

TITLE OF POSITION: OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST

TITLE OF IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR: Director of Nursing

RISK OF EXPOSURE TO BLOODBORNE PATHOGENS – HIGH

DUTIES
Provide skilled occupational therapy service on an intermittent basis to patients in their homes in accordance with the physician's orders.
RESPONSIBILITIES
Assist the physician in evaluating the patient's level of function by applying diagnostic and prognostic procedures.
Conduct initial and ongoing comprehensive assessments of the patient's needs, including Outcome and Assessment Information Set (OASIS) assessments.
Evaluate the patient's significant other(s), and the home situation to determine what instruction will be required and what family assistance will be available in caring for the patient, as well as what other Agency and community services will be required.
Assure that the physician's orders are appropriate and discusses necessary changes.
Assist in development and implementation of the interdisciplinary patient care plan to include Occupational Therapy in consultation with the physician.
Guide and instruct the patient in prescribed therapeutic self-care and creative activities that are directed toward improving independence and physical and mental functioning.
Instruct patient in care and use of wheelchairs, braces, splints, and prosthetic and orthotic devices.
Teach, supervise and counsel the family and patient in the total Occupational Therapy program and other related problems of the patient at home.
Establish goals based on the patient's current level of functioning and potential for improvement and performs re-evaluations as indicated.
Makes arrangement for outpatient services when procedures are required that cannot be given in the home.
Evaluate the effectiveness of occupational therapy intervention and updates the patient care plan as needed.
Prepare clinical/progress notes on the day of the visit which are incorporated into the chart within 72 hours.
Communicate with the physician on a regular basis regarding patient's status, obtaining additional orders, if necessary.
Communicate with other team members and, when appropriate, instructs them in Occupational Therapy techniques that they may use while working with the patient.
Supervise the Home Health Aide per agency policy when Occupational Therapy is the only professional discipline involved in the patient's care.
Supervise the Occupational Therapy Assistant at least per agency policy.
Participate in Agency activities, in-services, and meetings, when appropriate.
Confirm, on a weekly basis, the scheduling of visits with the Director of Nursing in order to coordinate Agency visits.
Participate with the staff, the patient, and the physician in discharge activities and completes an Occupational Therapy Discharge Summary.

Assume responsibility for self-development by continually striving to improve his/her health care knowledge through educational programs, attendance at workshops and conferences, active participation in professional and related organizations and individual research and reading.

ASSISTS IN THE AGENCY ADMISSION PROCESS

Obtain a medical history, particularly as it relates to the present condition.

Evaluate the patient, the patient's significant other(s) and the home situation to determine what instruction will be required, what assistance will be available from the family in caring for the patient, and what other Agency and community services will be required.

Assure that the physician's orders are appropriate and discusses necessary changes.

JOB CONDITIONS

The ability to drive and the ability to access patients' homes which may not be routinely wheelchair accessible are required.

Hearing, eyesight and physical dexterity must be sufficient to perform a physical assessment of the patient's condition and to perform patient care.

On occasion, may be required to bend, stoop, reach and move patient weight up to 250 pounds; lift and/or carry up to 30 pounds.

Must be able to effectively communicate in English.

EQUIPMENT OPERATION

Occupational therapy equipment and other medical equipment will be utilized. Hand washing materials.

COMPANY INFORMATION

Has access to all patient medical records which may be discussed with Director of Nursing, the Administrator, the Executive Director, and the Quality Assurance department staff and government agencies.

QUALIFICATIONS

1. Must be a graduate of an Occupational Therapy school approved by the Council of Medical Education of the A.M.A. in collaboration with the American Occupational Therapy Association.
2. Preferably should be a member of the American Occupational Therapy Association.
3. Must be licensed or registered by the State.
4. Must have at least one year of institutional experience.
5. Must have a criminal background check.
6. Must have current CPR certification.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

EMPLOYEE NAME

EMPLOYEE SIGNATURE

DATE