

# DDRC Healthcare

## Job Title: Hyperbaric Nurse

### Core Principles of DDRC Team

#### Each member of staff holds a responsibility

- For their own safety, and that of patients and visitors entering the centre. Every staff member must adhere to the standard operating procedures laid down by the organisation regarding the work which they undertake, and where visitors or patients are present, ensure that they are afforded the appropriate protection which these provide.
- To support all other members of staff both professionally and personally.
- To acknowledge the importance of Team working, in addition to each individual's role and responsibility.
- To provide high quality care for patients.
- To promote excellence in all aspects of the work, in order to develop an international reputation for good practice and innovative research in both clinical fields.
- To work within the objectives of the charity.

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**Main Purpose of Job:** Provide quality care for patients attending DDRC Healthcare. Provide hyperbaric skills (as developed) and clinical care for patients. Participate in routine medical examinations as required. To act in accordance with NMC standards, and ensure that registration and indemnity cover are valid. Contribute to research and development as required by Line Manager.

**Responsible to:** Senior Clinical Nurse

**Responsible for:** The assessment, planning, implementation and evaluation of holistic care for patients at DDRC. To undertake an active role in developing team working methods, assisting in the development and maintenance of staff training and education.

Supervision and mentorship of Student Nurses, and other Paramedical visitors at DDRC in agreement with the Senior Clinical Nurse and after appropriate training. Maintaining own NMC registration and adherence to Code of Professional Conduct.

**Key Working Relationships:** Patients, Doctors, DDRC Nursing staff, Chamber and Administration staff, Director of DDRC, allied Primary and Secondary care Health Professionals

#### **Main Tasks:**

General nursing duties within the Centre.

Maintenance of clinical stock levels.

Auditing care and undertaking wound care using an evidence base.

Working with the Clinical and Chamber Teams in planning patient care, and working autonomously using appropriate guidance.

Hyperbaric chamber and mono-place chamber attendant training as negotiated. Undertaking pre-assessment telephone contact and scheduling patient care with Administration and clinical staff to ensure seamless patient treatment.

The assessment of patients prior to Hyperbaric Treatment.

Undertaking Hospital Liaison visits to In-Patients in the Plymouth area in line with staffing constraints with the Hyperbaric Medical Centre.

Safe management and administration of drugs in line with DDRC Healthcare policy.

Liaison with allied professionals to ensure that patient needs are met with current best practice interventions.

Undertaking CPD / reasonable step to ensure that nursing skills are up to date.

**Key Challenges of the Job:**

Increase knowledge base and expand clinical skills to ensure that DDRC Healthcare remains a centre of excellence.

Development of nursing guidelines and patient care pathways in line with hyperbaric service development.

The ability to remain compliant with changing standards as laid down by the Care Quality Commission.

**Qualifications required:** Registered General Nurse or Registered Nurse (Adult)

**Supplementary Roles:** Chamber attendant and mono-place attendant (after agreed training and undertaking HSE Diving Medical). Medical Assistant (after appropriate training). Attach supplementary job descriptions as appropriate.

The above is not an exhaustive list of duties and the post holder will be expected to perform different tasks as necessitated by their changing role within the organisation and the overall business objectives of the organisation. *Wherever possible these changes will be made in consultation with the post holder.*

You will perform, to the best of your ability, all the duties of this post and any other post you may subsequently hold and any other duties which may reasonably be required of you and will at all times obey reasonable instructions given to you.

Job Description agreed and approved:

Manager: .....

Job Title: .....

Post Holder: .....

Job Title: .....

Date .....