



UNION JOB DESCRIPTION

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JOB TITLE:	Pulmonary Function Laboratory Technologist	JOB DESCRIPTION NO.:	60088/P.VI.65100.001
CLASSIFICATION:	Respiratory Therapist P1	GRID/PAY LEVEL:	H-E-P1
COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT:	Health Science Professionals	HSCIS NO.:	65101
UNION:	HSA	JOB/CLASS CODE:	65101
PROGRAM/DEPARTMENT:	Medicine	BENCHMARKS (If Applicable):	
REPORTING TO:	Manager or designate		
FACILITY/SITE:	Royal Jubilee Hospital; Nanaimo Regional General Hospital; North Island Hospital (Comox Valley Campus; Campbell River & District); 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.

Carries out Pulmonary Function diagnostic testing at the Category III, IV Pulmonary Function Testing (PFT) Lab level. Responsible for quality controls as required by the BCMA Diagnostic Accreditation Program.

TYPICAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Performs Pulmonary Function and other diagnostic tests such as diffusion studies, lung volume measurement and spirometry in accordance with diagnostic accreditation guidelines.
2. Explains tests to patients, reassuring patients and coaching patients during tests to ensure their maximum effort and co-operation.
3. Prepares and calculates data for interpretation by Medical Staff.
4. Receives instruction and training, and acquires the ability to perform category III and category IV Pulmonary Function Tests carried out in the PFT Laboratory.
5. Assists with the scheduling and booking of Pulmonary Function Tests.
6. Maintains on-going records of patients' tests by recording results and filing; records daily workload statistics.
7. Administers medications required during the performance of Pulmonary Function Testing.
8. Performs arterial puncture as per laboratory protocol and as ordered to obtain arterial blood gas specimens.
9. Performs quality control procedures as assigned by the Lead or designate, and as required by the quality control program of the Diagnostic Accreditation Program.
10. Assists in the performance of clinical research projects.
11. Assists with Pulmonary Function In-service Education as assigned by the Lead or designate.

12. Performs Respiratory Therapist job duties as required by department workload and staffing levels.

13. Performs other related duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Education, Training And Experience

- Graduation from an approved Respiratory Therapy program, Canadian Society of Respiratory Therapists (CSRT) certification, and current Cardiac life Support, Level C Certificate;
- One (1) year recent related experience as a Respiratory Therapist including at least one (1) year experience in Pulmonary Function Testing, or an equivalent combination of education, training and experience; and
- Eligible for registered membership with the British Columbia Society of Respiratory Therapists (BCSRT).

Skills And Abilities

- Ability to communicate effectively both verbally and in writing.
- Ability to deal effectively with others at all levels.
- Physical ability to carry out the duties of the position.
- Ability to operate and maintain related equipment.
- Ability to organize work.