

UNION JOB DESCRIPTION

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JOB TITLE:	Physiotherapist, Regional Pain Program	JOB DESCRIPTION NO.:	60658/P.CI.37200.013
CLASSIFICATION:	Physiotherapist P1	GRID/PAY LEVEL:	H-J-P1
COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT:	Health Science Professionals	HSCIS NO.:	37901
UNION:	HSA	JOB/CLASS CODE:	37901
PROGRAM/DEPARTMENT:	Ambulatory Services	BENCHMARKS (If Applicable):	
REPORTING TO:	Manager, Pain Program		
FACILITY/SITE:	VIHA-SI (RJH); VIHA-CI (NRGH)		

JOB SUMMARY:

In accordance with the Vision, Purpose, and Values, and strategic direction of Island Health (Vancouver Island Health Authority), 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 Manager with professional and clinical support from the Manager, Pain Program, and working without general supervision within an inter-professional, chronic disease management framework, the Physiotherapist-Pain Program, with the Pain Program inter-disciplinary team, assesses, plans, implements plans and evaluates plans for patients/clients with chronic pain. Responsible for planning and implementing patient education materials and sessions, referral to community resources, and setting up ongoing self-management and rehabilitation plans for patients/clients.

TYPICAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Utilizing an interprofessional approach to client centered care, provides initial and ongoing occupational therapy assessment and interventions such as:

- Self-care management techniques
- Evaluation and management of cognitive/perceptual status
- Adaptive equipment
- Splinting requirements or referral
- Psycho-social management techniques
- Group facilitation
- Education groups
- Community referrals

2. Coaches patient and/or families to identify, develop and maintain health promoting behaviors within the context of their chronic pain condition. Provides motivational support, information and education regarding living with chronic disease and self-management skills.

3. Participates as a member of the interprofessional health care team by:

- Collaborating with other members of the health care team in the provision of quality, client-centered physiotherapy;

- Utilizing a variety of effective communication techniques with clients, caregivers, families, physicians and staff;
 - Being aware of and incorporating VIHA's mission, vision, values and strategic directions into activities that enhance the Island Health Regional Pain Program team.
4. Utilizes computerized or manual systems to maintain client records, including obtaining and entering demographics, histories and tracking patient and group outcome measures as required, in accordance with Rehab Services/Pain Program policies, procedures and professional practice standards.
 5. Participates in Continuous Quality Improvement by conducting audits, completing appropriate reports, monitoring clinical indicators and satisfaction surveys, providing feedback, following up on risk factors, and making recommendations for and implementing improvements to the rehabilitation team and the Pain Program team processes.
 6. Provides education and support to colleagues and physicians across the continuum of care by sharing knowledge and skills related to the rehabilitation and self-management of the chronic pain patient.
 7. Maintains safe, competent ethical care by participating in relevant professional development.
 8. Maintains designated work area by adhering to infection control procedures, conducting routine safety checks on equipment, ensures supplies area available, arranges for cleaning equipment and setting up treatment or educational areas. Establishes systems for review of products and equipment, ordering and inventory control.
 9. Provides orientation, instruction, direction and supervision of assistants or aides that may be employed in the Clinic.
 10. Performs other related duties as required.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Education, Training And Experience

Graduation from a recognized university program in Physiotherapy. Current licensure in a practicing category with the College of Health and Care Professionals of BC as a Physiotherapist. Eligible for membership in the Canadian Physiotherapy Association (CPA). Two (2) years' recent, related experience in tertiary level care chronic pain management/rehabilitation or an equivalent combination of education, training and experience.

Skills And Abilities

- Prioritize, organize and problem-solve.
- Observe and assess clients/patients
- Excellent inter-professional team and group leadership skills.
- Demonstrate sound judgment, tact and empathy.
- Communicate effectively, both verbally and in writing.
- Work with others collaboratively.
- Foster good public relations.
- Physically and emotionally able to carry out the duties of the position.
- Operate related equipment, including computerized systems.