UNION JOB DESCRIPTION

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JOB TITLE:	Physiotherapist	**JOB DESCRIPTION NO.:**	60024
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:	Population & Family Health; CY&F Rehab, QA	**BENCHMARKS (If Applicable):**	
REPORTING TO:	Manager or designate		
FACILITY/SITE:	QACCH		

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.

Within the context of a multi-disciplinary plan for the child and family, provides diagnostic and remedial physiotherapy services to the child with physical disabilities to maintain and improve joint range of motion, strength, endurance, coordination, mobility, and physical independence through exercise, handling, use of adaptive equipment and therapeutic modalities. May provide work direction to Physical Medicine Assistants and other caregivers.

Travel may be a requirement of this position. Transportation arrangements must meet the operational requirements of the Vancouver Island Health Authority in accordance with the service assignment and may require the use of a personal vehicle.

TYPICAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Assesses and treats assigned patients (by direct treatment, monitoring, or consultation) within the Physiotherapy Scope of Practice and according to Professional and Program standards, utilizing an interdisciplinary and family-centred approach to patient care and program related issues.

2. Exchanges information with colleagues and other members of the health care team through records and/or direct consultation; and by attending rounds, clinics, and team conferences, lectures, meetings, contributing where appropriate; establishes and maintains liaison with family and other caregivers concerning the progress of assigned patients.

3. Maintains treatment and progress records in accordance with Professional standards and the QACCH's policies and procedures; contributes to quality assurance through chart audits, program evaluation, and performance evaluation.

4. Provides relevant follow-up as appropriate to children who, according to Professional and Program standards no longer require active intervention.

5. Contributes to staff, family, and community education within the Centre's Programs/Services and, as appropriate, to programs for physiotherapy students and interns.

6. Maintains and upgrades knowledge of current developments in physiotherapy, new techniques and approaches related to patient care, by reviewing professional literature, consulting with other professionals, and participating in relevant educational programs, seminars, courses, and conferences.

7. Completes required records and statistics in accordance with the requirements of the provincial and federal governments as well as the QACCH.

8. Ensures that the environment is free from hazards, and that equipment is safe and in good working order by reporting the need for supplies, equipment, and repairs to Program Director or Senior or by filling in appropriate order forms.

9. Participates in the continuous quality improvement activities of QACCH which may include development, implementation, and evaluation of written procedures and standards, development of assessment forms and client materials, program descriptions and evaluation of clinical activities and services; attends/contributes to Program and Professional meetings.

10. Promotes an understanding of the Physiotherapy Scope of Practice as described in the CPA's publications and the QACCH's interpretations on that subject; complies with the Code of Ethics and the Rules of Conduct of the CPA and the College of Health and Care Professionals of BC.

11. Participates in related research activities when relevant

12. Performs other related duties as assigned.

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). Minimum one year experience in pediatric physiotherapy, or an equivalent combination of education, training and experience. Valid BC Driver's License.

Skills And Abilities

- Demonstrated clinical competency in the field of physiotherapy.
- Ability to communicate effectively both verbally and in writing.
- Demonstrated ability to work with families, young people, and other professionals.
- Demonstrated ability to train and monitor assistants, family members, and other caregivers in carrying out services to the child, which are the responsibility of the physiotherapist.
- Demonstrated ability to organize time and responsibilities and to work independently.
- Demonstrated/referenced interpersonal and team skills.
- Demonstrated knowledge and application of Physiotherapy in family-centered approach to care.
- Physically and emotionally able to perform the duties of the position.