



PSYCHIATRIC PHYSICIAN 2

FUNCTIONAL DEFINITION:

This is a professional medical work of a supervisory and administrative nature in the field of psychiatry. An employee in this class is responsible for a major segment of the psychiatry program in a mental hospital or Community Mental Health Center, or programs such as inpatient, outpatient, admission or research services or the care and treatment of the entire male, female or geriatric patient population; or the operations of a diagnostic and evaluation center. Employees may also serve as the director of a major unit in a mental hospital operating on the unit plan. Duties include the supervision of a professional and non-professional staff. Work is performed under general directions of a higher level psychiatric physician and is reviewed for conformance to broad departmental or MH/MR policies and established procedures through conferences, reports and evaluation of results.

EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED:

- Supervises a major segment of a hospital or psychiatric program such as inpatient, outpatient, admission or research services or the care and treatment of the entire male, female or geriatric patient population; or the operations of a diagnostic and evaluation center; or serves as the director of medical and non-medical functions of a mental hospital operating on the unit plan.
- Makes rounds and periodic inspections to check on the care and treatment of patients and to discuss, observe, and advise on the treatment in unusual or difficult cases
- Confers with and advises members of the medical staff and allied hospital personnel, agencies, relatives and other interested persons on the care, treatment and prognosis of patients.
- Conducts or participates in staff conferences for the discussion of the diagnosis, treatment, parole or discharge of patients
- Instructs psychiatric physicians, residents, nurses, medical students and non-professional hospital personnel in the care and treatment of the mentally retarded
- Administers or directs the administration of treatments such as electrotherapy, insulin and similar or advanced techniques
- Reviews laboratory reports of patients' tests such as reading of electroencephalographs, electrocardiographs, basal metabolic tests, x-rays and others
- Assists in formulating institutional policies and interprets procedures in regards to care and treatment of patients
- Acts as consultant in unusual and difficult psychiatric cases and advises professional staff on a variety of medical problems
- Prepares periodic progress reports in reference to the major segment of the psychiatric program of the hospital for mentally ill or the school for mentally retarded
- Performs related work as required

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

- Thorough knowledge of the theories, principles, practices and techniques used in the field of psychiatry
- Considerable knowledge of mental diseases, their symptoms, treatment and social implications
- Considerable knowledge of theories, principles, practices and techniques used in the fields of neurology, general medicine and surgery
- Considerable knowledge of hospital administration, which includes auxiliary services such as nursing, therapeutic, social recreational, dietary, laundry and housekeeping
- Knowledge of laboratory methods, equipment and techniques as they relate to the field of psychiatry
- Ability to gain confidence and cooperation of patients and to establish and maintain effective working relationships with various hospital personnel and the general public
- Ability to instruct physicians, residents, nurses, allied hospital or volunteer personnel in latest treatment, principles and techniques used in the field of psychiatry
- Ability to follow general instructions, broad departmental or institutional policies or legislative regulations in carrying out the care



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- Ability to provide leadership for the staff and to carry out the administration of a major segment of the psychiatric program of the hospital or school

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED:

Three years of clinical experience in the care and treatment of mentally ill or mentally retarded patients, including two years in an administrative or supervisory capacity; and completion of a three year residency or training program which meets the certification requirements of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology or the American Osteopathic Board of Neurology and Psychiatry, or any equivalent combination of experience and training.

NECESSARY SPECIAL REQUIREMENT:

Possession of a license to practice medicine in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as issued by the State Board of Medical Education and Licensure, or the State Board of Osteopathic Examiners.