



UNION JOB DESCRIPTION

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JOB TITLE:	Medical Imaging Nurse	JOB DESCRIPTION NO.:	80253/N.VI.21132.001
CLASSIFICATION:	General Duty Nurse - Medical/Diagnostic Imaging	GRID/PAY LEVEL:	NL3
COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT:	Nurses Bargaining Association	HSCIS NO.:	21132
UNION:	BCNU	JOB/CLASS CODE:	SI: 80253 CINI: 21132
PROGRAM/DEPARTMENT:	Medical Imaging	BENCHMARKS (If Applicable):	
REPORTING TO:	Leader or designate		
FACILITY/SITE:	Royal Jubilee Hospital, Victoria General Hospital, Nanaimo Regional General Hospital, Cowichan District Hospital		

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.

Reporting to the Leader or designate, the Medical Imaging Nurse works as a member of a multidisciplinary team performing various and specialized medical/diagnostic imaging procedures, assisting with interventional procedures for patients of all ages who may be critically ill and/or attached to life-support equipment, including acting as a scrub and circulating nurse; prepares for and responds to fluctuating workloads, unexpected critical situations and the requirement to be on-call as needed; consults, confers and collaborates with other healthcare providers such as radiologists, surgeons and technologists; and demonstrates initiative and expertise in nursing best practices.

TYPICAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Assists Radiologists and other physicians by performing duties requiring the application of professional nursing knowledge and skills, such as injection of patients with contrast media and/or drugs, and urinary catheterizing of patients, for patients undergoing various and specialized medical imaging procedures in modalities which may include general X-ray/fluoroscopy, Computed Tomography, Ultrasound, Nuclear Medicine, and/or Magnetic Resonance Imaging.
2. Assesses, monitors and provides nursing care to Medical Imaging patients as required, including acting as a patient advocate and promoting good public relations by effectively communicating with patients, families and visitors and other members of the multidisciplinary team. Acts as the scrub nurse while performing radiological, diagnostic, and interventional procedures, and acts as the circulating nurse by performing direct nursing care as appropriate to ensure the comfort and safety of patients undergoing medical/diagnostic imaging procedures.
3. Fulfills the responsibilities of and performs basic and critical care nursing skills as an experienced self-directed medical/diagnostic imaging nurse in accordance with hospital policies, procedures and standards, including delegated medical functions, giving prescribed medications, therapeutic treatments and following through on physician's orders.
4. Documents care given and observations made, reporting significant changes in patient condition appropriately.
5. Attends and participates in in-service, orientation and training sessions, including demonstrating correct basic techniques for Medical Imaging staff, such as for working in sterile and/or isolation conditions and handling patients with fractures and intravenous tubes.

6. Participates in Continuous Quality Improvement by conducting audits, completing appropriate reports, providing feedback and following up on risk factors and making recommendations for improvement to applicable policies, objectives and standards.
7. Ensures a safe environment for patients and staff by observing universal precautions and infection control procedures, removing obvious hazards, reporting faulty equipment, and adhering to and enforcing rules regarding safety.
8. Maintains an emergency crash cart by ensuring adequate and current supplies are on the cart. Completes requisitions for additional supplies, as required, in accordance with established procedures.
9. Consults with the Leader or designate, regarding nursing issues and participates in the development of team and department statement of mission, philosophy, policies, objectives and standards.
10. Demonstrates personal initiative in maintaining professional nursing knowledge and skills by participating in relevant educational activities such as conferences, seminars, as required.
11. Performs other related duties as required.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Education, Training And Experience

Registration with BC College of Nurses and Midwives as a practicing RN registrant. Post-basic education in critical care nursing, such as Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS), and two (2) years recent, related experience, or an equivalent combination of education, training and experience. Level C, Basic Life Support Certificate.

Skills And Abilities

- Apply nursing process as required and described in BC College of Nurses and Midwives Standards of Nursing Practice.
- Demonstrate sound organizational, problem solving, and teaching skills.
- Demonstrate sound judgment, observation and patient assessment skills.
- Demonstrate tact and empathy.
- Prioritize and organize patient demands made and care needs.
- Operate related equipment.
- Remain calm and respond appropriately in stressful and emergency situations.
- Work as part of a multidisciplinary health care team.
- Foster good public relations.
- Communicate effectively, both verbally and in writing.
- Physically able to perform the duties of the position, such as being on her/his feet for extended periods and working under the weight of lead protective gear.
- Work independently, with limited supervision.