

Aquatic Therapist

Description

As part of the Pediatric Aquatics team, the Pediatric Palliative Aquatic Therapist provides individualized palliative aquatic sessions for the patients of George Mark Children's House (GMCH). Reporting to the Director of Nursing (DON), this person assists ongoing development, implementation and evaluation of the Pediatric Palliative Aquatics program. This is an on-call, hourly, non-benefited position. Hours are flexibly scheduled to accommodate inpatient patients with occasional weekend and evening.

Essential Functions of the Job

- Provide pediatric palliative aquatic sessions to medically fragile children, children with life limiting diseases, end of life patients, and families. These sessions are given under the authorization of the GMCH Interdisciplinary Team, including mandatory written consent from the patient's physician and primary caregiver, and are conducted consistent with the professional standards of pediatric aquatics.
- In collaboration with staff nurses, utilize principles of the nursing process to determine the appropriateness of patients for the requested aquatic session.
- In consultation with the DON, determine how many professional staff are necessary to maintain a safe, therapeutic environment for each patient.
- Perform nursing tasks/functions as needed during a session, such as: proper positioning, movements that enhance mobility and respiratory efficiency; conduct ongoing assessment of patient response to session, and provide respiratory suctioning and post-seizure care as needed.
- Document each aquatic session and communicate session outcome with nursing staff
- Attend meetings as appropriate, such as interdisciplinary team meetings and family conferences
- Plan, coordinate, and communicates session plans with nursing staff
- Assessment of patient and family needs; provide education as necessary
- Teach, supervise and counsel patient and family regarding aquatic sessions
- Provides physical, emotional and spiritual care and support during aquatic sessions
- Maintain a safe and clean physical environment
- Assist with training new aquatic practitioners and GMCH registered nurses who have an interest in learning to provide GMCH aquatic sessions
- Assist in training volunteers interested in assisting with aquatic sessions and in providing a volunteer aquatic training program three times a year.
- Supervise staff and volunteers during all aquatic sessions
- Attend special House events as a palliative aquatics representative when deemed appropriate.

Other Responsibilities

- Maintain patient confidence and protects GMCH operations by keeping all patient information confidential and following HIPAA at all times

Hiring organization

George Mark Children's House

Employment Type

On-Call

Job Location

2121 George Mark Lane, 94578, CA, United States

Working Hours

On-Call

Base Salary

\$ 45.00/hr

Date posted

November 27, 2019

- Check GMHC email in order to be apprised of House business, professional tasks and responsibilities.
- Perform tasks in a culturally sensitive manner without regard to any protected category as defined by federal, state, or local law
- Effectively deal with personal, psychosocial, and bereavement issues related to job duties
- Maintain professional boundaries within Scope of Practice
- Attend in-service training and staff meetings
- Adhere to all state regulations regarding professional licenses
- Report to work on time for your scheduled hours, ready for work
- Understand and adhere to GMCH compliance standards as they appear in the GMCH Employee Manual, GMCH Policies and Procedures Manuals, GMCH IIPP and Departmental memos
- Ability to communicate accurately and concisely using both written and verbal skills
- Possess fluency in English
- Possess fluency in Spanish or other language (desirable)

Job Qualifications

- A minimum of 1 year RN experience
- Pediatric and/or end-of life care experience preferred