

Job Description



Job Title: Electromyograph (EMG) Technician
Location: Laramie
Department: Nursing/Clinical
Report To: Director of Nursing

Job Summary:

Work with physician to diagnose particular health problems. Observance of the electrical activity in nerves using electromyography equipment. Prepare patients for testing, which includes applying a conductive paste to the area where testing will be carried out, and attaching recording devices to the body. Educate patient by explaining the procedure being performed, and communicate with the physician throughout the procedure.

Core Competencies:

Proactive

Anticipatory, change-oriented and self-initiated behavior. Proactive behavior involves acting in advance of a future situation, rather than just reacting. It means taking control and making things happen. Proactive employees generally do not need to be asked to act, nor do they require detailed instruction. Take initiative to see an issue and develop realistic solutions.

Achieve

Demonstrate effort, skill, or tenacity to reach or attain a desired objective, level of performance or quality of work. Carry out tasks successfully and completely. Attain goals despite difficulty. Able to exert the necessary effort using their own skill set to perform at the highest level desired within our organization.

Team Conscious

Demonstrate a genuine interest in thoughts and opinions, values, and needs of co-workers. Avoid speaking, writing, or doing other things that could be seen as disrespectful of patients and/or co-workers. Recognize and show respect for the strengths and contributions of others. Work with others to accomplish a common goal or objective.

Integrity

Act in ways that demonstrate personal reliability, honesty, and care that exhibit integrity and serves as a positive example of why others should trust the motives of our organization. View themselves as a reflection of the organization by following through on commitments and accepting ownership of any mistakes they might make. Leave others with a clear impression that integrity is a core value of Premier Bone & Joint Centers. This is in contrast to individuals who make commitments that go unmet, fail to acknowledge their role in disappointing events, or whose actions (or inaction) leave others with doubts about the level of trust that should be placed in Premier Bone & Joint Centers.

Excellence

Have the will to win, the desire to succeed, the urge to reach their full potential. We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence is the path chosen to be successful at work. The word excellence is defined as the quality of surpassing the average, possessing high qualities in one's field. It's about developing a winning mindset that says "I want to be great at what I do. I want my personal life and my work to be spectacular." Developing excellence is a deliberate process and takes time, yet it can be developed by creating a personal strategy that will put you on the road to success in life and in the workplace.

Never Quit

Can always be counted on to go above and beyond what is asked. Always give extra and unending effort and offer support to other team members. Persevere in completing tasks and don't get discouraged or cuts short efforts to accomplish goals and objectives. Make and fulfill commitments. Establish a pattern of working independence, always intend to fulfill any promise made, prepare for meetings and other tasks.

Trust

Believe that someone or something is reliable, good, honest, and effective. Act responsibly for the safety and care of Premier Bone & Joint Centers' patients. One is able to believe that something relayed by this employee, is true or correct even though you do not have proof of it. One is able to have firm belief in the reliability, truth, ability, or strength of this employee. This is an employee that one would put complete faith in and be confident that the integrity of this employee would guide their actions.

Communication

Communicate effectively, respectfully, and appropriately. Use good judgment as to what to communicate to whom by utilizing the chain of command, as well as the best way to get that accomplished. Speak in a clear and credible manner, selecting the right tone for the situation and audience. Listen to others and allow them to make their point. Be respectful to feedback and respond accordingly.

Essential Duties & Responsibilities:

Patient Care

- Maintain clinic schedule; open, block, adjust as needed/requested.
- Prepare patient charts for clinic per physician's preference, including; printing required yearly paperwork, printing orders, and obtaining pertinent records.
- Enter all required information for reporting purposes.
- Enter all orders electronically (Surgery Scheduling sheets, Radiology, Physical Therapy, etc.)
- Answer and respond to incoming phone calls in a timely manner; assist or direct them as needed.
- Ensure appointment preferences are given to patients in emergency situations.
- Direct patient flow to examination, radiology, and treatment rooms optimizing available space when necessary.
- Assess patient's general condition and take vital signs and weight.
- Assist physicians with examinations, diagnostic procedures, and treatments.
- Provide patient education regarding prescribed and recommended over the counter (OTC) medication, dispense sample medication per physician's instructions.
- Educate the patient and/or family about diagnostic procedures, treatment plans, and provide pre- and post-operative education.
- Correctly label all specimens and arrange for transport to the lab.

EMG Testing Preparation

- Apply electrode paste on patient's skin, to ensure contact of electrodes
- Attach surface recording electrodes to extremity in which activity is being measured, to detect electrical impulse
- Attach electrodes to electrode cables, or leads, connected to EMG machine
- Select nerve conduction mode on EMG machine

EMG Testing Procedure

- Operate EMG machine to record electrical activity in peripheral nerves
- Use the manually held surface stimulator electrode to deliver pulse and send electrical charge along peripheral nerve
- Monitor response and record nerve conduction velocity
- Measure and record time and distance between stimulus and response
- Calculate velocity of electrical impulse in peripheral nerve

Conclusion of EMG Testing

- Remove electrodes from patient
- Clean electrode paste from patient's skin

Confidentiality/Right to Privacy

- Observes confidentiality of information in regards to patients, physicians, and fellow employees.
- Protect patient sensitivities and right to privacy.

Computer Use - Patient Data

- Use computer to accurately load, maintain, and retrieve patient data.

Documentation

- Review patient's chart for current, complete, and accurate information: patient information, consents, history and physical, medication list, any missing reports and/or dictations, etc.
- Document all patient activities/interventions, including medication dispensed/prescribed, telephone calls, patient paperwork, family's response (if needed), etc., in the patient's medical record.
- Respond to patient inquiries regarding reports on testing.

