

PSYCHIATRIST I

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:

This is a professional medical position which provides psychiatric and other medical care for patients in any of the aspects of a community mental health program. Incumbents function with wide latitude to exercise independent professional judgment. Psychiatrists also act as a resource of information for other employees of the department. Clinical supervision is received from a Psychiatrist II or Supervising Psychiatrist / Medical Director while administrative supervision is received from a Clinical Unit Administrator or Clinical Division Chief. Medical and clinical supervision is exercised over others in the department.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

The following is indicative of the level and types of activities performed by incumbents in this title. It is not meant to be all inclusive and does not preclude a supervisor from assigning activities not listed which could reasonably be expected to be performed by an employee in this title.

1. Renders psychiatric and diagnostic services for patients, utilizing the contributions of mental health professionals;
2. Participates in the intake and screening process of patients;
3. Provides after-hours emergency psychiatric services;
4. Provides individual, group and family therapy;
5. Provides chemotherapy to clients;
6. Functions as the leader of an interdisciplinary treatment team;
7. Provides aftercare to insure continuity of service;
8. Provides referral information to alternate placement facilities;
9. Participates in in-service training of professionals and nonprofessionals;
10. Participates in information-educational community activities to further community knowledge in the detection and prevention of psychiatric disorders;
11. May provide medical/legal examinations and appear as an expert witness in court proceedings;
12. Acts as a resource person for other staff in the areas of medicine and psychiatry;
13. May provide clinical supervision to Nurse Practitioners and other professional staff;
14. May function as a Clinical Unit Administrator or a Clinical Division Chief.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

Thorough knowledge of the practice of psychiatry; thorough knowledge of current psychiatric treatments and trends; thorough knowledge of psychiatric medication and adverse impacts of conflicting medicines and dosages; knowledge of local and regional community health systems; good knowledge of terminology, concepts and practices of other mental health professions; good knowledge of departmental policies and procedure; ability to supervise staff members; ability to write detailed case histories and reports; ability to exercise sound judgment in evaluating patient condition and making decisions on an appropriate course of treatment; ability to relate sympathetically to a potentially difficult patient population; ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Possession of a license to practice medicine issued by the New York State Department of Education and satisfactory completion of a residency training program in Psychiatry accredited by the American Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), or proof of admission to the next written or oral test for certification in psychiatry by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology.

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