

Three Chequers Medical Practice
Nurse Job Description

Job Title:	Practice Nurse
Reporting To:	Practice Manager / Nurse Manager
Practice Objectives:	To provide accessible, prompt and professional health care for patients attending our surgeries.
Job Holder's Objectives: nursing	To provide and maintain a high standard of care for patients as well as providing nursing assistance to the doctors and other members of the Primary Healthcare Team.

Job responsibilities:

Assist in and perform routine tasks related to patient care as directed by GPs
Such tasks may include –

- Complex and Basic wound care / ulcer assessment and management
- Removal of sutures/ Clips
- New patient medicals/ NHS Health Checks
- Urinalysis
- ECGs
- Peak flow readings
- Offer a holistic approach to travel health by providing comprehensive advice to patients prior to travel including; vaccinations and medicines, safe sex, food hygiene, sun protection.
- Offer advice about childhood and adult vaccinations and ensure vaccines are administered under patient group directions
- Blood pressure measurements
- Ear syringing
- Routine immunisations
- Chaperoning and assisting patients where appropriate who are being examined by another clinician
- Assisting GPs with minor surgery and coil fittings
- Requesting basic pathology tests, for example urine culture, swabs
- Following agreed clinical protocols with referral to senior nurses or GPs as appropriate
- Patient referral to community services
- Carry out doppler assessment to determine ABPI readings
- Offer basic advice regarding chronic disease conditions, including diabetic foot screening
- Assist with mentoring , supervision and teaching of junior staff

- Long Term Conditions

Other tasks including:

- Maintaining and cleaning equipment used by the GPs
- Maintaining GP and Nurses rooms, stocking and rotating items as required
- Undertake housekeeping duties including, general tidiness and cleanliness of nurses and treatment rooms
- Ordering of stock from the local hospital
- Ordering of vaccinations to maintain stock levels
- Participation in administrative systems in the practice
- At all times there will be a need to maintain accurate records
- A duty to advise senior nurses of potential problems or errors within the range of assigned tasks
- Attend and participate in any practice meetings when required.
- Any other delegated duties appropriate to the post.

Special Requirements of the post:

- An understanding, acceptance and adherence to the need for strict confidentiality.
- Ability to use own judgment, resourcefulness and common sense.
- A commitment to maintain a high professional standard of nursing care and keep up to date with all aspects of nursing care relevant to the post.
- A commitment to ensure all Health and Safety requirements and Infection Control measures are met and to report any problems to the practice manager
- A commitment to the effective use of practice and NHS resources.
- An awareness of own limitations and experience.
- To work only in accordance with the NMC Code of Conduct and within the scope of professional practice
- To have a written professional development plan and to maintain an up to date portfolio which meets the requirements of registration with the NMC
- Cooperate with annual appraisal meetings
- Membership of the RCN

Confidentiality:

- In the course of seeking treatment, patients entrust us with, or allow us to gather, sensitive information in relation to their health and other matters. They do so in confidence and have the right to expect that staff will respect their privacy and act appropriately
- In the performance of the duties outlined in this job description, the post-holder may have access to confidential information relating to patients and their carers, practice staff and other healthcare workers. They may also have access to information relating to the practice as a business organisation. All such information from any source is to be regarded as strictly confidential
- Information relating to patients, carers, colleagues, other healthcare workers or the business of the practice may only be divulged to authorised persons in accordance

with the practice policies and procedures relating to confidentiality and the protection of personal and sensitive data

Health & safety:

The post-holder will manage their own and others' health and safety and infection control as defined in the practice Health & Safety policy, the practice Health & Safety manual, and the practice Infection Control policy and published procedures. This will include (but will not be limited to):

- Using personal security systems within the workplace according to practice guidelines
- Awareness of national standards of infection control and cleanliness and regulatory / contractual / professional requirements, and good practice guidelines
- Responsible for the correct and safe management of the specimens process including collection, labelling, handling, use of correct and clean containers, storage and transport arrangements
- Management and maintenance of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for the practice including provision, ordering, availability and ongoing correct usage by staff
- Active observation of current working practices across the practice in relation to infection control, cleanliness and related activities, ensuring that procedures are followed and weaknesses / training needs are identified, escalating issues as appropriate
- Identifying the risks involved in work activities and undertaking such activities in a way that manages those risks across clinical and patient process
- Making effective use of training to update knowledge and skills, and initiate and manage the training of others across the full range of infection control and patient processes
- Monitoring practice facilities and equipment in relation to infection control, ensuring that provision of hand cleansing facilities, wipes etc are sufficient to ensure a good clinical working environment. Lack of facilities to be escalated as appropriate.
- Safe management of sharps procedures including training, use, storage and disposal
- Using appropriate infection control procedures, maintaining work areas in a tidy, clean and sterile, and safe way, free from hazards. Initiation of remedial / corrective action where needed or escalation to responsible management
- Actively identifying, reporting, and correction of health and safety hazards and infection hazards immediately when recognised
- Keeping own work areas and general / patient areas generally clean, sterile, identifying issues and hazards / risks in relation to other work areas within the business, and assuming responsibility in the maintenance of general standards of cleanliness across the business in consultation
- Undertaking periodic infection control training
- Waste management including collection, handling, segregation, container management, storage and collection
- Spillage control procedures, management and training
- Decontamination control procedures, management and training, and equipment maintenance
- Maintenance of sterile environments

Equality and diversity:

The post-holder will support the equality, diversity and rights of patients, carers and colleagues, to include:

- Acting in a way that recognises the importance of people's rights, interpreting them in a way that is consistent with practice procedures and policies, and current legislation
- Respecting the privacy, dignity, needs and beliefs of patients, carers and colleagues
- Behaving in a manner which is welcoming to and of the individual, is non-judgmental and respects their circumstances, feelings priorities and rights.

Personal/Professional development:

The post-holder will participate in any training programme implemented by the practice as part of this employment, such training to include:

- Participation in an annual individual performance review, including taking responsibility for maintaining a record of own personal and/or professional development
- Taking responsibility for own development, learning and performance and demonstrating skills and activities to others who are undertaking similar work

Quality:

The post-holder will strive to maintain quality within the practice, and will:

- Alert other team members to issues of quality and risk
- Assess own performance and take accountability for own actions, either directly or under supervision
- Contribute to the effectiveness of the team by reflecting on own and team activities and making suggestions on ways to improve and enhance the team's performance
- Work effectively with individuals in other agencies to meet patients needs
- Effectively manage own time, workload and resources

Communication:

The post-holder should recognise the importance of effective communication within the team and will strive to:

- Communicate effectively with other team members
- Communicate effectively with patients and carers

- Recognise people's needs for alternative methods of communication and respond accordingly

Additional Duties:

It is the nature of the work of a treatment room nurse that tasks and responsibilities are, in many circumstances, unpredictable and varied. All staff are therefore expected to work in a flexible way, undertaking tasks that are not specifically covered in their job description when the occasion arises. These additional duties will normally cover unforeseen circumstances or changes in work and they will normally be compatible with the regular type of work. If the additional responsibilities or task becomes a regular or frequent part of the members of staff's job, it will be included on the job description in consultation with that member of staff

Other :

- Carry out other duties that are required within the role as it evolves within the development of the organisation

Additional information

- Post subject to continuous evaluation and development
- Appraisal interval: annual main review, quarterly interim meeting
- NHS Pension Scheme Eligibility

This Job Description is neither exhaustive nor exclusive and will be reviewed periodically in conjunction with the post holder. The post holder is required to carry out any duties that may reasonably be requested by the Partners or management team.