

Healthcare Assistant Job Description

- Provides basic health care to patients and promotes their independence and well-being
- Assesses the health, comfort, physical condition, mobility, and mental state of patient to provide developmentally appropriate health care treatment plans
- Explains special diagnostic procedures, treatments, medications, diets, therapy, and equipment to patients
- Prepares patient for examinations or treatments by bathing or washing hair; arranging transportation; cleaning and preparing examination room; selecting appropriate gown or garment for patient; preparing examination table or bed for treatment; assisting patient into position for sample collection or treatment
- Operates X-ray machine to take body pictures or views of organs in motion in order to aid physicians in diagnosing illness and prescribing treatment plans
- Gives enemas, douches, and baths to patients
- Takes vital signs of the patient using stethoscope; measures blood pressure; feeds and changes patient who has difficulty in performing these functions; turns and exercises patients who are bedridden
- Trains or assists patients to perform physical exercises under supervision of physical therapist or exercise specialist as part of treatment program to help restore independence or well-being
- Cares for newborn infants by bathing, feeding, dressing and soothing them for routine procedures such as temperature, pulse and respiration readings, cleaning injection sites for immunizing shots, applying medications to eyes or ears or taking electrocardiograms (EKG)
- Participates in special procedures or treatments for patients, such as administering intravenous feedings or transfusions and collecting blood samples

- Assists in operating mechanical bed and other equipment used to lift, turn, bathe or move patient from bed to wheelchair
- Assists physician during electrocardiogram (EKG), urinalysis, arterial blood gas and other diagnostic tests that require the patient to remain absolutely still for long periods of time by restraining the patient or holding the body part being tested
- Takes blood samples and performs other internal examinations by inserting rectal or vaginal probe
- Cleans, sterilizes, and stores medical equipment under direction of physician and nurse.