

NURSE PRACTITIONER

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES: Provides primary health care under the supervision of a physician including responsibility for the initiation and maintenance of patients in a family planning/prenatal regime; participates with staff and other departments and agencies in an interdisciplinary approach to patient care; provides leadership in all aspects of the family planning program; maintains right to refuse to examine or manage a patient based on professional judgement; performs professional duties involving planning, coordinating, developing, and implementing programs under the supervision of the program supervisor; performs related duties as required.

STATEMENT OF DUTIES:

Plans for area and program needs and communicates same to supervisor;
Participates in decision making processes including purchase of appropriate supplies as well as the delivery of primary health services for clients as protocols describe;
Assesses the patient's health needs by obtaining and evaluating the medical and social history;
Performs appropriate health screening procedures including, but not limited to heart, lungs, thyroid, abdomen, breast and pelvic examination;
Estimates gestational age by pelvic examination;
Obtains specimens and does testing and evaluation of related laboratory tests;
Selects and dispenses oral contraceptives and changes pill modality, discontinues as needed under medical standing orders;
Fits diaphragms and instructs in their use under medical standing orders;
Identifies vaginitis and sexually transmissible diseases and selects appropriate treatment under medical standing orders;
Dispenses medication under medical standing orders;
Recommends non-prescription contraception and natural family planning when indicated;
Provides counseling and teaching about community and/or personal health programs and family planning and related health needs;
Refers patients with suspected abnormal conditions to the supervising physician or other medical resources;
Refers individuals to other professionals and/or community resources;
Conducts family planning education sessions for patients and community groups;
Maintains and reviews patient records, including referral and follow-up systems;
Participates in the development and/or maintenance of quality care standards;
Participates in the inservice education of agency staff;
Updates professional practices through reading, conferences, professional meetings, etc.;
Keeps abreast of federal, state and local laws and regulations concerning personal and/or community health activities;
Provides input into program goals and objectives.

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The statement of tasks above is intended to be sufficient to identify the class and be illustrative of the many duties that may be assigned. It should not be interpreted to describe all of the duties an employee assigned to this class may be required to perform.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

Comprehensive knowledge of the methods and practices of public health and public health nursing;
Skill and interest in direct patient care;
Ability to plan, implement and evaluate programs;
Ability to work with officials of other agencies, employees and the general public;
Ability to understand and communicate technical and medical information with members of the health team and the public;
Ability to make independent judgements based on professional knowledge;
Ability to relate to people in a manner which establishes confidence and rapport;
Ability to maintain good interpersonal relationships;
Ability to attend work regularly and work under stressful conditions.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Certified by the State of Michigan as a Nurse Practitioner.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

Possession of a valid drivers license and transportation for use on County business.

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Human Resources Director