

# Job Description for Medical Assistant

Department:	<b>Radiation Oncology</b>
Dept.#:	7640
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#### **Reports To**

Vice President Radiation Oncology

## **Position Summary**

The Medical Assistant in the office setting is a specialty requiring a variety of skills, including but not limited to: receptionist, registration duties, ICD9 coding, data collection for billing procedures, charge posting, maintains appointment schedules, schedules surgeries/procedures and obtains appropriate authorizations/referrals and provides appropriate patient instructions per physician orders. Back office patient care duties is required in some clinics/practices.

## **Patients Served**

This position is responsible for the following age groups of patients: adolescent, adult and geriatric.

## **Duties**

- 1. Gathers Data Relevant to the Registration and Billing Process
- 2. Obtains patient information and inputs into computer
- 3. Utilizes ICD9 code book and records codes according to diagnosis
- 4. Disassembles patient medical record after patient visit, inputs and posts patient charges into computer
- 5. Assembles patient medical records prior to provider/nurse receiving the record
- 6. Gathers Data Relevant to Patients Age Group and Individual Need
- 7. Obtains and records
  - Vital Signs
  - Time In/Date
  - Weight
  - Medication Profile
  - Immunization Record

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- Allergies
- Chief Complaint
- Signature/Initials where appropriate
- 8. Prepares patient prior to provider examination
  - Sets patient on exam table
  - Patient changes into gown as appropriate
- 9. Clerical Duties
  - Answers telephone calls, identifying self and clinic/practice
  - Receives and documents telephone messages and gives to the appropriate persons
  - Schedules appointments with accurate patient information
  - Types various documents accurately and as directed: First Reports, TAR's and Correspondence
  - Utilizes photocopy and facsimile machine
  - Gets authorizations from insurance companies for referrals
  - Confirms appointment schedule and follow-up of missed appointments

#### 10. Assists in Coordination of Clinic

- Assists in maintenance of a neat, orderly and accurate medical record filing system
- Ensures that patient medical record is disassembled after patient discharge and filed away quickly
- Maintains a neat, clean and functional work station

## **Job Limitations**

#### Medical Assistants DO NOT:

- 1. Administer or handle medications
- 2. Assess patient conditions
- 3. Work outside assigned skills

#### **Qualifications**

#### **Education & Licensure**

- High School graduate or its equivalency
- Medical Assistant Certification preferred
- Current BLS Certification

#### **Knowledge/Experience**

- Minimum 1 Year Experience as a Medical Assistant
- Experience in Oncology
- Experience in medical front office procedures
- Must have proven ability to maintain professional conduct and confidentiality in the care of patients
- Must possess computer skills

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## **Additional Qualifications:**

- Strong written and verbal communication skills
- · Professional and reliable
- Excellent interpersonal and Organizational skills
- Demonstrates care and compassion in dealing with patients
- Ability to multi-task and be detail oriented

#### **Work Environment**

Work area is well lighted and ventilated. Regularly exposed to the risks of blood borne and airborne diseases. Contact with patients in a wide variety of circumstances. Exposed to noise, chemicals, communicable diseases, and hazardous materials. Wears personal protective equipment as required.

## **Dress Code**

Complies with hospital and departmental dress code. Wears name badge with job title and credentials clearly visible.

## **Physical Abilities**

See attached Job Task Analysis