

## **Physician Assistant**

## **Job Description:**

- Contributes to physician's effectiveness by identifying short-term and long-range patient care issues that must be addressed; providing information and commentary pertinent to deliberations; recommending options and courses of action; implementing physician directives.
- Assesses patient health by interviewing patients; performing physical examinations; obtaining, updating, and studying medical histories.
- Determines abnormal conditions by administering or ordering diagnostic tests, such as x-rays, electrocardiograms, and laboratory studies; interpreting test results.
- Documents patient care services by charting in patient and department records.
- Performs therapeutic procedures by administering injections and immunizations; suturing; managing wounds and infections.
- Instructs and counsels patients by describing therapeutic regimens; giving normal growth and development information; discussing family planning; providing counseling on emotional problems of daily living; promoting wellness and health maintenance.
- Provides continuity of care by developing and implementing patient management plans.
- Maintains safe and clean working environment by complying with procedures, rules, and regulations.
- Protects patients and employees by adhering to infection-control policies and protocols.
- Complies with federal, state, and local legal and professional requirements by studying existing and new legislation; anticipating future legislation; enforcing adherence to requirements; advising management on needed actions.
- Maintains professional and technical knowledge by attending educational workshops; reviewing professional publications; establishing personal networks; participating in professional societies.

• Develops health care team staff by providing information, educational opportunities, and experiential growth opportunities.

Contributes to team effort by accomplishing related results as needed.

## **Additional Duties:**

- 1. Be able to see numerous patients efficiently and effectively in one day.
- 2. Be able to work long clinic shifts generally 12 hours
- 3. Be able to read x-ray results and make a preliminary determination about clinic diagnosis.
- 4. Be able to supervise ancillary staff (medical assistant, lab technician, clinical receptionist)
- 5. Be able to performing minor surgeries and procedures

## **Physician Assistant Skills and Qualifications:**

Health Promotion and Maintenance, Thoroughness, Clinical Skills, Informing Others, Medical Teamwork, Physiological Knowledge, Bedside Manner, Infection Control, Administering Medication, Pain Management, Self-Development, Excellent Customer Service