

Physical Therapy Technician Job Description

- Prepares treatment areas and assists technicians
- Sets and adjusts equipment for treatments
- Administers medication as prescribed by physician
- Aids technician in patient care, especially on physical therapy machines/tables as needed or requested by the technician (e.g. assist with positioning of patient on bed, or act as manual therapist)
- Monitors patients' vital signs during and after therapy (age dependent)
- Assists technicians with moving and transferring patients to/from treatment areas
- Maintains equipment and rooms in a clean, orderly manner; removes trash, keeps work area clean and orderly
- Keeps records of treatments received by assigned patients
- Prepares patients for electrotherapy treatments (e.g. by applying pads)
- Assists technician with dressing changes as needed or requested (e.g. swabs wounds with water or antiseptic solution)
- Delivers clothing laundered from Laundromat to customers on designated route as agreed upon with employers (e.g. doctors' offices and nursing homes)
- May assist with casting room activities (e.g. retweaking casts for new castings)
- May assist in transporting patients to and from medical, surgical, obstetrical, or diagnostic clinics and special clinics
- Reports directly to supervisor on all patient care activities and cannot be reassigned without supervisor's permission
- Follows safety precautions outlined in the clinic or facility manual; keeps up with areas of current interest to keep current on advances in technology; does not interrupt patient treatment for personal reasons (e.g. smoking) and makes sure that other technicians are aware of this obligation.