functioning of the automated drug distribution system. Including but not limited to monthly inspections of clinical areas
- Audits patient care areas for outdated medications, proper handling of pharmaceuticals, including controlled substances and emergency supplies
- Performs job functions of a staff pharmacist, when necessary
- Maintains the work area in a clean and orderly manner
- Performs other duties as assigned

Minimum Qualifications

- Must possess a Doctor of Pharmacy Degree.
- Must be licensed as a Pharmacist in the State of Illinois.
- Must have successfully completed of a Clinical Pharmacy Residency.
- Proficient in operating a personal computer and associated applications used for entering pharmaceutical information and running reports.
- Prior inpatient hospital or specialty outpatient clinic Pediatrics experience

Preferred Qualifications

- One (1) year of comparable clinical pharmacy experience
- Board certification
- Previous anticoagulation clinic experience

Knowledge, Skills, Abilities and Other Characteristics

- Knowledge of hospital and pharmacy policies, procedures, and techniques, Federal and State Laws, and pharmaceutical entities available in the U.S. market and their proper nomenclatures
- Knowledge of Pharmacokinetics, drug and poison information system, Drug Utilization Evaluation (DUE), and Adverse Drug Reaction (ADR) reporting systems
- Dexterity to manipulate drugs and containers and labeling
- Skill to compound and package medicines
- Skill to use computer keyboard for prescriptions entry and to use typewriter, typing twenty-five (25) word per minute accurately
- Ability and skill to communicate with a wide variety of individuals or groups
- Ability and skill to maintain accurate records, perform within reasonably established standards of accuracy within the department
- Ability to withstand the computer typing, prolonged periods of staring at the screen, and troubleshooting hardware
- Physical dexterity and mental alertness
- Ability to work under tension and at times under crowded conditions
- Ability to walk and stand prolonged periods
- Ability to maintain composure when dealing with patients who may be irritable and in



Knowledge, Skills, Abilities and Other Characteristics

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- Ability to lift heavy objects; eyesight must be correctable to provide visual acuity of reading accurately
- Ability to work various shifts
- Willingness and ability to work other stations, and perform additional work assigned by management

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.