

DDRC Healthcare

Job Description

RNA/RNA1, The South Wales Hyperbaric Medical Centre

Core Principles of DDRC Team

Each member of staff holds a responsibility

- For their own safety, and that of the 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 own 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 diving and clinical fields.
- To work within the objectives of the charity.

Job Title: Clinical Nurse (RNA1) (DDRC South Wales Hyperbaric Medical Centre)

Main Purpose of Job:

- To provide day to day nursing support and operation of hyperbaric chambers situated at The South Wales Hyperbaric Centre.
- With the support of the charity's team in Plymouth, operate DDRC chambers and associated equipment.
- Assist the Clinical Manager to cover duties for routine Chamber Operations at the earliest possible date demonstrate competency as a Chamber Attendant and Operator in a timescale dictated by the DDRC training schedule.
- Participate in undertaking routine medical examinations as required.
- Participate in conducting research and development as required by Line Manager.

Responsible to: Clinical Nurse Manager (DDRC South Wales Hyperbaric Medical Centre)

Responsible for:

- The assessment, planning, implementation and evaluation of quality care for patients at DDRC.
- Taking an active role in developing team working methods, assisting in the development and maintenance of good staff morale.
- Supervision and mentorship of Student Nurses, and other Paramedical Trainees at DDRC in agreement with Clinical Nurse Manager and after appropriate agreed induction.
- The day to day safe operation of hyperbaric chambers and associated equipment, and assisting the Clinical Nurse Manager in the development of a clinical team specialising in HBOT and wound care.

- Ensuring that the Centre's activities comply with DDRC's Policies and Procedures and good practice.
- Whilst undertaking duties as part of the Chamber Team, being responsible for those staff and patients in that sphere of work. (See attached Chamber Team Job Description)

Key Working Relationships:

South Wales Clinical Nurse Manager, Registered Manager, Plymouth Centre Engineer, Admin team, Nursing and other Technical staff, Medical staff, patients and clients.

Main Tasks:

Jointly with Clinical Nurse Manager

- Ensuring safe operation of The South Wales Hyperbaric Medical Centre (SWHC). Assisting with maintaining accreditation with all statutory bodies such as the Welsh Health Specialised Services Commissioners (WHSSC).
- To develop quality culture and ethos in the South Wales Centre.
- To ensure that The South Wales Hyperbaric Medical Centre develops a reputation for high quality services for patients.
- Oversee and ensure the safe operation of chambers as required.
- Work towards competency as a Chamber Attendant and Operator within the defined DDRC training programme. When competent act as chamber operator and chamber attendant as required.
- Maintain a Personal Log of all dives (patient treatments) in the required manner.
- Maintain the required logs and paperwork for the Centre.
- Liaise regularly with Line Manager to discuss all aspects of the Centre's development including local networks, planned and emergency work.
- Ensure nursing and other technical competencies through training, appraisal and clinical supervision.
- Assist in the maintenance of ISO 9001:2015 quality award or similar as agreed for the South Wales Hyperbaric Centre.

Individually

- Assist with maintenance of staff rotas for routine duties.
- Be prepared to attend training at DDRC Plymouth.
- Flexibility to cover annual leave and sickness.
- Ensure that all aspects of the work carried out comply with current legislation and DDRC Standard Operating Procedures.
- Assist the Registered Manager in the maintenance of required accreditation with the Welsh Health Specialised Services Commissioners ensuring continuing compliance and accreditation.
- Develop and maintain effective relationships with contacts in the clinical field throughout South Wales and neighbouring English counties.
- General Nursing duties within the Hyperbaric Centre.
- Maintaining clinical stock levels.
- Auditing and undertaking wound care using an evidence base, working with Doctors in planning wound care
- Working autonomously within appropriate guidelines.
- Hyperbaric chamber attendant and operator following training.
- Assessment of patients prior to Hyperbaric Treatment.
- Liaison with Administration and Medical staff to ensure seamless patient episodes.

- Undertaking Hospital Liaison visits to in-patients in the South Wales area in line with staffing constraints within The South Wales Hyperbaric Medical Centre.
- Undertaking CPD / reasonable steps to ensure that nursing skills remain up to date.

Key Challenges of the Job:

- To assist the Clinical Nurse Manager to ensure that The South Wales Hyperbaric Medical Centre is maintained as a Centre of Excellence for patient treatment.
- Assist in supporting staff through accessing adequate training and development when trained appropriately.

Qualifications and Skills and Knowledge required (Training will be given where appropriate):

NMC registered RNA/RN1 with a minimum of 2 years post qualification experience.

Qualified Chamber Attendant and Operator (Training will be provided.)

Proven communication skills.

Intermediate Life Support skills.

Knowledge and skills in wound care and tissue viability.

Computer literacy essential

Qualifications Desirable:

Working towards European Certified Hyperbaric Registered Nurse (ECHRN).

Experience teaching colleagues on clinical issues (there are opportunities to develop teaching skills within this role).

Previous use of electronic patient records are desirable.

Supplementary Roles

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.....
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Post holder.....
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