



JOB DESCRIPTION

TITLE: Infusion Nurse- Oncology
DEPARTMENT: Oncology
REPORTS TO: Practice Director
FLSA: Non-Exempt

SUMMARY OF JOB:

The nurse will provide and coordinate infusion activities to assure compassionate patient care. Provides direct patient care in compliance with professional practice and clinic standards. The Infusion Nurse will also promote a collaborative, interdisciplinary approach towards patients, families and all members of the care delivery team.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

Colorado West Healthcare System expects job performance to be consistent with its mission and believes that each Employee contributes to improve performance by continuously searching for ways to increase efficiencies and enhance fiscal performance and viability.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

(The following statements are illustrative of the essential functions of the job and do not include other non-essential or marginal duties that may be required. Community Hospital reserves the right to modify or change the duties or essential functions of this job at any time. All responsibilities may not be performed by all incumbents.)

1. Administer chemotherapy IV fluids via peripherally inserted central catheters.
2. Identifies, assesses and diagnoses problems through patient assessment and interactions; and evaluates actual or potential patient health problems.
3. Develops and participates in educating patients, their families, or significant others about post discharge care programs.
4. Initiates patient care meetings with the health care team to revise the plan of care as the patient's condition warrants.
5. Maintains a safe and therapeutic patient care environment.
6. Provides guidance and direction to members of the health care team to ensure quality patient care.
7. Keeps current on advances in nursing care by participating in educational programs.
8. Orients and educates new staff in nursing techniques and departmental procedures.
9. Provides and oversees direct patient care in accordance with established nursing protocol and physicians' orders.
10. Utilizes knowledge of medications, procedures, infection control, and safety precaution; and initiates appropriate interventions in crisis situations.
11. Participates in total quality management to positively affect patient and system outcomes to improve care.
12. Documents patient care in the health care record according to standards.
13. Directs and delegates care to other team members.

14. Providing safe, effective, appropriate and comprehensive infusion services to oncology patients.
15. Provides education and follow-up care after patients have been released from chemotherapy.
16. Other duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS:

To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily. The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill, and/or ability required. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

EDUCATION and/or EXPERIENCE:

Associate's Degree in nursing (Bachelor's Degree preferred) with at least one (1) year of oncology experience
OR
equivalent combination of education and experience.

CERTIFICATES/LICENSES:

Current BCLS
Must obtain OCN certification within one year of hire

LANGUAGE SKILLS:

Must be able to speak, read and write English. Ability to read and interpret documents such as physician orders, medical charts, safety rules, operating and maintenance instructions, and procedure manuals. Ability to write routine reports and correspondence. Ability to effectively present information in one-on-one and small group situations to supervisors, patients, patient's family and other employees of organization. Able to work in a team-oriented environment.

MATHEMATICAL SKILLS:

Ability to add, subtract, multiply, and divide in all units of measure, using whole numbers, common fractions, and decimals. Ability to compute rate, ratio, and percent.

REASONING ABILITY:

Ability to solve practical problems and deal with a variety of concrete variables in situations where only limited standardization exists. Ability to interpret a variety of instructions furnished in written, oral, diagram, or schedule form.

INTERPERSONAL SKILLS:

Demonstrates exceptional customer service skills using the "Whatever It Takes" philosophy; builds relationships and proactively respects others. Requires adaptability with regular interpersonal contact.

DECISION MAKING ABILITY:

Work limited by standards and procedures. Adapts to recurring operational situations using formal and informal channels. Unusual situations are reviewed with a manager.

ANALYTICAL ABILITY:

Apply basic business or technical principles to routine and moderately complex problems. Concentrates and pays close attention to detail.

COMPUTER SKILLS:

To perform this job successfully, an individual should be computer-literate and have working knowledge of Microsoft Office applications.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS:

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly required to sit; have manual dexterity; handle or feel; talk and hear. The employee is occasionally required to stand; walk; reach with hands and arms; climb or balance; and stoop, kneel, crouch, or crawl. The employee must regularly lift and/or move up to 100 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, distance vision, color vision, peripheral vision, depth perception, and ability to adjust focus.

WORK ENVIRONMENT:

The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is occasionally exposed to moving mechanical parts, risk of electrical shock, exposure to infectious diseases, and transmission of airborne disease. The noise level in the work environment is usually moderate.

GENERAL COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL EMPLOYEES:

Attends annual compliance and privacy training.

Responsible for complying with all federal, state and local rules and regulations.

Must comply with the Code of Conduct Guide.

Reports any observation of fraud, waste, abuse, and/or privacy violations to HR or CCO.

Reports any conflict of interest or relationship immediately.

HIPAA:

Ensures and adheres to strict confidentiality when handling patient information, according to the HIPAA Privacy Act and hospital policy and procedure regarding confidentiality. Complies with all hospital information security practices.

Has knowledge of and adheres to all compliance regulations, policies and procedures.

UNRESTRICTED ACCESS – A workforce member with unrestricted access will have full access to protected health information, including a patient’s entire record, for accomplishing intended purposes.

Final Section I understand that my employment is for an indefinite period of time and that his facility can change wages, benefits, and conditions of employment at any time.

Employee Name & Signature

Date

Supervisor Name & Signature

Date