

NURSE PRACTITIONER (Family Health)

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: As a primary healthcare provider working with a licensed physician, the Nurse Practitioner assesses patients' physical and psychosocial status by means of interview, health history, physical examinations, and diagnostic tests. In accordance with medical protocols agreed upon in advance, the Nurse Practitioner evaluates, may make initial medical diagnosis, and initiates appropriate action to facilitate the implementation of the treatment plan consistent with the continuing healthcare needs of the patient. A high level of care is maintained for the patient through the Nurse Practitioner's use of the resources of the healthcare setting and consultation with physicians and other health care providers. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative Only) Secures a health history from patient and/or family; Records and evaluates findings; Performs a complete physical examination using assessment techniques; Requisitions laboratory tests, x-ray examinations and other diagnostics procedures when appropriate; May assist with or perform diagnostic procedures; Consults with other healthcare providers to prepare a comprehensive patient care plan; Identifies specific illnesses, conditions, and other health concerns; Within established protocols, provides treatment for illnesses; Refers complex patient care problems to a physician for assessment and advice; Arranges consultations and referrals; Keeps physicians and nursing staff informed of needs and problems related to patient care; Implements and maintains established facility policies and procedures; Maintains patient rights and confidentiality; May provide preventive healthcare services to patients by offering information regarding nutrition, exercise, health promotion, and prevention of illness and accidents; Assists in routine immunization of patients; Participates in patient teaching activities aimed at promoting positive health practices; Attends seminars, workshops, meetings and in-service education programs as required; Accurately maintains required records, reports and statistics.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS: Thorough knowledge of health principles, practices and techniques; Thorough knowledge of physical examination and diagnosis procedures and equipment; Skill in performing such examinations and procedures; Good knowledge of the current developments, literature and sources of information in the field of health services; Ability to establish and maintain good public and interpersonal relations; Ability to prepare oral and written reports; Tact; Dependability; Initiative; Confidentiality; Physical condition commensurate with the demands of the positions.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: A current New York State License as a Registered Professional Nurse and current certification as a nurse practitioner, specializing in family practice, in New York State including prescriptive privileges. A valid DEA registration may be required for certain work situations.

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