Primary Care Advanced Practitioner

SUMMARY

Under the general supervision of the Medical Director, the Nurse Practitioner assesses diagnoses and treats episodic illnesses and manages chronic health problems of adult and pediatric patients to provide primary patient care at OCHS, a community based medical practice setting.

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS*

- Assesses patient wellness/illness by obtaining complete medical history ensuring that findings are properly recorded in patient's medical record. Performs physical examinations, orders laboratory tests and analyzes results to evaluate acute/chronic complaints.

- Diagnoses illness or health needs based on analysis and evaluation of clinical data collected. Plans and provides treatment according to protocols and/or consultation with supervising physician and/or Medical Director.

- May concentrate in such medical specialties as pediatrics, gynecology, internal medicine, family practice, and family planning, etc.

- Provides consultation to nurses who triage patient telephone calls and walk-ins. Refers patients for specialty services after consultation with physician.

- Working with other staff, plans, develops and evaluates new patient care and community health programs and policies. Participates in health center quality assurance activities.

- Maintains and enhances professional knowledge of theory and practice by attending CME conferences, educational programs and seminars as per licensure requirements.

- Performs minor surgical procedures under the supervision of a physician.

- Tracks patients through follow-up visits and continuing contact.

- May serve in the on-call schedule rotation.

- Performs other related duties as requested or assigned.

OTHER DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Other related duties as assigned.
PREPARATION, KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES

- Position requires a bachelor’s degree from an accredited program in nursing, successful completion of an accredited, certified nurse practitioner program, and a minimum of two years of experience as a nurse practitioner in a community health/clinic environment.
- Position requires a current license from the Massachusetts State Board of Nursing Registration, nurse practitioner certification, and certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).
- Current BLS and ACLS required.

SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITY
None

WORKING CONDITIONS/PHYSICAL DEMANDS

Requires the ability to work both independently as a health care provider as well as cooperatively as part of a health care team and community based medical practice. Requires the physical ability to assess patient wellness/illness, and perform physical examinations, as well as assist patients in accessing care as needed.

*External and internal applicants, as well as position incumbents who become disabled as defined under the Americans with Disabilities Act must be able to perform the essential job functions (as listed) either unaided or with the assistance of a reasonable accommodation to be determined by management on a case by case basis.