

**NETWORK STAFFING RESOURCES
JOB DESCRIPTION AND PERFORMANCE EVALUATION**

POSITION TITLE: **Agency Respiratory Care Practitioner**

EMPLOYEE NAME _____

SUMMARY OF RESPONSIBILITIES

The Respiratory Care Practitioner (RCP) is an integral member of the interdisciplinary team. The RCP assesses the patient's pulmonary status, assists in development and implementation of a treatment plan, monitors effectiveness of the treatment plan, and recommends needed changes. The RCP serves as a liaison between the patient and the multidisciplinary team to provide timely, safe, and cost effective therapy. These tasks are carried out according to hospital policy, hospital mission and the policies and mission of Respiratory Care Services.

REPORTING RELATIONSHIPS

Operationally and administratively the Certified/Registered Respiratory Therapist (RCP) reports to the Respiratory Clinical Coordinator/Charge Therapist.

DESIRABLE MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITY: The Respiratory Care Practitioner utilizes necessary respiratory therapy modalities to deliver respiratory care to the young adult through geriatric patient population. The RCP demonstrates good clinical judgment and is competent in the field of respiratory care.

EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE: Graduate of an accredited Respiratory Therapy program. The National Board for Respiratory Care recognizes an RCP as a Respiratory Care Practitioner. Licensure as required by the state in which technician is employed. Two years acute care experience with proficiency in care of the long-term respiratory patient preferred. Excellent communication skills necessary. Completion of Network Staffing Resources Competency Assessment Checklist and department specific orientation required.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS: Good general health and stress coping ability. Full mobility and ability to participate in vigorous activity. Ability to speak and hear to communicate with patients, physicians and hospital personnel. Near vision acuity for accurate reading of equipment and recoding on patients' chart. Must be physically able to lift, support and move patients. If history of back injury or problem is detected on employee physical, a physician release must be obtained.

OSHA TASK CATEGORY ONE: There is an inherent potential for mucous membrane or skin contact with blood, body fluids, or tissues or a potential for spills or splashes during the performance of the job. Universal precautions must be observed and protective devices worn by the employee when performing those tasks likely to cause exposure.

I have read and received a copy of the Network Staffing Resources job description and performance evaluation.

EMPLOYEE SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____