



Respiratory Therapist (RT) Job Description

Basic Function and Responsibility: The Respiratory therapist will have a minimum of one year of clinical work experience as a Licensed Respiratory Therapist in a Hospital, Sub Acute, LTC or Rehab setting. A compassionate and caring attitude and a proven ability to work collaboratively within the care team.

Characteristic Duties (may include but are not limited to)

- ✚ Perform necessary procedures with non-invasive methods such as CPAP and BIPAP therapies.
- ✚ Educate and counsel staff members on basic respiratory therapy procedures.
- ✚ Create therapy programs for patients based on the specific instructions of Physicians.
- ✚ Engage in diagnostic evaluation, treatment and control of deficiencies and abnormal functions found in the patient's cardiopulmonary system.
- ✚ Collaborate with nursing staff to administer blood gas samples and perform basic analysis.
- ✚ Perform assessments independently, in a systematic manner, making sound clinical decisions.
- ✚ Assume responsibility for the management of the care of your patient.
- ✚ Help select and modify teaching protocols/instructions for patient.
- ✚ Participate actively in unit educational activities.
- ✚ Demonstrate applied knowledge base to unit patient population and accountability for own professional practice.
- ✚ Practice according to safety, infection control, legal and risk management, dress code, attendance and other work environment related policies.
- ✚ Maintain scheduling flexibility to meet unit patient care needs.
- ✚ Participate in the organization and prioritization of patient and unit activities.
- ✚ Demonstrate appropriate interpersonal skills with patients, guests and co-workers.

Supervision Received is received from the clinical/unit Respiratory supervisor responsible for the shift and from the department manager on a 24-hour basis.

Qualifications:

- ✚ Respiratory Therapist (RT) state license for the state in which you are practicing.
- ✚ ACLS, BLS and PALS Certifications based on environment and patient you are caring for.
- ✚ One current year of clinical experience within the last three years.
- ✚ Must be able to push and/or pull at least 100 pounds of weight with the assist of specialized lifts and other devices.
- ✚ Must be able to bend, squat, kneel and sit and/or stand for periods of 8 hours or more.
- ✚ Must be able to accurately read, interpret patient care plans/orders and chart appropriate actions and responses as required.
- ✚ Must maintain all credentials in a current and acceptable status.

Reviewed and accepted by: _____

Date: _____