

HOOSIER UPLANDS HEALTH CARE DIVISION

500 West Main Street

Mitchell, IN 47446

JOB DESCRIPTION

JOB TITLE: Physical Therapist Assistant

JOB SUMMARY: Administers physical therapy treatments to patients, working under the direction of and as assistant to Physical Therapist, by performing the following duties in accordance with IC 25-27-1.

LOCATION: Entire Agency Service Area

DIVISION: Health Care

REPORTS TO: Therapy Services Supervisor

Responsibilities:

1. Performs services planned, delegated and supervised by the Physical Therapist.
2. Provide services in accordance with agency policy. Administers active and passive manual therapeutic exercises, therapeutic massage, and heat, light, sound, water and electrical modality treatments such as ultrasound, electrical stimulation, ultraviolet, infrared, and hot and cold packs.
3. Administers traction to relieve neck and back pain.
4. Participates in teaching the client and family. Instructs, motivates and assists patients to learn and improve functional activities such as preambulation, transfer, ambulation and other daily living activities.
5. Observes patients during treatments and compiles and evaluates data on patients' responses to treatments and progress and reports orally or in writing to the Physical Therapist..
6. Fits patients for, adjusts and trains patients in use and care of orthopedic braces, prosthesis and supportive devices such as crutches, canes, walker and wheelchairs.
7. Confers with members of the physical therapy staff and other health team members, individually and in conference, to exchange, discuss and evaluate patient information for planning, modifying and coordinating treatment programs.
8. Assists in providing orientation to new PTA's.
9. Measures patients range-of-joint motion, length and girth of body parts and vital signs to determine effects of specific treatments or to assist Physical Therapist to compile data for patient evaluations.
10. Prepares clinical and progress notes.
11. Participates in inservice programs.
12. Additional duties as assigned by supervisor.

Supervisory Responsibilities:

This job has no supervisory responsibilities.

Qualifications:

To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily. The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill and/or ability required. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

Language Skills:

1. Ability to read, analyze, and interpret general business periodicals, professional journals, technical procedures, or governmental regulations
2. Ability to write reports, business correspondence and procedure manuals
3. Ability to effectively present information and respond to questions from groups of managers, clients, customers and the general public

Mathematical Skills:

1. Ability to work with mathematical concepts such as probability and statistical inference, and fundamentals of plane and solid geometry and trigonometry
2. Ability to apply concepts such as fractions, percentages, ratios and proportions to practical solutions

Reasoning Ability:

1. Ability to solve practical problems and deal with a variety of concrete variables in situations where only limited standardization exists
2. Ability to interpret a variety of instructions furnished in written, oral, diagram or schedule form

Certificates, Licenses and Registrations:

1. Associate Degree in Physical Therapy Assistance
2. Current Indiana Licensure in Physical Therapist Assistance
3. Current Drivers License
4. Current Automobile Liability Insurance

Physical Demands of the job/Work Environment:

The physical demands and work environment as described on the ergonomics sheet are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

I have reviewed this job description and agree to accept this position as described:

SIGNATURE

DATE