

JOB TITLE: Primary Care Nurse Clinician
LOCATION: Mid-Main Community Health Centre
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JOB SUMMARY

As part of an interdisciplinary team the Nurse Clinician is responsible for providing primary health care to individuals of all ages in accordance with established RNABC Standards for Nursing Practice in B.C. The Nurse Clinician will function both independently and in collaboration with physicians and other team members in the assessment, diagnosis, treatment and follow up of Mid-Main patients and will provide initiative and leadership in the areas of health promotion and disease prevention. The Nurse Clinician will be accountable for his or her own practice and professional development.

EXAMPLES OF SPECIFIC FUNCTIONS

The Nurse Clinician will provide episodic and ongoing care to Mid-Main patients in the following areas:

- Screening for diseases eg: PAP's, blood pressure assessment, diabetes
- Illness prevention interventions eg: adult and childhood immunizations, counseling for smoking cessation, risk assessment and lifestyle modifications, counseling.
- Well woman care eg: breast exams, contraception counseling and prescribing, pregnancy diagnosis, screening for and treatment of STDs, diagnosis and management of perimenopausal symptoms
- Well child- care including assessment of growth and development and support of breast feeding.
- Assessment, diagnosis and treatment of specific acute illnesses according to predetermined protocols eg: upper respiratory infections, urinary tract infections, tonsillitis, otitis media.
- Limited supportive counseling for patients in crisis and facilitation of referral to appropriate community resources.
- Involvement in the ongoing care of patients with chronic illness eg: diabetic foot assessment, follow up and case management for patients with diabetes, blood pressure monitoring.
- Education and support for lifestyle change for patients with chronic illness

The Nurse Clinician will assist the functioning of the health care team by:

- Triaging patient phone calls
- Supporting continuity of care to patients when other members of the health care team are out of the office eg: follow up of lab results, acute conditions.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Minimum educational requirement of a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing (BscN.) Masters Degree or extended training preferred.
- Significant nursing experience in a variety of different settings.
- Valid BC Driver's License.
- Current registration in RNABC.
- Ability to work independently and confidently as a member of an interdisciplinary team.
- Leadership and facilitation skills.