COOK COUNTY HEALTH & HOSPITALS SYSTEM

CCHHS

Standard Job Description

Job Title
APN-Nurse Practitioner

Department
Adult Cardiology-Clinical

Job Code: 3990
Grade: FF
FLSA: Exempt

Job Summary
Under general or direct supervision of a collaborating physician. Performs a variety of responsible and specialized professional nursing duties requiring more advanced knowledge of patient history and physical assessment and disease management. Work is predominately centered around a relatively independent and innovative role with collaborating physician in a specialty branch of medicine by screening, interviewing and counseling patients; ordering, monitoring tests and treatments. Records and brings finding to the attention of a physician and staff. Assists physician in performing non-invasive procedures such as dobutamine echocardiograms, transesophageal echocardiograms and tilt table when needed.

Typical Duties
- Performs comprehensive history and physical assessment as an Advanced Practice Nurse especially as it relates to patients with heart failure.
- Performs psychosocial spiritual and cultural assessment.
- Establishes diagnosis for common short-term and chronic stable conditions.
- Prescribes medications.
- Obtains informed consent (verbal and written) for procedures.
- Assumes the responsibility as a liaison between surgical cardiovascular service and cardiology.
- Provides skilled nursing care to patients regarding specialized cardiology non-invasive and invasive procedures, administering intravenous fluids and medications when necessary.
- Interviews patients and conducts a basic physical exam to discover and record pertinent history, symptoms, signs and complaints, especially as evidence of illness or complications in the Division of Cardiology to which assigned.
- Documents daily progress notes and discharge summaries.
- Assists in advanced cardiac life support. Uses the appropriate instruments as required and maintains the emergency medical equipment, according to CCU policy and procedure.
- Attends meetings; teaches, counsels and advises patients; involving in policymaking, research projects and quality assurance data collection and analysis.
- Performs assessments and provides patient education in the Cardiology Heart Failure Program when necessary.
- Participates in Pacemaker Clinic.
- Performs other duties as assigned.

Reporting Relationships
Reports to the Chair of the Division of Adult Cardiology, Clinical
Minimum Qualifications
- Master's Degree in Nursing from an accredited school of nursing
- Valid license as a Registered Professional Nurse in the State of Illinois
- Valid license as an Advanced Practice Nurse-Nurse Practitioner in the State of Illinois
- Certified as a Nurse Practitioner form either the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners or the American Nurses Credentialing Center
- One (1) year of full-time clinical nursing experience in a cardiology setting
- Active BLS/ACLS certification
- Current Illinois licensure for Prescriptive Authority or eligible

Preferred Qualifications
- Experience working with pacemaker patients

Knowledge, Skills, Abilities and Other Characteristics
- Knowledge of specific equipment, specify: dobutamine echocardiograms, tilt table, transesophageal, echocardiograms, stress testing
- Demonstrates sensitivity and respect in caring for patients and in dealing with clients of diverse backgrounds
- Strong interpersonal skills
- Written and verbal communication skills
- Analytical skills, problem solving skills
- Strong decision making skills
- Flexibility and adaptability in performing work duties

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.

Approval:
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Rami Doukky
Chair of the Division of Adult Cardiology, Clinical
February 3, 2017
Date

Approval:
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Gladys Lopez
Chief of Human Resources
Date

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