



Experts in Orthopedic Care

PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSISTANT

POSITION SUMMARY

Under the direct supervision of an occupational/physical therapist, provide patient care and therapy services including assessing, interpreting, planning and implementing specialized physical therapy treatments in accordance with the plan of care determined by the therapist.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

- Facilitates and implements current therapy treatments
- Maintains evaluation of patient status at appropriate intervals as directed by supervising therapist
- Provides accurate, concise and professional documentation in a timely manner, as required
- Collaborates with patient, caregivers, family members, physicians, other health care professionals and supervising therapist in planning discharge from rehabilitation services
- Follows through on treatment responsibilities
- Provides education appropriate to patient's level of understanding regarding evaluation, treatment and self-responsibility
- Instructs in home treatment program to facilitate rehabilitation and promotes independence in care as appropriate
- Responds to mail, messages and phone calls in a timely manner
- Attends regularly scheduled department meetings
- Performs other responsibilities associated with this position as deemed appropriate to ensure the success of the Physical Therapy program at TOC

GENERAL COMPETENCIES DESIRED

- Cooperative work attitude toward co-employees, management, patients, visitors and physicians
- Must have the ability to promote favorable company image with patients, physicians and the general public
- Must be dependable and able to make appropriate decisions in order to carry out treatment program to meet the individual needs of the patient
- Must be able to effectively assess and treat patients with appropriate scheduling and planning
- Strong communication and customer service skills, maintaining effective relationships
- Effective problem solving skills with the ability to follow through
- Strong organizational skills with the ability to follow instructions, meet deadlines and multi task
- Must be able to function independently with minimum supervision

PHYSICAL DEMANDS

Requires full range of body motion including handling and lifting patients, manual and finger dexterity and eye-hand coordination. Involves standing and walking. Occasionally lift and carries items weighing up to 30 pounds. Requires normal visual acuity. Requires working under stressful conditions or working irregular hours. Requires exposure to communicable diseases or bodily fluids.

CREDENTIALS DESIRED

AA or BS from an accredited physical therapy assistant education program. Valid Florida license (or eligible).