

# Pediatrics Nurse Practitioner Job Description

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## Duties and Responsibilities:

- Serves pediatric patients in the outpatient and inpatient settings, without the aid of an OB
- Responsible for discharging new born in the hospital during morning shifts
- Educates new parents prior to discharge and assessing each newborn
- Daily conducts assessments and creates a medical plan of care for hospitalized patients on admission, as well as upon discharge
- Determines diagnosis and appropriate intervention by collecting and synthesizing data from historical information, diagnostic tests, therapeutic interventions, and physical examination
- Works closely with nursing staff, NNPs, and social workers in creating a comprehensive treatment plan for patients and their families during hospitalization
- Continually maintains clinical skill proficiency and knowledge base needed for this patient population; including IV starts, Arterial sticks, PICC lines, and lumbar punctures
- Consults on patients in the newborn nursery when required to do so
- Provides prompt assistance with questions, concerns, and problems from family and hospital staff while on duty
- Notifies the attending physician of any significant change in medical status of the hospitalized patients
- Responsible for providing timely cardiopulmonary resuscitation when indicated
- Adheres to hospital and departmental policies and procedures in all aspects of medical care
- Maintains privacy and confidentiality of all medical and personal information

- Conducts rounds at least once a day on all patients, but additional patient contact will be determined on the basis of the patient's clinical status
- Appropriately documents all medical problems, assessment, and action taken thereof on all inpatients and outpatient in accordance with applicable policies.

## **Pediatrics Nurse Practitioner Requirements – Skills, Knowledge, and Abilities**

- Education: A minimum of a Master of Science degree in Nursing (MSN) is required to work as a pediatric nurse practitioner. Being a graduate of an approved Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (PNP) training program is also required
- Certifications and Licenses: Pediatric nurse practitioners must possess a Registered Nurse (RN) License and Advance practice recognition applicable in the state
- They are also required to be certified by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) or the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP), or be actively seeking initial certification, meeting all criteria for eligibility for initial examination as outlined by the ANCC and/or AANP
- CPR, BLS, and PALS certification may also be required
- Experience: They may be required to possess a minimum of two (2) years clinical experience
- Knowledge: They must possess a broad knowledge of nursing functions and medical terminology
- Comprehensive knowledge of adult learning principles and how to implement these principles to teaching
- The ability to operate all types of equipment and perform routine and special procedures used in the daily advanced nursing care of children may be required
- Communication skills: Pediatric nurse practitioners require strong oral and written communication skill to perform their job successfully. It is important that they can communicate clearly to patients and members

of healthcare team, providing education to new parents, and staff, as well as appropriately documenting all medical care procedures, assessments, and problems

- Interpersonal skills: They require this skill to work effectively with others, as well as to establish a patient nurse relationship with patients and their families during Hospital Stay
- Leadership skills: They must demonstrate leadership qualities required for influencing nurse staff, NNP's, and social workers required in providing collaborative patient care.