

 Oroville Hospital	Job Description for Clinical Dietitian		Department:	Dietary
			Dept. #:	8340
			Last Updated:	10/30/07

Job Summary

The Clinical Dietitian performs a variety of specialized duties related to the receipt, interpretation and implementation of patient diet orders.

Duties

1. Keeps lines of communication open between Medical Staff and Dietary Department. Meets with Medical Advisor to discuss physician's issues and medical/nutrition-related projects
2. Interprets physician diet orders and modifies diet according to diet patterns and patient preferences
3. Interviews patients assigned and document pertinent information on the appropriate nutrition documentation forms (refer to Clinical Support section)
4. Instructs patients in diet principles and restrictions per physician diet order and documents pertinent information
5. Provides substitutions if patient is unable to eat the meal provided, in accordance with diet restrictions
6. Plans between-meal nourishments for patients as necessary
7. Relates information on assigned patients to food production staff and Diet Aide. This information is documented on the patient's nutrition profile in the computer
8. Completes daily calorie counts when ordered or initiated
9. Completes a nutritional assessment on patients receiving a tube feeding or parenteral nutrition
10. Computes nutritional value of recipes when necessary
11. Completes diet histories for nutritional assessment on specific patients
12. Evaluates appropriateness of diet order for diagnosis and recommends diet order changes as indicated
13. Maintains updated and necessary patient education materials and nutrition references and textbooks
14. Plans, coordinates and implements the department's Quality Assurance Program
15. Participates in the development of policies and programs directed toward patient and family education
16. Assists in National Nutrition Education Week projects
17. Participates in department and implementation educational programs and meets the mandatory in-service requirement in utilities management, infection control, safety and blood-borne pathogens
18. Directs Diet Aides in daily duties and offers in-service education
19. Participates in patient care plan meetings, support groups as requested or deemed necessary, and Dietary Department management meetings

Qualifications

1. A Bachelor's Degree or advanced degree from an accredited institution with a major in foods and nutrition preferred
2. Current Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Certification (CPR)
3. The Clinical Dietitian must have completed an internship in a hospital offering dietetic internship approved by the American Dietetic Association or have had equivalent approved experience
4. The Clinical Dietitian must be a member of the American Dietetic Association with current registration

Lifting Requirements

The light category requires that an employee be able to lift a maximum of 20 pounds and frequently lift and/or carry objects weighing up to 10 pounds.