



UNION JOB DESCRIPTION

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JOB TITLE:	Breast Imaging Technologist	JOB DESCRIPTION NO.:	60320/P.VI.46300.004
CLASSIFICATION:	Radiological Technologist P2A	GRID/PAY LEVEL:	H-D-P2A
COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT:	Health Science Professionals	HSCIS NO.:	46902
UNION:	HSA	JOB/CLASS CODE:	46902
PROGRAM/DEPARTMENT:	Medical Imaging	BENCHMARKS (If Applicable):	
REPORTING TO:	Leader or designate		
FACILITY/SITE:	VIHA-SI (VGH); VIHA-CI (CDH) (WCGH) (NRGH); VIHA-NI (CRH)		

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.

The Technologist, Breast Imaging works in a computerized environment producing approved breast imaging and diagnostic radiography related procedures as directed, either independently or in collaboration with a radiologist or other physician; applies radiation safety principles and practices to protect patients, staff and the general public; and completes required documentation and administrative tasks.

TYPICAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Verifies all patient information is accurate and correct by reconciling requisition information verbally with patient and checking relevant patient history. Completes Breast Imaging Technologist Worksheet and provides technical mammography notes for the Radiologist and breast sonographer. Ensures this information is shared with clinicians such as Radiologists as required.
2. Performs all imaging examinations such as screening and diagnostic mammography, interventional procedures, stereotactic core biopsies, galactography, and other radiographic procedures as required.
3. Maintains a high standard of patient care by ensuring all breast imaging procedures are explained to patients and the as low as reasonably achievable (ALARA) principle for radiation safety is followed.
4. Performs basic follow-up care post-examination, such as assisting the client to transfer, dress, or to the washroom, and notifies the appropriate health care provider of any change in patient status. Collaborates with other staff to support efficient and timely management of patient care.
5. Documents and records examinations and procedures performed in accordance with established procedures.
6. Operates a variety of computer applications, such as Picture Archiving and Communications System (PACS) and Hospital Information/Radiology Information Systems (HIS/RIS), as well as a variety of digital mammographic and radiographic imaging equipment and accessory equipment, adhering to established procedures.
7. Organizes and performs assigned breast imaging and radiographic examinations in accordance with established departmental policies and procedures as directed.
8. Verifies and checks the quality and integrity of images within the electronic patient image file.

9. Observes safety regulations, standards and procedures, such as use of equipment, infection control, and radiation protection. Cleans and tidies work area according to departmental cleaning and safety procedures. Maintains supplies, records and reports department supply requirements for ordering in accordance with established procedures.
10. Reviews quality control results, conducts initial troubleshooting to diagnose problems, and reports equipment and procedural problems/concerns in accordance with established procedures.
11. Demonstrates procedures and participates in orientation and training as required.
12. Acts as a resource person by collegially sharing, demonstrating and providing guidance regarding technical procedures to other technologists, students and other members of the multidisciplinary team.
13. Participates in continuing education programs and adheres to Diagnostic Accreditation Program of British Columbia (DAP) and Canadian Association of Radiologists - Mammography Accreditation Program (CAR - MAP) accreditation guidelines as directed.
14. Complies with radiation protection regulations to ensure the safety of patients and personnel.
15. Performs other related duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Education, Training And Experience

Canadian Association of Medical Radiation Technologists (CAMRT) Certificate in Breast Imaging (CBI) or Certificate in Breast Imaging - Diagnostic (CBI-D).

Graduation from an approved radiology technology program.

Eligible for membership in the CAMRT.

Three (3) years recent, related radiological experience, including two (2) years performing breast imaging, or an equivalent combination of education, training and experience.

Skills And Abilities

- Demonstrated working knowledge of all Breast Imaging protocols, applications, and equipment with a thorough understanding of the principles of breast imaging and mammography, including positioning, pathology, current technology, digital mammography and quality control as well as patient care techniques.
- Demonstrated knowledge of radiology systems, such as PACS and RIS.
- Ability to organize and prioritize workload.
- Ability to communicate effectively, both verbally and in writing.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team.
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships.
- Physical ability to meet the requirements of the job.
- Ability to operate related equipment, such as a computer.