	Job Description for Psychologist	Department:	**Social Services**
Oroville Hospital		Dept.#:	**8360**
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Reports To

Chief Operating Officer

Job Summary

The Psychologist performs primary intensive therapy services to patients, clients and their families, providing evaluation of problems presented and developing and implementing treatment plans.

Duties

1. Performs primary intensive therapy services with patient or client and their families.

2. Provides evaluation of problems presented and develops and implements treatment plans.

3. May conduct group therapy.

4. Prepares case histories with particular emphasis on psycho-social factors affecting patients or clients.

5. Cooperates with other staff members and with community agencies in carrying out treatment plans.

6. Interprets and explains to clients, their families and community groups the social and emotional factors pertaining to illness.

7. Performs evaluations on potentially suicidal or depressed individuals.

8. Evaluates and assesses patients exhibiting bizarre, suicidal or agitated behavior upon request of medical staff.

9. Confers with Community Health Staff regarding the status of clients and previous counseling histories in accordance with the confidentiality provision of the law.

10. Writes and maintains records and reports regarding client status and action taken.

11. Provides mental health information to the community.

12. Performs related duties as required.

Qualifications

1. Graduate of a Masters Degree Program in Psychology or related field.
2. Ability to interact with patients, families, physicians, co-workers and community agencies
3. Maintain confidentiality
4. Ability to organize and prioritize multiple requests and duties
5. Ability to maintain high moral standards both at work and in the community

Lifting Requirements

Light- generally lifting not more than 20 lbs. maximum with frequent lifting and/or carrying of objects weighing up to 10 lbs.