PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT – CARDIOTHORACIC SURGERY

Busy Cardiothoracic Surgery Group with Beacon Health System with locations in South Bend and Elkhart Indiana is seeking a 5th Full Time Physician Assistant to join our team. Current staffing includes 4 Surgeons, 4 Physician Assistants that provide Cardiothoracic Surgery and Lung Procedures daily.

JOB RESPONSIBILITIES

First/Second Assisting; Removal of OR Devices; Daily rounds; Discharge Summaries; Admission History and Physical Exams; Insertion of Nasogastric Tubes; Insertion of Arterial and Venous Pressure Monitoring Lines; Will Write Routine Admission, Preoperative, and Postoperative Orders; First/Second Assisting; Postoperative Wound Care; Endoscopic Vein Harvesting; Radial Harvesting is just a brief description of the extensive clinical responsibilities for this high profile position.

An excellent salary and benefits package are automatic with this high profile position along with an excellent working environment. We support Work/Life/Balance and appreciate every Team Member who has a passion for their profession.

Come Join Us To “Practice Your Passion”.

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Section 2. Prescriptive Authority

A physician assistant may prescribe a Schedule II, III, IV and V controlled substance, in an aggregate amount, that does not exceed a thirty (30) day supply. Any refills or subsequent prescriptions beyond the thirty (30) day supply must be authorized by the supervising physician and recorded in the patient’s medical records.

Under the supervising physician:
1.) A Physician Assistant may not prescribe drugs unless the physician assistant has successfully completed at least thirty (30) contact hours in pharmacology from an accredited PA program or Category I CME activity.
2.) Before a Physician Assistant may prescribe a controlled substance, the physician assistant must have practiced as a physician for at least one (1) year after graduating from a physician assistant program and for at least one thousand eight hundred (1,800) hours.
3.) The Physician Assistant may prescribe if they have been granted prescriptive authority by the licensing board.

Section 3. Manner of Collaboration and Duties

General Duties Include:
1. Hospital rounds and progress notes
2. Discharge summaries
3. Admission History and Physical examinations
4. Insertion of nasogastric tubes
5. Write routine admission, preoperative, and postoperative orders
6. Placement of bladder catheters
7. As instructed by the Supervising Physician, order routine and/or frequently used medications as required from physician to nursing staff
8. Assist in the Operating Room
9. Postoperative wound care
10. Convey verbal orders as required from physician to nursing staff
11. Respond to “on call” phone messages as required
12. Write prescriptions upon discharge and post operative appointments under the supervision of the supervising physician

Cardiac Duties Include:
1. Maintain CPR certification, initiate emergency measures including tracheal intubation, cardiac defibrillation, administration of IV medications
2. Insertion of arterial and venous pressure monitoring lines
3. Act as a surgical first assistant
4. Harvest and prepare veins and radial arteries for bypass grafts
5. Closure of sternotomy, thoracotomy, or abdominal wounds
6. Removal of OR devices-chest tubes, hemodynamic monitoring catheters, temporary pacing wires, intra-aortic balloon pump
7. Postoperative patient care-ICU/CCU/OHR, step-down units and medical/surgical floors
8. Knowledge and timing of intra-aortic balloon pumps
9. Measurement of hemodynamic indices, interpretation
10. Under direct supervision:
   a. Insertion of pulmonary artery catheters
   b. Insertion of chest tubes
   c. Insertion of intra-aortic balloon pump
   d. Thoracentesis

Office Duties Include:
1. Check O2 tanks monthly
2. Review crash cases monthly
3. Assist in office care of patients, including examination and formulation of ongoing treatment plans
4. Office dictation
5. Answer preoperative, perioperative and postoperative patient telephone calls
6. All other duties as assigned

The Physician Assistant will be providing the services, tasks, and procedures described above in office, hospital setting. The Supervising Physician or Physician Designee may practice while meeting the requirements for supervision at the location set forth in IC 25-27.5-2-14. The Physician Assistant, the Supervising Physician and the Physician Designee are employees of Beacon Health System. The legal responsibility for the Physician Assistant’s actions are that of the Supervising Physician as set forth in IC 25-27.5-6-7.
The Physician Assistant will assist the Supervising Physician and the staff in dealing with emergencies when the Supervising Physician or Physician Designee is on site. When the Supervising Physician or Physician Designee is not on site, the Physician Assistant will call 911 for all life threatening emergencies and provide Basic Life Support including but not limited to CPR and ACLS if certified.

The Physician Assistant may prescribe medications included in the Supervising Physician’s or Physician Designee’s scope of practice as delegated by the Supervising Physician or Physician Designee. The Physician Assistant will examine indications, contraindications, side effects, drug interactions, patient allergies to medications, and proper dosing of medications prior to prescribing the medications. The Physician Assistant will also take into account the dosing if related to the patients age or weight for dosing the medications. The Physician Assistant will consult on a case-by-case basis with the Supervising Physician or Physician Designee as needed.

The Physician Assistant will not prescribe medications to anyone that is not a patient of the Supervising Physician or Physician Designee except in the case of emergency where no fee or other consideration is contemplated, as set forth in IC 25-22.5-1-2.

The Physician Assistant will be delegated the authority to prescribe the following classifications based on the above four paragraphs and protocols used in the Hospital units, step down units, in the office setting, or in other settings staffed by the Supervising Physician or Physician Designee.

**Section 4. Review of Prescriptive Practices**

The Supervising Physician or Physician Designee will review all patient encounters no later than twenty-four hours after the Physician Assistant has seen the patient.

The Physician Assistant’s performance will be evaluated by the Medical Directors of the Corporation on a regular basis thru chart review and feedback from the Supervising Physician and Physician Designees.