Beacon Hospital

Job Description

Job Title	**Cardiology Nurse Specialist**
Department	**Nursing Administration**
Reports to	**Director of Hospital Operations**
Date	**October 2014**

Overall Purpose of Job

The Cardiology Nurse Specialist will work in collaboration with other members of the Beacon Heart Centre team in providing specialist cardiac nursing care and assessment to patients who present to the Rapid Access Cardiology Clinic.

The Successful candidate will be accountable for nursing activity in the Rapid Access Clinic. The role of CNS is based on autonomy of practice, in-depth theoretical nursing knowledge, clinical expertise and application of research. The primary role of this position is the advancement of expert nursing practice. He or she will play a role in patient in and staff education and be a support for colleagues throughout the Beacon Hospital.

Key Responsibilities and Deliverables

- The nurse will be required to provide excellent patient centered care to all patients who attend the Rapid Access Clinic.

- The Nurse will be required to work autonomously in providing specialist assessment, advice and management for patients who present to the clinic.

- Communicating with GP's & consultants to ensure safe triaging of patients attending the clinic.

- Organise and co-ordinate patients appointments for the clinic and testing (both invasive and non-invasive).

- Interpretation and communication of patient history and tests results to the consultant.

- Commencement and interpretation of cardiac monitoring and ECG as appropriate.

- Perform venipuncture and cannulation when required.

- Administer medications, assess response and monitor for side effects.

- Ensure patients receive individualised care appropriate to their needs.

- Communicate the plan of care to the patient and their family.

- Educate patient and their family.

- Act as patient advocate.

- Utilises the nursing process (Assess, plan, Implement and Evaluate) as it applies to clinical practice, education, competency validation and program development.

- Demonstrates ability to perform competencies as set out by unit manager.

- Participates in ongoing clinical and quality programmes and contributes to the cardiology service strategic plan, yearly education plan, goals and objectives.

- Engage in staff education and be support to colleagues.

- Accepts responsibilities for own actions and omissions, accepts the consequences of all actions.

- Works within and understands his or her scope of practice.

- Plans and utilises resources effectively and efficiently.

- Delivers care within a specified timeframe.

This job description is not intended to be a complete list of duties and responsibilities but is a guide for information to the job. The post holder may be required, after consultation, to carry out other related tasks, which may not be specifically mentioned above.

Person Specification

Qualifications	▪ Nursing & Midwife Board Registered General Nurse (NMBI) licence in good standing. ▪ Post Graduate qualification in related area of study is preferred.
Experience	▪ Three years recent acute care experience in cardiac nursing practice and minimum two years in the advanced practice role of Clinical Nurse Specialist with demonstrated leadership experience required.
Job Specific Competencies and Knowledge	**Competencies specific to the role of Cardiac Nurse Specialist** ▪ Assessment ▪ Planning ▪ Intervention ▪ Evaluation ▪ Clinical Skills ▪ Education ▪ Research ▪ Coordination of Care ▪ Leadership
Personal Competencies	All posts in Beacon Hospital require a high level of flexibility to ensure the delivery of an effective and efficient service. Therefore, the post holder will be required to demonstrate flexibility as and when required by their manager or hospital management.

This job description is intended to be an outline of the areas of responsibility and deliverables at the time of its writing. As the Hospital and the post holder develop, this job description may be subject to review in light of the changing needs of the Hospital.

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