

# Orthopedic Physical Therapist Job Description

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## **Duties and Responsibilities:**

- Perform evaluation based on the need of each patient, specific program guideline, and recommendation from physicians and provide treatment to patients with various musculoskeletal, motor, and mobility disorders
- Develop and provide early intervention programs to help clients prevent orthopedic issues
- Carry out regular communication with case management, referrals, scheduling staff, and care coordination units
- Discuss evaluation result, plan for treatment, and goals with patients and/or their parents or caregivers
- Design home program activities for patients leaving for home to ensure continuation of treatment plan
- Involve patients in treatment sessions
- Carry out accurate and timely documentation of all necessary records following departmental standard procedures, and ensuring patients' insurance requirements are complied with
- Consult with allied healthcare providers, physicians, and other professional in the team on the best treat procedure for a patient
- Take part in program planning and case conferencing meetings
- Organize training programs and presentations when applicable for staff, patients, and caregivers or parents
- Perform evaluation on patients referred for fall risk assessment, physical therapy treatment, and consultation
- Relate with scheduling staff to keep schedule full; monitor and manage own schedule.

## **Orthopedic Physical Therapist Requirements – Skills, Knowledge, and Abilities**

- Minimum 2 years physical therapy and orthopedic work experience in a suitable medical center
- Experience working in a team comprising various healthcare professionals
- At least 3 months of fulltime clinical affiliation with an approved acute care hospital
- Ability to effectively evaluate each patient, analyze information, and determine if the case is within the job of a physical therapist or not
- Profound knowledge of physical therapy practices and principles, as well as techniques for performing evaluation and treatment
- Ability to make the right decision on the kind of intervention to be given to patients based on information from diagnoses and prognoses, as well as the patient's goal
- Strong ability to observe signs of distress in patients
- Strong ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing, and to communicate online with patients, caregivers/parents, professional colleagues, etc.
- Ability to work effectively with word processing software tools and to use computers in scheduling appointments and accessing electronic medical records of patients/clients
- Strong time management, interpersonal, self-initiation, and problem solving skills
- A physical therapy degree or certificate from a professional educational program dully accredited
- Possess physical therapist license to practice in the state where the job is being sought
- Possess current CPR (BLS) certification from the American Heart Association, or Advance Resuscitation Training , or Advanced Trauma Life Support, or Advanced Cardiac Life Support
- Excellent customer service and interpersonal skills
- Strong ability to apply evidence based research, professional literature, and continuing education materials to make the right decision on patient's treatment plan.