

SUPERVISING PHYSICAL THERAPIST

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is professional physical therapy work of a complex nature which involves responsibility for the day-to-day administration, coordination and professional supervision of the physical therapy services as well as treatment of injuries, disease or disabilities by physical means. General supervision is received from the Director of Patient Services or other higher level administrator, and work direction is exercised over Senior Physical Therapists, therapists and aides. Performs related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative only)

Supervises and participates in the screening, evaluation and implementation of overall treatment programs in physical therapy in order to provide physician prescribed programs;

Supervises and administers all types of therapeutic treatments, including the operation of various modalities such as intra-red, ultra violet, diathermy, whirlpool baths, hubbard tanks, galvanic and faradic stimulators in insure patient is receiving appropriate and optimum care;

Supervises the proper and timely recording of physical therapy treatment, special precautions, progress, etc.;

Supervises and/or prepares orders for supplies and equipment and sees to proper safety and maintenance of equipment to maintain efficiency and safety;

Performs all types of physical therapy treatments;

Provides technical and professional consultation based on experience and expertise in the field of physical therapy to enhance services, training and liaison;

Prepares statistical reports covering the work of the staff;

Assists in the preparation of annual budget for physical therapy unit based on current and projected service needs;

Recommends educational programs such as inservice education and continuing education programs for staff;

Attends multi-disciplinary conferences, provide training and keeps abreast of new trends in the field;

Performs a variety of related activities as required.

Typical Work Activities are intended only as illustrations of possible types of work that might be appropriately assigned to an incumbent of this title. Work activities that do not appear above are not excluded as appropriate work assignments, as long as they can be reasonably understood to be within the logical limits of the job.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS: Comprehensive knowledge of the principles, objectives and techniques of physical therapy; thorough knowledge of modern types of diagnostic and treatment modalities in the physical therapy field, including exercises, muscle testing re-education and massage; thorough knowledge of the uses of hydrotherapy, electrotherapy, heat therapy and heliotherapy in specific diseases and physical handicaps; thorough knowledge of

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the uses of relative value and limitations of equipment; familiarity with anatomy and physiology to and limitations of equipment; familiarity with anatomy and physiology to the extent of knowing how to position patients with various conditions for different types of treatment; ability to supervise and instruct others in the techniques of physical therapy; understanding and sympathy in dealing with patients; alertness to detect symptoms of unfavorable reactions; initiative in administering treatments as required by physicians and in development and maintaining work schedules; resourcefulness in adopting therapeutic exercises to patients; accuracy in adjusting electrical instruments and in timing of treatments.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Possession of a license to practice as a registered physical therapist issued by the State of New York and approved by the New York State Public Health Counsel, and four (4) years of experience as a physical therapist, two (2) years of which must have been with a public health agency, which shall have involved at least one (1) year of supervisory experience.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT:

Access to transportation is required to perform field work responsibilities in a timely and efficient manner.