

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF CENTRAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES
CLASS SPECIFICATION

INHALATION THERAPIST

POSITION CODE: 21259
Effective: 9-16-70

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF WORK:

Under general supervision, administers specialized inhalation, therapeutic treatments prescribed by professional staff in a state institution; maintains constant watch over patients under treatment and takes precautionary steps at own initiative in case of adverse patient reactions; instructs other nursing personnel in use of inhalation equipment and provides technical advice to professional staff; maintains equipment and institutes measures for immediate repairs.

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK:

1. Administers specialized inhalation therapeutic treatments as prescribed by attending medical staff.
2. Gives adequately reassuring explanation of procedure to patients.
3. Maintains constant watch over patients undergoing treatments to observe reactions; takes immediate steps to alleviate adverse conditions during treatments as own initiative and notifies attending physician as soon as possible in extreme cases.
4. Provides technical advice to the medical staff when called upon and instructs nursing personnel in proper inhalation therapy techniques.
5. Maintains inhalation therapy equipment and reports any failure of equipment and institutes measures for its immediate repair; maintains cleanliness and orderliness of inhalation therapy area and office.
6. Handles inventory control of inhalation therapy equipment; maintains necessary inhalation therapy records and makes entries in patient's medical record.
7. Keeps a file of manuals of operation and repair of all departmental equipment, a repair parts manual and an apparatus and parts order manual.

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8. Performs other duties as required or assigned which are reasonably within the scope of the duties enumerated above.

DESIRABLE REQUIREMENTS:

Education and Experience

Requires graduation from an approved school for inhalation therapy.

Knowledges, Skills and Abilities

Requires thorough knowledge of current principles, methods and techniques involved in the administration of medical gases and drugs to meet therapeutic needs as prescribed by physicians.

Requires extensive knowledge of proper patient reaction to the various administrations.

Requires working knowledge of organization, functions, policies, regulations and procedures of hospital as they relate to nursing services and inhalation therapy.

Requires ability to maintain constant watch on patients under therapy and to take immediate corrective steps in case of improper reactions.

Requires ability to deal tactfully with patients and gain their confidence.

Requires ability to maintain satisfactory working relations with other employees.

Requires ability to maintain equipment and make minor repairs.