ST. ROSE HOSPITAL
Job Description

JOB TITLE/CLASSIFICATION ...... EKG TECHNICIAN (115)
DEPARTMENT .................................. CARDIOLOGY SERVICES
STATUS........................................NON-EXEMPT
RELATIONSHIPS
Reports to ....................................... SUPERVISOR, CARDIOLOGY SERVICES

POSITION SUMMARY

Under general supervision performs EKGs, exercise stress testing, and Holter monitoring with tracing of good quality using proper technique.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES

Explains the purpose and procedure of taking an electrocardiogram, exercise stress test, Holter monitor, or other related procedure to the patient, in order to gain patient cooperation

Demonstrates competence in the care of pediatric or frail elderly groups of patients (when/if assigned to these patients) relative to determining each patient’s age-related and other physical, psychosocial and cultural needs, and carrying out patient care activities

Takes routine EKGs and/or rhythm strips as requested, with preference given to STATS, using the proper technique

Recognizes atypical electrocardiogram pattern, and determines whether there is any external interferences

Performs graded exercise stress testing accurately, following the cardiologist’s instructions and protocol, using the proper techniques to produce a clear, good quality tracing.

Takes patient’s blood pressure accurately

Performs pacemaker check with or without magnet accurately

Performs Holter scanning using the proper techniques, printing out and mounting all significant arrhythmias and patient correlated symptoms

Attends all code blues, being prepared to assist as needed and to perform EKG rhythm monitoring, if requested
Maintains all EKG, exercise stress, Holter monitor, pacemaker monitor files and records as required: Departmental records books, Patient card files, Patient tracing files, Teaching material files

Maintains all EDG, stress testing, and Holter monitoring files and records as required

Maintains and cleans equipment

Other Duties

Floats to other areas as directed by the Supervisor, Cardiology Services

Performs other job-related duties as assigned by the Supervisor, Cardiology Services

QUALIFICATIONS

*License/Certifications

Prefer Certified Cardiographic Technician or eligible

Current BCLS

*Proof of License(s) and/or Certification(s) required at time of hire.

**Experience

Prefer one year recent work experience in the field of cardiology

Previous experience in the following: Electrocardiograms, Exercise stress testing, Holter monitoring

Skills

Medical Terminology required

Ability to type and transcribe accurately

Good communication, interpersonal and organizational skills

Physical Requirements

The duties as described will required frequent standing and walking.

The employee will frequently bend/stoop, squat, reach above the shoulders, twist and turn, kneel, and push/pull.

The employee will frequently be required to lift/pull/push/move up to 50 pounds.

May occasionally perform CPR, push respirators, and cylinder carts, and frequently help position patients in bed and/or transport patients via bed/gurney.

Visual ability: Near acuity; 8” to 16”, Mid-focal acuity: 16” to 3’, Far visual acuity; 20’ and greater.

Must utilize conversational speech for effective verbal communication.
Noise level is high in some patient care areas. Must be able to hear equipment alarms, overhead pages, and direct verbal communication.

Hazards

- Will have close contact with patients and is likely to come in contact with blood and body fluids.
- Often exposed to infection. Will be fit tested for particulate respirator.
- Works with electrical equipment.
- Occasional exposure to radiation (X-Ray).

For more detailed and specific physical requirements, consult the Job Analysis on file in the Employee Health office.