



UNION JOB DESCRIPTION

JD5178

JOB TITLE:	Clinical Pharmacist Cancer Care	JOB DESCRIPTION NO.:	5178
CLASSIFICATION:	Pharmacist P1	GRID/PAY LEVEL:	H-N-P1
COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT:	Health Science Professionals	HSCIS NO.:	36901
UNION:	HSA	JOB/CLASS CODE:	36901
PROGRAM/DEPARTMENT:	Pharmacy	BENCHMARKS (If Applicable):	
REPORTING TO:	Site Coordinator		
FACILITY/SITE:	Nanaimo Regional General 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 Pharmacy Site Coordinator or designate and under the supervision of the Site Coordinator, the Clinical Pharmacist Cancer Care is responsible for providing clinical pharmacy services and pharmaceutical care for chemotherapy patients for the majority of the time.

TYPICAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Prepares and dispenses medications and other pharmaceutical supplies to ensure appropriate medication therapy and to ensure practices and standards are in accordance with relevant federal and provincial legislation.
2. Provides individualization of drug therapy to patients through methods such as receiving patient charts, assessing clinical response through patient contact and collaboration with other health care providers and creating an individualized therapeutic plan.
3. Interacts with patients and the health care team to ensure appropriate medication therapy and to develop therapeutic plans through methods such as: developing medication calendars for outpatients, assisting, as part of the care team, with the formulation of a therapeutic plan for the use of supportive care medications and assessing patient comprehension of that plan, answering patient's questions and assisting with formulation of a therapeutic plan for the use of alternative and complementary treatments, and monitoring of patient compliance with therapeutic plans.
4. Provides verbal and written drug information to physicians, nurses and other health care professionals within the cancer clinic and to patients through individualized counselling.
5. Assists, as part of the care team, with the provision and/or financial support of non-BCCA benefit medications required to optimize the therapeutic plan through methods such as providing information and interacting with patients, health care providers and representatives from outside agencies regarding options such as compassionate release programs or obtaining financial support through emergency aid.
6. Provides instruction and/or experiential learning and training to new pharmacist staff, undergraduate pharmacy students and pharmacy residents.
7. Attends and participates in department meetings
8. Maintains professional competence and expertise in the pharmaceutical profession through methods such as on-going review of current pharmacy and medical literature, attendance at in-service or other educational programs and through contact with peer professionals.

9. Participates in departmental patient safety and quality assurance improvement activities.
10. Maintains and reports workload measurement activities and performance plan indicators as requested.
11. Represents the Department of Pharmacy on committees as assigned.
12. Performs other related duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Education, Training And Experience

Licensed by, or eligible for licensing by the College of Pharmacists of British Columbia. Completion of an Accredited Pharmacy Residency and one (1) year of recent related experience in cancer care or an equivalent combination of education, training and experience.

Skills And Abilities

- Ability to identify and resolve drug therapy problems.
- Ability to apply clinical knowledge and make sound decisions with a minimum of supervision.
- Ability to work independently, and as part of a multidisciplinary health care team.
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with physicians, other health practitioners, as well as patients and family members.
- Ability to communicate effectively in the Employer's primary language of business both verbally and in writing.
- Ability to be self-directed, to organize and prioritize workload and to complete tasks with accuracy, precision and dependability.
- Ability to teach.
- Ability to operate related equipment, including utilizing a variety of standard computerized office software applications.
- Physical ability to carry out the duties of the position.