

Respiratory Therapist FT & PT

Coordinates the respiratory care clinical activities of all in-patient and outpatient care areas for services delivered, assuring quality and continuity of care. Administers therapeutic and diagnostic cardiopulmonary care to patients of all ages.

Major Work Activities:

- 1. Delivers patient care in a safe and competent manner.
- 2. Educates patients/family using verbal and demonstration skills.
- 3. Assesses patients and delivers prescribed care/diagnostic testing in a timely manner.

4. Accurately charts pertinent data regarding therapy/assessments. Maintains accurate records of modality changes.

- 5. Enters patient charges in an accurate and timely manner.
- 6. Completes competency checklist annually or more often as required by department policy.
- 7. Demonstrates knowledge of disease processes; diagnostic tests, normal and abnormal; treatment modalities and expected outcomes; psychosocial needs of various age groups; growth and development of infants, children, and adolescents; the aging processes, associated complicating factors and behaviors.

8. Maintains equipment, stocks supplies and inventories per policy.

9. Attends department meetings, education sessions and quality meetings as requested. Serves on committees and participates in departmental quality programs.

10. Maintains credentials, licenses, certificates as required by departmental policy.

Education:

Graduate of approved, accredited respiratory care program.

Experience:

General floor care experience.

Adult and pediatric critical care experience, ventilator management skills, critical thinking skills, emergency room experience.

Certification:

State of Tennessee License with ABG Endorsement, BLS and ACLS preferred.

Physical Demands:

- Requires full range of body motion and ability to lift and carry 65 pounds.
- Requires long periods of standing and walking.
- Must demonstrate the ability to work under stressful conditions, and irregular hours, days, nights, and holidays.
- Requires corrective vision and normal hearing.

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Skills and Qualifications:

- 1. Ability to communicate well with people in person or over the telephone and with written communication.
- 2. Ability to assess and react to situations.
- 3. Must be motivated and work independently.
- 4. Must be able to perform at a fast pace and/or stressful environment.
- 5. Ability to listen and maintain confidentiality.