

UW HEALTH JOB DESCRIPTION

SENIOR ORTHOTIST

Job Code: 900022	FLSA Status: Exempt	Mgt. Approval: J.Lewallen	Date: 1.2017
Department : Orthotics & Prosthetics		HR Approval: C.M.W.	Date: 7.2017

JOB SUMMARY

The Senior Orthotist is responsible for the provision of professional orthotic treatment for both inpatient and ambulatory patients at UW Health. The incumbent is responsible for the evaluation of patients with physical disabilities, disease or deformity for appropriate orthotic treatment. In consultation with medical associates, residents, and therapists determines an optimal treatment plan and selects appropriate orthoses. The incumbent is responsible for and/ or oversight of the design, fabrication fitting and modification of orthoses.

This is a senior level position responsible for working on more complex cases with greater independence which will also aid in the development of the Orthotics Program. This position requires a higher degree of innovation and creativity in solving problems. Problems encountered are moderate to difficult in complexity. Contact with patients may be initiated by family, patient, case manager, nurse or therapist, but is only pursued by an appropriate prescription. Solutions are provided by the attending Orthotist. Consultation and collaboration with the Manager is sought in difficult cases. Decision making is made under general supervision. The Orthotist in this position functions independently in nearly all patient care situations. This position requires verbal and written communication with families, nurses, therapists, physicians, residents and students. Organization of patient care scheduling, coordinating and follow up on a large caseload is extensive and essential.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Participate and assist in the Administration of the orthotics and/or prosthetics modification lab/space.
2. Provide guidance and direction to lower level professional and technical staff including scheduling employee work assignments, monitoring quality and performance of staff, coordinating workflow in modification setting, coordinating inventory management.
3. Evaluates and treats patients with physical disabilities, disease or deformity for appropriate orthotic and/or prosthetic treatment.
4. Consults when necessary with medical associates, residents, therapists and senior level Orthotists on optimal treatment plan.
5. Attends continuing education conferences and shares information with other Orthotic Laboratory associates and medical therapeutic associates.
6. Maintains supply of orthoses, prostheses, and components.
7. Provides leadership to process improvement activities and department's educational opportunities.
8. Interfaces with referral sources.
9. Expert knowledge of billing and coding.
10. Expert knowledge of Accreditation Standards and provides leadership in preparing and participating in surveys.
11. Provides leadership to our residency program planning and implementation.
12. Ability to work at all UW Health Orthotics program locations and ability to provide leadership in coverage of sites in manager's absence.

ALL DUTIES AND REQUIREMENTS MUST BE PERFORMED CONSISTENT WITH THE UW HEALTH PERFORMANCE STANDARDS.

JOB REQUIREMENTS

Education	Minimum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bachelor's degree in a clinical science or biological science or related field Completion of an Orthotic Practitioner Program. Completion of an American Board of Certification Residency.
	Preferred	
Work Experience	Minimum	Four (4) years of experience as an Orthotist
	Preferred	Experience in an acute care hospital setting is preferred.
Licenses & Certifications	Minimum	Certification from the American Board for Certification in Orthotics
	Preferred	
Required Skills, Knowledge, and Abilities		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knowledge of and ability to fit orthoses. Knowledge of and ability to evaluate orthotic needs on a diverse patient population. Knowledge of disabilities and diseases related to Orthotics. Skill in casting and model modification techniques.

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- Skill in fabrication of custom orthoses including vacu-forming, joint contouring, power tool usage etc.
- Verbal and written communication skills with patients and staff.
- Ability to instruct and provide direction to other healthcare workers.
- Ability to manage a large patient case load.
- Ability to work collaboratively and participate in a team approach.
- Tolerance to acute care setting.
- Tolerance to a machine shop setting.
- Ability to stand for long periods of time.
- Ability to work on short time frame pressures.

AGE SPECIFIC COMPETENCY (Clinical jobs only)

Identify age-specific competencies for direct and indirect patient care providers who regularly assess, manage and treat patients.

Instructions: Indicate the age groups of patients served either by direct or indirect patient care by checking the appropriate boxes below. Next,

	Infants (Birth – 11 months)	X	Adolescent (13 – 19 years)
	Toddlers (1 – 3 years)	X	Young Adult (20 – 40 years)
	Preschool (4 – 5 years)	X	Middle Adult (41 – 65 years)
X	School Age (6 – 12 years)	X	Older Adult (Over 65 years)

JOB FUNCTIONS

Review the employee's job description and identify each essential function that is performed differently based on the age group of the patient.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

Indicate the appropriate physical requirements of this job in the course of a shift. *Note: reasonable accommodations may be made available for individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions of this position.*

Physical Demand Level	Occasional Up to 33% of the time	Frequent 34%-66% of the time	Constant 67%-100% of the time
Sedentary: Ability to lift up to 10 pounds maximum and occasionally lifting and/or carrying such articles as dockets, ledgers and small tools. Although a sedentary job is defined as one, which involves sitting, a certain amount of walking and standing is often necessary in carrying out job duties. Jobs are sedentary if walking and standing are required only occasionally and other sedentary criteria are met.	Up to 10#	Negligible	Negligible
Light: Ability to lift up to 20 pounds maximum with frequent lifting and/or carrying of objects weighing up to 10 pounds. Even though the weight lifted may only be a negligible amount, a job is in this category when it requires walking or standing to a significant degree.	Up to 20#	Up to 10# or requires significant walking or standing, or requires pushing/pulling of arm/leg controls	Negligible or constant push/pull of items of negligible weight
X Medium: Ability to lift up to 50 pounds maximum with frequent lifting and/or carrying objects weighing up to 25 pounds.	20-50#	10-25#	Negligible-10#
Heavy: Ability to lift up to 100 pounds maximum with frequent lifting and/or carrying objects weighing up to 50 pounds.	50-100#	25-50#	10-20#
Very Heavy: Ability to lift over 100 pounds with frequent lifting and/or carrying objects weighing over 50 pounds.	Over 100#	Over 50#	Over 20#
List any other physical requirements or bona fide occupational qualifications:			

Note: The purpose of this document is to describe the general nature and level of work performed by personnel so classified; it is not intended to serve as an inclusive list of all responsibilities associated with this position.