

THERAPEUTIC RESOURCES

PHYSICAL THERAPIST JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title: Traveling Physical Therapist

Job Description: The Physical Therapist is responsible for providing professional services to patients who have physical therapy needs. The Physical Therapist provides evaluation and treatment of patients whose abilities to cope with asks of living are threatened or impaired by congenital or developmental deficits, the aging process, poverty and cultural differences, physical injury, or illness or psychological and social disability on referral from a physician.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

- Performs physical therapy evaluation and diagnostic tests on clients for whom therapy has been medically prescribed
- Develops the plan of treatment and coordinates treatment with the physician and other medical care providers.
- Administers treatment program based on individual patient needs, physical status, and interests.
- Teaches basic principles of good posture and body mechanics in relation to changing needs of individuals in all age groups.
- Develops plans for administering adaptive equipment, modifying appliances and the physical surroundings in a patients home
- Instructs the client and family members on the proper use of prosthetic devices and adaptive equipment and adaptive techniques.
- Helps clients utilize the resources of their community and family
- Maintains clinical progress notes that record the client's physical therapy capabilities and limitations and therapist's recommendations.
- Supervises the physical therapy assist and physical therapy aid.

Qualifications/Requirements: Must be able to work well with a diverse patient case load, function independently in a variety of circumstances, set work priorities, use sound judgment and have effective verbal and written communication skills.

Education and/or Experience

- Graduation form an approved Physical Therapy curriculum
- Must hold current professional license from state of employment
- Typically 1 year of appropriate Physical Therapy experience.

Work Conditions:

- Work settings include a variety of healthcare facilities, such as hospital, nursing homes and outpatient treatment centers and home health agencies.
- Bending, carrying, climbing, lifting, pushing-pulling, reaching sitting, standing and walking required.

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