



## UNION JOB DESCRIPTION

**JD3354**

<b>JOB TITLE:</b>	Registered Nurse - Critical Care Heart Cath/EP Labs	<b>JOB DESCRIPTION NO.:</b>	80240
<b>CLASSIFICATION:</b>	Direct Patient Care - Profile Classification - Level 3	<b>GRID/PAY LEVEL:</b>	NL3
<b>COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT:</b>	Nurses Bargaining Association	<b>HSCIS NO.:</b>	21001
<b>UNION:</b>	BCNU	<b>JOB/CLASS CODE:</b>	80240
<b>PROGRAM/DEPARTMENT:</b>	Heart Health, Heart Catheterization/Electrophysiology Lab	<b>BENCHMARKS (If Applicable):</b>	
<b>REPORTING TO:</b>	Program Manager or designate		
<b>FACILITY/SITE:</b>	VIHA: SI (RJH)		

### JOB SUMMARY:

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

Reports to the Nurse Manager, Department Head, or designate. Render comprehensive care to patients and participates in related cardiac catheterization and radiology invasive procedures which can include scrubbing for procedures, monitoring, drug and contrast administration, and completion of required nursing documentation. Will assist physicians in the performance of invasive procedures. Assessment and care of the patient is the primary function of the Heart Catheterization Lab/Electrophysiology Lab (HCL/EPL) registered nurse. Promotes a safe environment by using protective devices and radiation protection practices. Performs his/her designated duties in accordance with the unit/program philosophy, competency guidelines, policies, and the BCCNM Standards for Nursing Practice in British Columbia.

### TYPICAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

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

- Collecting patient/resident data from patient chart and other related patient records, observing patient condition, and conducting physical, emotional and social assessments;
- Collaborating with other members of the nursing team, multi-disciplinary team, community care partners, patient/resident and family;
- Documenting health care status;
- Reporting current status or changes in status to appropriate personnel as required.

2. Collaborates with the nursing team and the multi-disciplinary team in order to render comprehensive care to patients and participates in related cardiac catheterization and radiology invasive procedures which can include:

- Scrubbing for procedures;
- Monitoring, drug and contrast administration;
- Completion of required nursing documentation;
- Assist physicians in the performance of invasive procedures.

- Promotes a safe environment by using protective devices and radiation protection practices;
  - Establishing short and long-term health status goals;
  - Identifying and prioritizing appropriate nursing actions such as preventative, therapeutic and rehabilitative aspects of care;
  - Initiating the discharge planning process.
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.
6. Performs other related duties as assigned.

## **QUALIFICATIONS:**

### **Education, Training And Experience**

Registration with BC College of Nurses and Midwives as a practicing RN registrant. Minimum 2 years recent Cardiac Critical Care Nursing experience combined with the completion of an accredited Critical Care Program preferred. Minimum, 6 months recent Cardiac Critical Care experience and the successful completion of an accredited Critical Care Program required. Demonstrated ability in arrhythmia interpretation as evidenced by a mark of 75% on the VIHA ECG Challenge exam. Advanced Cardiac Life Support an asset.

### **Skills And Abilities**

- Knowledge in arrhythmia interpretation as evidenced by: a) successful completion of approved basic arrhythmia course within the past year; or b) a mark of 75% on the approved ECG Challenge Exam.
- Knowledge of cardiac and self-management related resources throughout the health authority.
- Ability to communicate effectively both verbally and in writing;
- Ability to work as a member of an interdisciplinary team;
- Ability to organize workload and set priorities;
- Ability to plan, organize and evaluate patient care;
- Ability to access transportation to meet operational requirements.
- Physical ability to carry out the duties of the position
- Ability to be on call.