



UNION JOB DESCRIPTION

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JOB TITLE:	Respiratory Therapist, Paediatric Ambulatory Programs	JOB DESCRIPTION NO.:	60304
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:	Population & Family Health; Child & Youth Services	BENCHMARKS (If Applicable):	
REPORTING TO:	Manager, Paediatric Ambulatory Programs		
FACILITY/SITE:	VGH		

JOB SUMMARY:

In accordance with the Vision, Purpose, and Values, and strategic direction of the Vancouver Island Health Authority, patient safety is a priority and a responsibility shared by everyone at VIHA; as such, the requirement to continuously improve quality and safety is inherent in all aspects of this position.

Reporting to the Manager, Paediatric Ambulatory Programs, administers respiratory therapy and provides diagnostic data and clinical education to patients and clients referred to the Paediatric Complex Respiratory Clinic and Cystic Fibrosis Clinic.

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 use of a personal vehicle.

TYPICAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Provides care and clinical expertise for paediatric complex respiratory and cystic fibrosis patients/clients; implements physicians' orders for respiratory patient care on behalf of the Paediatric Complex Respiratory Program, including assessing patient and family needs; developing individualized patient care plans; assessing the patient's/client's willingness and ability to participate in the care plan; monitoring the caseload and establishing priorities; maintaining program records of treatment plans and progress; and sending appropriate documentation to the physician.
2. Conducts or arranges for patient/client follow-up by program staff in order to ensure on-going assessments and appropriate patient/client care.
3. Assists nursing staff and Respiratory Therapists by providing care to patients/clients including medication administration and equipment, assesses patient/client learning needs, develops individualized care plans, interprets treatment recommendations, participates in case conferences, acting as a resource for physicians, health care professionals, and the community in matters relating to the care of paediatric complex respiratory and cystic fibrosis, and providing educational sessions for clients/parents and VIHA staff and physicians.
4. Promotes the outreach of paediatric complex respiratory and cystic fibrosis care into the community by maintaining a working liaison with community groups.
5. Participates in and provides input into development of policies and procedures for the Program, makes recommendations for improvements to patient/client care.
6. Provides training and in-service programs to clients/parents and multidisciplinary staff and students who provide

direct care to patients and clients. Provides training and education to other hospital staff as requested.

7. Implements approved department quality improvement/assurance policies and protocols; communicates quality improvement/assurance policies and protocols to staff and updates manuals as required. Maintains records of quality improvement/assurance activities and provides reports to the Manager as required.

8. Performs spirometry within established guidelines.

9. Tests diagnostic equipment and assigns the use and loan of equipment; arranges for maintenance of equipment as required.

10. Collects and maintains workload and statistical information for use in reporting and collates data and generates reports for the Manager as required.

11. Monitors and researches trends and developments in paediatric complex respiratory and cystic fibrosis care, and maintains related information files. Attends educational programs and workshops.

12. Performs other related duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Education, Training And Experience

Graduation from an approved Respiratory Therapy program and registered with the Canadian Society of Respiratory Therapists and the British Columbia Society of Respiratory Therapists. Completion of a post graduate course in asthma care from a recognized educational facility plus one year of recent experience with paediatric patients. Valid BC Driver's License.

Skills And Abilities

- Ability to conduct quality assurance tests and related activities.
- Ability to organize workload and establish priorities.
- Ability to teach.
- Ability to establish and maintain effective work relationships.
- Physical ability to carry out the duties of the position.
- Ability to operate related equipment.
- Ability to communicate effectively both verbally and in writing.