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Occ. Area: 01
Work Area: 442
Prob. Period: 6 mo.
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NURSE PRACTITIONER

Function of Job

Under general nursing supervision, with appropriate referral to a physician and in accordance with physician-established regimens, carry out selected phases of the treatment plan of chronically and/or acutely ill patients.

Characteristic Duties and Responsibilities

1. elicit and record complete health and nursing histories
2. perform physical examinations
3. assesses all body systems using appropriate mechanical methods, such as palpation and percussion; diagnostic methods and instruments including, but not limited to, otoscope, ophthalmoscope, proctoscope, tonometer, and speculum; and laboratory methods
4. assesses social history and family circumstances
5. with a physician, plan required medical therapy and for appropriate nursing intervention
6. triage patients, differentiating between the well and sick or abnormal; initiate treatment when appropriate, referring those patients who require physician-supervised care
7. therapeutically treat common disease states with responsibility for identifying health care needs; recognizing changes in symptoms that may require changes in therapy; developing plans of care that specify health problems, approaches, and objectives; and implementing and evaluating plan with patient and family
8. participate in the care of acutely ill patient by recognizing syndromes; providing primary emergency care and first aid as appropriate; and utilizing patient's physical and emotional responses to therapy to institute nursing intervention
9. train, supervise, and guide other members of health care team in the development, implementation, and evaluation of health care plan
10. counsel patients and families to evaluate effectiveness of planned care
11. collaborate with other professional nursing personnel and ancillary members of the nursing team in determining nursing care, treatment, and general management of patients
12. perform related duties as assigned

Minimum Acceptable Qualifications

CREDENTIALS TO BE VERIFIED BY PLACEMENT OFFICER

1. Licensure as an Advanced Practice Nurse

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PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES NEEDED TO UNDERTAKE JOB

none