

Physician –Geriatrician - Job Description

Title: Physician – Geriatrician (EXEMPT)

Description: The Geriatrician physician provides health assessment and direct care in both our Health Center and patient home environments to geriatric patients as part of the provider team.

Reports To: Vice President of Medical Staff Relations and Medical Director

Primary Functions:

1. Understands and follows VNA's "Mission Statement", "Code of Ethics", organizational policies, and structure.
2. Establishes VNA senior care protocols. Promotes and builds senior care patient census through collaborative efforts with area extended living facilities, nursing homes and various community groups, as well as VNA resources.
3. Provides primary care using generally accepted standards of practice. The physician develops a plan of care for each patient, including complete history, physical examination, diagnosis, appropriate treatment and /or referral, uses all available resources in an appropriate and cost efficient manner.
4. Hospitalizes as needed any patient requiring in-patient care. Provides primary care during the hospitalization when on call.
5. Provides back up and support for Nurse Practitioners and other midlevel providers in the VNA Health Centers and patient homes.
6. Confers with consulting physicians, midlevel providers, nurses, support staff, patients, and families concerning treatment and care of patients. Makes appropriate specialty and sub-specialty referrals, but maintains primary care responsibility, assuring continuing of care.
7. Accepts on call coverage responsibilities as scheduled.
8. Participates in health promotion/disease prevention activities. Stresses the importance of preventive health care measures.
9. Participates in quality improvement/assurance activities.
10. Attends mandatory in-services and VNA Health Center meetings.
11. Completes records in adequate professional detail, and in a timely manner using VNA EMR system.
12. Other duties as assigned by the President/CEO, and/or VNA Administration staff, to meet the goal of providing excellent health care.
13. Maintains and acquires knowledge and skills to perform required duties to meet all hospital, state, organizational and licensure requirements.
14. Follows established guidelines for use and/or disclosure of protected health information. Employees should report any breaches of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) rules to the Privacy Officer (Vice President of Patient Services) immediately. Failure to comply with HIPAA policies and procedures will result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment.
15. Other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

1. Unencumbered license to practice medicine in Illinois as an MD/DO.
2. Training or experience in Geriatric Care.
3. Board Certification/eligibility in Internal Medicine.
4. Board Certification or certification in Geriatric Care preferred.
5. Qualified in Basic Life Support.

*Please refer to contract for all other required qualifications.

Essential Functions/Physical Requirements:

1. Must be able to speak English clearly and fluently.
2. Must be able to read and interpret clinical data.
3. Must have mobility sufficient to provide care to a variety of patients at an adequate pace.
4. Must have manual dexterity sufficient to perform procedures usually performed in this specialty.
5. Ability to drive a car.

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