Communication

- Promote wellness by providing patient education materials and communicating physician advice/instructions.
- Listen well and follow physician's instructions.

Responsibility

- Ensure that all aspects of the office duties are done in a timely fashion and done appropriately (i.e. filing, patient calls, chart preparation, etc.)

Interpersonal Skills:

Professional Image

- Follow dress code.
- Project a pleasant and professional image per company policy.
- Wear identification while on duty.
- Come to work projecting an attitude that welcomes patients.
- Communicate name and role to patient.

Flexibility/Stressful Situation

- Respond with flexibility to changing work load and/or assignments.
- Stay organized and function under stressful situations.

Working Relationships

- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with Physicians, co-workers, and the public, that harbor a friendly, yet professional interaction.
- Demonstrate willingness to readily interact with other staff members and departments.
- Maintain continuity of care amongst: other physicians/physician offices, physical or occupational therapy, home health care, etc.
- Communicate with physicians and staff to optimize the efficient use of the physician's time and facilitate excellent patient care.
- Work effectively as team members with physicians and other staff to ensure the office runs as efficiently as possible.
- Interact with patients, families, staff, and others appropriately and effectively.
- Demonstrate compassion and caring in dealing with others.

Initiative

- Exhibit initiative and self-directed behavior.
- Accept responsibility for own professional growth and personal conduct.
- Think and act independently, as well as plan and problem solve.
- Accept responsibility for own professional growth and personal conduct.

Independence

- Ability to work independently, make decisions, and solve problems.

Analyzing Skills

- Analyze situations accurately, make decisions to bring a favorable resolution, and take effective action; seek out help when appropriate.
- Prioritize work activities and handle multiple tasks at once.
- React calmly and effectively in emergency situations.

Mentor

- Acts as a mentor for new employees.

Adherence to Facility/Departmental Policy:

Confidentiality

- Observe confidentiality of information in regards to patients, physicians, and fellow employees; ability to maintain confidentiality under HIPAA standards.

Attendance/Punctuality

- Maintain a good attendance record and arrive to work punctually and be able to substantiate overtime.
- Utilize established time clock system appropriately.

Policies and Procedures

- Adhere to existing and newly implemented policies.
- Adhere to infection control/safety guidelines.
- Perform patient care according to policy/procedures and standards of care of the facility.

Cell Phone Use

- Cell phone may be used for business purposes only.
- Utilize cell phone for personal use only during breaks or meal periods out of the public eye.

Care of Environment, Equipment, & Supplies:

Clean, Neat, Safe Environment

- Maintain a clean, neat, and safe environment for patients and staff, including personal work areas. Demonstrate knowledge of and enforce policies and procedures related to infection control, environmental safety, and patient confidentiality.

Equipment

- Utilize correct/safe techniques when operating equipment.
- Notify manager of malfunctioning equipment.
- Perform minor equipment repairs not requiring a service call.

Supplies

- Ensure exam rooms are stocked with the appropriate equipment and supplies.
- Aid in collaboration with front desk staff to compile an inventory list for outlying clinics, keeping quantities at a reasonable level, ensuring adequate stock for the next clinic.
- Notify the appropriate person when you notice equipment/supplies are running low, and maintain equipment/supplies in an organized manner.

Education:

Degree/Diploma Obtained	Program of Study	Required/Preferred
High School Diploma or Equivalent		Required

Certification & Licensures:

Certificate	Current State Certification	Preferred
Certificate	Current BLS – Health Care Provider	Preferred

Experience:

Years of Experience		Required/Preferred
Recent Clinical Experience		Preferred

Physical Requirements:

Action	Description	Frequency
Seeing	Must be able to read patient charts and other medical data, as well as visually evaluate the patient's condition.	Constant
Hearing	Must be able to hear well enough to communicate with physicians, staff, and patients/families.	Constant
Speaking	Must be able to verbally communicate with physicians, staff, and patients/families.	Constant
Fingering/Grasping	Must be able to write and type data into patient charts/computer. Must be able to apply treatments and/or medication and assist physicians as necessary in clinical procedures. Must be able to utilize fine motor skills.	Constant
Standing		Intermittent
Sitting		Intermittent
Bending/Crouching		Intermittent

Weight Demands:

Action	Description	Frequency
Lifting	Must be able to lift up to 100 pounds	Intermittent
Pushing/Pulling	Must be able to assist patients in physical movements and aid in transport of patients to and from wheelchair, exam table, etc.	Intermittent

Working Conditions:

The fast paced nature of this position may lead to increased levels of personal stress and demand high mental acuity.

Environmental Hazards

- The fast paced environment may lead to increased levels of personal stress and demand high mental acuity.

Physical Hazards

- Physical harm is possible when performing physical requirements, as listed above.
- Exposure to communicable disease, bodily fluids, and/or toxic substances is possible and can be physically harmful.

Unique Work Schedule/Travel

- May be required to work after hours, on weekends, or holidays.
- May be required to provide services outside the clinical setting (i.e. at University or High School athletic events), or travel to offices throughout the state.

Employee Statement of Understanding:

I have read and understand the job description for my position. I am able to perform all of the essential functions of this position.

I agree to comply with the corporate compliance policy and all laws, rules, regulations and standards of conduct related to my position. As an employee, I understand my duty to report any suspected violations of the law or the standards of conduct to my immediate supervisor.

As an employee, I will strive to uphold the mission and vision of the organization. All employees are required to adhere to the values in all their interactions with patients, customers, and fellow employees.

Note: This description is intended to describe the general job duties and employment requirements for adequate job performance, and should not be interpreted as an exhaustive report. Additional duties and responsibilities may be assigned at the discretion of the employees' supervisor.