

JOB DESCRIPTION: Nurse Practitioner**WORKS UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF:** Physician or Physician's Designee**REPORTS TO:** Supervising Physician**CLASSIFICATION:** FT/Salaried**SUPERVISES:** None at this time**GENERAL DESCRIPTION**

The Nurse Practitioner, is an advanced practice nurse that helps with all aspects of patient care, including diagnosis, treatment and consultation. Working under the direction of a supervising physician the Nurse Practitioner is responsible for providing physician-quality care to patients of the practice which specializes in Urogynecology; the practice of female pelvic medicine and reconstructive surgery. The NP will provide care in the treatment and management of female urinary disorders, voiding dysfunction, bladder, pain, pelvic pain and pelvic organ prolapse and any other female pelvic disorders. The NP will work primarily in an outpatient setting, but may be required to provide service in an inpatient setting. The Nurse Practitioner may perform independently, or as part of a treatment team.

The NP relies on the supervising physician to be available for consultation, provide learned advice, and to assume care of the patients who have the conditions that place them outside of the scope of practice for Nurse Practitioners according to the State of SC Nurse Practice Act.

Care of patients shall include but not be limited to:

- Performance of an appropriate history and physical exam
- Ordering/interpreting/performing of appropriate diagnostic tests.
- Establishing and implementing appropriate treatment plans consistent with the standard of care, including counseling, instructing, performing tasks approved by the state board of nursing, prescribing medications and dispensing sample medications as dictated by the NP's prescriptive privilege or state law or under the verbal order of the supervising or alternate supervising MD.
- Ability to work with and direct the duties of other essential clinic personnel.

Clinical Skills for Urogynecology Nurse Practitioner:

- Evaluation, treatment and management of urinary incontinence, voiding dysfunction, urinary retention, urinary tract infection, interstitial cystitis, overactive bladder, pelvic organ prolapse, painful intercourse, pelvic pain and fecal incontinence or defecatory dysfunction
- Admission orders
- BLS, ACLS
- Catheterization of the bladder, bladder irrigation, instillations
- Cystoscopy-office setting
- Discharge orders
- Evaluation, treatment and management of urinary incontinence, voiding dysfunction, urinary retention, urinary tract infection, interstitial cystitis, overactive bladder, pelvic organ prolapse, painful intercourse, pelvic pain and fecal incontinence or defecatory dysfunction
- Excision/biopsy of a vulvar genital lesion

- Incision and drainage of abscesses
- Pessary fitting, insertion and cleaning
- Patient and family education
- Pelvic floor muscle therapy
- Pelvic exams
- Post operative/discharge teaching to patient and family
- Post operative orders
- Preoperative evaluation
- Suture lacerations/wounds/wound dressing changes
- Urgent PC therapy
- Uroflow studies
- Voiding cystourethrograms , voiding trial

JOB REQUIREMENTS

To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily. The following are important qualifications, skills, abilities, and other attributes usually expected of a nurse practitioner for them to be able to effectively execute their responsibilities:

- Possession of a Bachelor's degree, in Nursing. together with a Masters Degree in Advanced Practice Nursing.
- Possession of (or ability to obtain) a license to practice as a Nurse Practitioner in the state of South Carolina.
- Possession of (or ability to obtain) state and federal Controlled Substance Registration
- Must maintain all appropriate licensures, and certifications including completion of required CME credits.
- Must be eligible to obtain hospital privileges
- Some clinical experience in an area of specialty closely related is preferred.
- Ability to provide expert clinical judgment and function independently
- Possession of exceptional communication and interpersonal skills that enable effective collaboration with physicians, staff, community health workers, patients and their families
- Ability to work with little or no supervision, and to take initiative in handling the responsibilities of the position
- Ability to understand complex medical information and clearly communicate it to patients and their families, medical staff, and external customers, in written and spoken format
- Possession of conflict resolution and problem solving skills to effectively manage conflict in work environment
- Ability to keep all sensitive and confidential information to self and out of reach to unauthorized persons.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:

Although the Nurse Practitioner usually works in a comfortable, well-lighted environment, at times, the job may require a considerable amount of walking, stooping, bending and lifting. Work schedule may vary according to the current practice needs, and often depends

on the hours of the supervising physician. Duties may require hospital rounds, and on-call rotation.

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job.

- Crouching-Yes
- Balancing-Yes
- Pulling-Yes
- Carrying-Yes
- Grasping-Yes
- Sitting-Yes
- Climbing-No
- Kneeling-Yes
- Standing-Yes
- Crawling-No
- Lifting-Yes
- Seeing-Yes

COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS

This position includes a competitive compensation and benefits package to include medical and dental coverage, 401K/Profit Sharing Plan, Paid Time Off, and Paid Holidays.