



UNION JOB DESCRIPTION

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JOB TITLE:	Registered Nurse - Stroke Clinic/Memory Service	JOB DESCRIPTION NO.:	80234 / N.VI.21001.006
CLASSIFICATION:	Direct Patient Care - Profile Classification - Level 3	GRID/PAY LEVEL:	NL3
COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT:	Nurses Bargaining Association	HSCIS NO.:	21001
UNION:	BCNU	JOB/CLASS CODE:	SI: 80234 CINI: 21001
PROGRAM/DEPARTMENT:	Clinical Operations; Research; Seniors Outpatient Clinic	BENCHMARKS (If Applicable):	
REPORTING TO:	Nurse Manager, Department Head, or designate		
FACILITY/SITE:	SI: RJH/VGH; CI: NRGH; NI: CRH		

JOB SUMMARY:

In accordance with the Vision, Purpose, and Values, and strategic direction of the Vancouver Island Health Authority (Island Health) patient and staff safety is a priority and a responsibility shared by everyone; as such, the requirement to continuously improve quality and safety is inherent in all aspects of this position.

Reports to the Manager, Department Head, or designate. Plans and provides direct nursing care to patients/residents in the Stroke clinic in accordance with the unit/program philosophy, competency guidelines, policies, and the BCCNM Standards for Nursing Practice in British Columbia. Utilizes knowledge and clinical expertise in hyper acute cerebrovascular syndrome and TIA care and management and/or seniors and/or dementia care.

TYPICAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Assesses, records, and reports the health status of assigned patients to identify and document patient status by performing duties such as:

- Collecting patient data from patient chart and other related patient records, observing patient condition, and conducting physical, emotional and social assessments;
- Triage, schedules and coordinates patient appointment in collaboration with other team members.
- Identifies and schedules diagnostic imaging and other tests as required in collaboration with physicians.
- Collaborating with other members of the nursing team, multi-disciplinary team, community care partners, patient and family;
- Documenting health care status in electronic health record.
- Reporting current status or changes in status to appropriate personnel as required.

2. Collaborates with the nursing team, multi-disciplinary team members, community care partners, and the patient and family to develop and modify a patient care plan, including the flow of care, to address the assessed needs of the individual by:

- Establishing short and long-term health status goals;
- Identifying and prioritizing appropriate nursing actions such as preventative, therapeutic and rehabilitative aspects of care;
- Coordinates schedules for patient visits and follow up.

3. Provides nursing care by performing nursing functions such as:

- Direct nursing care to patients;
- Explaining care plan to patient and family;
- Conducting planned nursing interventions, providing guidance and direction to other unit staff as required;
- Initiating measures to relieve crisis or emergent situations;
- Teaching self/home care skills to patient/resident and/or family members.

4. Evaluates patient/resident response to the care by assessing the effect of the nursing interventions as identified in the care plan and modifying interventions as appropriate. Initiates the multidisciplinary team evaluations of patient/resident care, including readiness for discharge.

5. Contributes to the ongoing development of the nursing department and/or the nursing unit by:

- Providing input into the development and/or revision of policies and procedures;
- Providing input into the development and/or modification of unit-based, departmental and/or community-based programs;
- Providing input to and participating in quality improvement plans/activities.
- Collecting statistical data

6. Participates in clinical research: assessment, screening and recruitment of subjects in the Seniors Outpatient Clinic and/or Stroke Clinic and Emergency Department into clinical research studies, as appropriate. Including but not limited to the facilitation and ongoing informed consent of subject/family prior to commencement of study procedures, completion of case report forms, laboratory requisitions, physician orders and checklists, as per VIHA policies, Industry and Regulatory bodies.

7. Ensures practice is in accordance with International Conference on Harmonization of Technical Requirements for Registration of Pharmaceuticals for Human Use guidelines on Good Clinical Practice and VIHA Research policies.

8. Performs other related duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Education, Training And Experience

Registration with BC College of Nurses and Midwives as a practicing RN registrant. Canadian Nursing Association specialty certification in specialty area, such as neurosciences nursing preferred. Two (2) years clinical research experience or an equivalent combination of education and training in research, preferred. Two years' recent experience with Hyper acute cerebrovascular syndrome/TIA care, seniors and/or dementia care, or two years' stroke neuro experience, or an equivalent combination of education, experience or training. Current ECG certificate and basic CPR certificate required.

Skills And Abilities

- Demonstrated ability to communicate effectively both verbally and in writing.
- Demonstrated knowledge of current theories, technologies and best practice in specialty area including geriatrics, geriatric psychiatry, neurology, hyper acute cerebrovascular syndrome/, TIA triage, assessment, anatomy, physiology and treatment, as well as related risk factor modification and prevention, and self management principles.
- Demonstrated ability to organize assigned workload and set priorities.
- Demonstrated ability to work collaboratively with a variety of internal and external contacts, including co-workers, physicians, community agency representatives, patients, residents and families.
- Physical ability to perform the duties of the position.
- Demonstrated ability to facilitate change and implement best practices.

- Demonstrated computerized software skills in word processing, spreadsheets, databases, presentations and internet access and ability to operate a computerized subject care information system.
- Demonstrated experience and knowledge of Good Clinical Practice related to clinical research.