Physician Assistant Job Description

Title: Physician Assistant
Category:
Type: Temporary full time (2year contract Term)
City/Town: Red Deer
Location: Red Deer Regional Hospital
Unit/Dept: Hospitalist Service
Union: Exempt
FTE: 1.0
Salary: Salary will commensurate with qualifications and experience.
Position Summary:

Alberta Health Services, Provincial Medical Affairs, is currently recruiting for a Physician Assistant to join the Hospitalist Service at the Red Deer Regional Hospital (RDRH). The RDRH Hospitalist Service exists to provide inpatient medical care for those patients that do not yet have an identified Family doctor with admitting privileges at RDRHC. These include patients from within the Central Zone and patients from outside the Central Zone who have family in the area to help with their care.

We offer a very competitive salary and benefit package which includes medical, dental, vision coverage and much more.

This role reports to the Primary Supervising Physician and functions within a dynamic multidisciplinary team of physicians, nurse practitioners ,EMT's registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, mental health workers, dieticians' and administrative staff to provide urgent and primary care services.

Under the Supervision of the Supervising Physician, the PA will provide general medical care to all age groups with a wide variety of medical conditions. This position will offer PA the opportunity to work to full scope of practice in a variety of roles, where you will make a lasting impact to all Albertans. Your passion and motivation combined with our commitment to set new standards of excellence, makes Alberta Health Services the right choice for you.

Responsibilities/Duties:

The primary responsibility of the PA is to provide comprehensive direct patient care within their skill matrix as a central member of the team. The PA will be responsible to perform comprehensive assessment, diagnosis (including the ordering and interpretation of tests), intervention, management, referral, and evaluation of client care across the continuum of health care services. The PA provides leadership and actively participates in program development and evaluation, research and clinical teaching activities. The PA will participate in interdisciplinary collaboration in the provision of patient care.

The Physician Assistant will be required to:

- Participate in all treatment and preventative health care services in the department as delegated and agreed by the supervising physician in the service.

- Provide direct clinical care to patients and to consult and refer patients to physicians, medical specialists, and other health care professionals as indicated. To interview patients, take medical histories, perform physical examinations, analyse, diagnose and explain medical problems.

- Recommend and explain appropriate diagnostic tests and treatment. Perform specialized diagnostic physical exams and treatment procedures. Instructs and educates patients in preventative patient health care. Confers with patients on phone to address any follow- up care concerns.

- Fully document all aspects of patient care and complete all required paperwork for legal and administrative purposes.

- Perform a variety of research and analysis tasks associated with medical diagnosis and treatment: research usual symptoms and treatment options through consultation with physicians and other medical specialists, literature review and the like; review, analyse and determine the significance of a variety of diagnostic test results, formulate diagnoses and treatment plans, in consultation with or referring to supervising physicians as appropriate.

- Give clinical instructions to nursing staff and collaborative care team as required.

- Assist in clinical instruction and supervision of medical and allied health students.

- Confer regularly with the Physician lead, supervising physicians and other health care staff, refer specific patients, plan and coordinate activities, exchange information, investigate and resolve problems.

- Deal regularly with community physicians and other health care providers, and other community organisations to refer/consult on specific cases, participate in community service and education projects and activities and the like.

- Keep up to date on relevant medical research, technology, and related issues by attending continuing education courses and professional meetings, reading journals, etc. To ensure continuing education, training and development is undertaken to meet **CAPA** requirements.

- To work collaboratively with all health care providers, physicians, patients and families, to ensure continuity of care is maintained.

- Encourage and ensure good working relationships with all members of the team.

- Take an active part in the formal Physician Assistant Demonstration Project process for Alberta Health Services.

- In exceptional circumstances to provide additional services on and emergency basis under the direction and responsible supervision of a Physician, as are within the clinical competence of the PA.

- To work within the Policies and Procedures of AHS.

Qualifications:

The Physician Assistant (PA) must be:

- A graduate of an accredited Physician Assistant Education Program.
- A certified Physician Assistant with one of the following credentials:
  - Canadian Certified Physician Assistant (CCPA), granted by the Physician Assistants Certification Council of the Canadian Association of Physician Assistants, or,
  - Physician Assistant – Certified (PA-C), granted by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants in the United States of America.
- Registered with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta (CPSA).
- All new offers of employment are subject to a Criminal Records Check satisfactory to the employer. This information is collected by the authority of the Protection for Person in Care Act (Section 10(4)).

Please address your application to the attention of: Dwayne Nagy, Project Coordinator, Provincial Medical Affairs, Alberta Health Services: Dwayne.Nagy@albertahealthservices.ca