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Physician Assistant Cardiology – Health Center - Job Description

Title: Physician Assistant Cardiology – Health Center (EXEMPT)

Description: Under collaborative agreement with a physician, provides comprehensive medical evaluation, education and management for clients throughout the life cycle that present for routine preventive, acute and chronic disease health care services at the VNA Health Center clinic sites (on and off site clinics).

Reports To: Vice President of Medical Staff Relations and Medical Director

Primary Functions:

1. Assesses and interprets medical and psycho-social histories; performs physical examinations; identifies problems; formulates a plan of treatment, provides education and referral (as indicated); and evaluates effectiveness of treatment, education and/or referral.
2. Consults with or refers clients with abnormal conditions or other medical, psychological or social problems to the collaborating physician or other appropriate referral source when indicated.
3. Orders and interprets the results of laboratory tests as part of the physical examination and health management.
4. Perform and oversee cardiac stress testing and other appropriate cardiac/vascular procedures.
5. Conducts health teaching and counseling during the physical exam, as appropriate, enabling the client to make informed choices about health and treatment options.
6. Completes client clinical record documentation in a timely manner specific to the clinical services provided, according to applicable policies and procedures.
7. Applies exposure control procedures as described in the VNA Health Center Infection control policy and Procedure Manual.
8. Understands the medical emergency procedures and is familiar with the location of the emergency kit(s)/supplies in all clinic settings.
9. Maintains professionalism and adheres to client confidentiality in all VNA Health Center practices.
10. Participates in quality improvement activities, including, but not limited to: periodic clinic observation of clinical/lab skills by the medical director or designee; chart audits; outcome studies; client satisfaction surveys; clinic flow analysis; proficiency testing for CLIA; and quality management reporting and meetings.
11. Familiarizes self and remains current with VNA Health Center policies, procedures and protocols. Assists in the review and development of standing orders, policies, procedures and protocols to be in compliance with state and federal guidelines, and up to date with current medical standards of practice.
12. Provides consultative direction as needed for nursing, laboratory and clinic assistant staff.
13. Provides staff and patient education.
14. Participates in quality improvement/assurance activities.
15. Identifies and participates in continuing education program/activities to enhance professionalism and to ensure quality of care.
16. Orders medications.
17. Familiarizes self and remains current with VNA Health Center grant programs and regulatory guidelines.
18. Follows established guidelines for use and/or disclosure of protected health information. Employees should report any breaches of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) rules to the Privacy Officer (Vice President of Patient Services) immediately. Failure to comply with HIPAA policies and procedures will result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment.
19. Other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

1. Current Physician Assistant licensure in Illinois, authorization to prescribe medications in Illinois; and current federal DEA certificate.
2. Training and/or internship as a Physician Assistant in Cardiology. Graduated from a Master's program for Advanced Practice Nursing. Certification preferred.
3. Two years experience as a physician assistant in cardiology preferred.
4. Maintains CMEs/CEUs required for licensure.
5. Maintains CPR certification.

6. Health policies and requirements met. (Refer to: VNA Personnel Policies)

Essential Functions/Physical Requirements:

1. Ability to communicate effectively verbally and in writing.
2. Tactile, visual, auditory and olfactory senses intact.
3. Manual dexterity and strength sufficient to perform medical procedures.
4. Ability to drive a car.
5. Ability to deal effectively with levels of stress.

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