

## **Physician Assistant - Orthopedics - Orthopedic Clinic, Dpt,**

### **Job Description**

Under limited supervision, provides orthopedic care for patients of ANMC and allied clinics.

Provides acute and routine, direct orthopedic patient care. Obtains comprehensive patient history and physical and operative consent prior to surgery. Identifies conditions that may require additional care pre- and postoperatively. Provides first assistance to surgeon in operating rooms.

Examines and diagnoses patients and develops treatment plans. Orders and interprets clinical tests. Prescribes medication and obtains specialty consultation when necessary. Completes necessary orthopedic procedures.

Maintains and updates patient care records. Advises patient and family to promote understanding of test results, treatment options and procedures. Coordinates and ensures implementation of treatment plans, tracks patient progress and provides follow up evaluations.

Provides consultation services to other departments of the hospital and statewide.

Provides orthopedic expertise and patient care to regional tribal health clinics.

Conducts direct patient care clinics at rural facilities. Provides telephone consultations and reviews referrals. Promotes quality improvement of regional orthopedic services through counseling and training regional healthcare providers.

Supervises, schedules, and directs medical support staff and medical students.

Assigns tasks and priorities, reviews treatment plans, and monitors performance of basic procedures. Counsels, trains and coaches assigned staff. Provides leadership, direction and guidance in Orthopedics Department. Assists physician to evaluate quality/quantity of care.

Participates in department and divisional planning committees and initiatives.

Maintains continued medical education.

### **Required Skills**

- Knowledge of orthopedic disorders and treatments.
- Knowledge of applicable federal, state, tribal and local regulations and requirements.
- Skill in analyzing clinical test and examination results.
- Skill in analyzing and assessing orthopedic disorders.
- Skill in operating medical equipment.
- Skill in oral and written communication.
- Skill in effectively managing and leading staff, and delegating tasks and authority.
- Skill in assessing and prioritizing multiple tasks, projects and demands.
- Skill in operating a personal computer utilizing a variety of software applications.

### **Required Experience**

A Bachelor's degree in Physician Assistant Studies or related field AND five (5) years of clinical experience; OR an equivalent combination of education and experience.

Must be Board certified with National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants.

Any Clinical experience.

Must receive NCCPA Certification, and certifications from the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), State of Alaska License, and Hospital Credentialing prior to beginning employment. May occasionally be exposed to hazardous working conditions with infectious diseases. May be required to work outside the traditional work schedule. May be called out to work off-shift in emergency situations. May be opportunities for rural clinic travel.