The Nurse Practitioner is responsible and accountable for the comprehensive assessment of patients including diagnosing diseases, disorders and conditions and will initiate treatment including health care management, therapeutic interventions and prescribing medications in accordance with the statutory and regulatory standards, limits and conditions, and employer policies and procedures. Nurse Practitioners provide professional guidance to other health professionals and participate autonomously as members of the interdisciplinary health teams.

In collaboration with clients and other health professionals the Nurse Practitioner will identify and assess trends and patterns that have implications for clients, families and communities; develop and implement population and evidence based strategies to improve health and participate in policy-making activities that influence health services and practices. As professionals, they participate in peer review and self-review to evaluate the outcome of their services at the client, community and population level. They are responsible for their professional development and maintaining competence and registration as a nurse practitioner.

Example of Duties / Accountabilities

- Diagnoses and treats previously undiagnosed clients for undifferentiated diseases, illnesses and conditions within the Nurse Practitioner’s scope of practice; orders appropriate screening diagnostic investigations; interprets reports of investigations and analyzes information to monitor progress and plan treatment. As part of the multidisciplinary team, develops and implements treatment plans. Writes orders for treatment and medications; makes patient rounds as appropriate and monitors ongoing care; provides first line care in emergencies.

- Establishes priorities for management of health conditions; provides follow-up treatment; communicates with clients and families about health findings, diagnoses and prognoses; supports and counsels clients in their personal responses to diseases, disorders and conditions.

- Collaborates and/or consults with physicians or other health care and social service providers as appropriate to assess and diagnose client status. Accepts referrals from, or makes referrals to, physicians and other health professionals.

Qualifications

- Current registration as a Nurse Practitioner with the College of Registered Nurses of British Columbia (CRNBC).

- Must be eligible to complete the Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE) through the College of Registered Nurses of British Columbia (CRNBC).

- Minimum of (4) years of recent, relevant clinical nursing experience and ability to perform the full scope of the Nurse Practitioner duties and responsibilities.

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