

EMERGENCY ROOM TECHNICIAN

NATURE OF WORK IN THIS CLASS:

This is responsible nursing work in the care of patients in the Emergency Room/Outpatient Department.

Employees in this class perform moderately complex technical nursing work independently on an ongoing basis and participate in a variety of complex technical duties under closer supervision.

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK: (Any one position may not include all the duties listed, nor do the examples cover all duties which may be performed.)

Assists the professional registered nurses and/or the physicians in emergency procedures such as deliveries in emergency room, ambulance, or in a private vehicular within the hospital's premise, cardiac resuscitation procedures, tracheostomy procedures, orthopedic procedures (closed reduction, dislocation, splinting, application of casts).

Prepares instruments and supplies required in the suturing of wounds; assists the physician in the procedure such as prepping, sponging, cutting of sutures, and application of dressing; assists the nurse and/or the physician in the preparation and application of equipment and supplies required for treatment, oxygen therapy, intermittent positive pressure breathing, resuscitating, cardiac monitoring, defibrillating, suctioning, etc.

Obtains brief medical history of the nature of illness from patients and reports findings to the registered nurse and/or physician; obtains and records vital signs of patients and reports abnormal findings to the registered nurse and/or physician; provides instructions to patients regarding the usage of crutches.

Performs removal of orthopedic casts, sutures and dressings; applies and removes steri-strips and dressing under the supervision of a physician.

Assists in the debridement of wounds; cleans surgically affected areas with specified preparation; obtains laboratory specimens; performs simple urine tests, vision and hearing testing; transports patients to the ward on a department via the designated means of transportation.

Cleans and orders supplies and replenishes them as needed.

Assists in the management of violent patients; applies cooling measures as ordered by the physician.

Performs and records inventory of personal belongings of patients as indicated.

Conducts informal on-the-job orientation and training for lower-level employees.

Performs related duties as required.

MINIMUM KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES AND SKILLS:

Knowledge of the general principles, methods, materials and practices employed in the emergency room.

Knowledge in the use, operation and maintenance of the equipment used in the emergency room and the use of sterile techniques and first-aid procedures.

Ability to learn and understand medical terms and procedures relating to the work.

Ability to work effectively with the public and employees.

Ability to communicate effectively, orally and in writing.

Ability to keep clinical records and charts.


Ability to exercise emotional control in working with patients.

Skill in the use and care of equipment and instruments used within the emergency room.

MINIMUM EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING:

- (a) Two years experience as a nurse aide, one year of which must have been in an Emergency Room/Outpatient Department; or
- (b) Any equivalent combination of experience and training which provides the minimum knowledge, abilities and skills.

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