

INTEGRATED HOME CARE

POSITION DESCRIPTION: PHYSICAL THERAPIST

PRIMARY OBJECTIVE

The Physical Therapist is responsible for providing professional services to home care patients who have physical therapy needs. The Physical Therapist provides evaluation and treatment of patients whose abilities to cope with tasks 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.

MAJOR AREAS OF ACCOUNTABILITY

- 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
- Translates all exercises into functional activities or activities of daily living
- Teaches basic principles of good posture and body mechanics in relation to changing needs of individuals in all age groups
- Develops plans for modifying equipment, appliances and the physical surroundings in client's home
- Instructs the client and family members on the proper use of prosthetic devices and adaptive equipment
- 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 assistant

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. Required to have a reliable vehicle, current driver's license and approved automobile insurance.

Education and/or Experience

- Graduation from an approved Physical Therapy curriculum
- Registration as a Physical Therapist with the Board of Medical Practice
- Previous homecare experience or two years related experience in an acute hospital or equivalent setting