

Hospitalist Nurse Practitioner Job Description

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Obtain patient's medical history
- Perform a physical examination and privileged procedures on patients, and document findings on their medical record
- Diagnose and treat patients who are present for treatment
- Develop, implement, and evaluate the clinical collaborative practice agreements in the specific clinical area
- Prescribe or administer medication and IV Fluids where applicable
- Instruct for and evaluate laboratory and other diagnostic tests
- Perform health assessment of patients with primary, acute, and chronic health issues
- Refer patients to specialty services to foster continuity of care when necessary
- Instruct patients on selected therapeutic and diagnostic procedures, consultation, and laboratory examinations relevant to their case
- Deduce findings and plans of care in line with shared practice agreements and protocols in designated areas
- Educate and counsel patient and family members concerning health promotion, self-care skills, disease prevention, and treatment options in coordination with occupational therapists and other healthcare providers
- Partake in meetings and conferences that enhance an interdisciplinary approach to primary health care delivery
- Serve as an effective member on departmental and multidisciplinary committees which impact or determine policies affecting nursing practice
- Act as a health care advocate serving as a liaison officer between patients and the clients

- Identify quality improvement issues with respect to patient care and nursing practice standards, and develop unit-based quality improvement programs
- Maintain a current level of knowledge relative to professional practice, and partake in approved medical and nursing research studies
- Implement educational programs and act as a resource to staff
- Evaluate the cost effectiveness of services provided to patients
- Request diagnostic imaging and perform diagnostic studies such as lab tests and EKGs
- Request for physical therapy, occupational therapy, and other rehabilitation treatments where applicable
- Provide prenatal care and family planning services for women
- Provide well-child care including screening and immunizations for young children
- Provide primary as well as specialty care services and health-maintenance care for adults.

Hospitalist Nurse Practitioner Requirements – Skills, Knowledge, and Abilities

- Education: Master's degree in a Nurse Practitioner Program
- License: Current license to practice as a Registered Nurse and a Nurse Practitioner License is required
- Certification: National Board Certification in specialty area, ACLS certification, and prescriptive authority
- Knowledge: Completion of a pharmacology component of not less than three semester hours or the equivalent; and strong knowledge of state and federal laws relating to prescription and record keeping (3 hour course)
- Experience: Previous experience relevant to the area of clinical practice, Inpatient and critical care experience; and experience in an advanced practice role is preferred.
- Team player: Nurse practitioners are required to be good team players to be able to work in a team-oriented environment, and to be able to

work with other healthcare professionals to provide a collaborative patient care

- Coaching skills: Hospitalist professionals also provide education and counseling to patients and their significant others, hence it is important for them to possess coaching skills to play the role of an educator effectively
- Communication skills: They require strong writing and oral communication skills because their job description requires them to relate to people of diverse personalities and background. It is also important because their job requires the documentation of patients' information
- Interpersonal skills: They should possess interpersonal skills to enable them build relationship and develop strong ties with the community and existing medical staff.