JOB DESCRIPTION

JOB TITLE: Practice Nurse

Job summary

To provide a high quality care to patients registered with Portree Medical Centre and assist in the assessment, planning, implementation, audit and evaluation of practice nursing care within the practice.

Accountability

The practice nurse is wholly accountable to the general practitioners, and will report to the practice Lead nurse and a nominated GP partner for clinical issues and the practice manager for non-clinical issues.

Main Responsibilities

Chronic Disease Management

- Be responsible for and coordinate and co-manage chronic disease management programmes. Examples of these conditions are:
 - o Coronary heart disease
 - o Hypertension
 - o COPD
 - o Asthma
 - o Diabetes
 - Kidney disease
 - o Heart failure
 - o TIA/stroke
- · Undertaking audit, evaluation, and agreed actions for the implementation and management of clinics
- To work in conjunction with colleagues to provide health promotion material and health education advice

Clinics

- To provide and assist with triaging and minor illness clinics, in line with Practice requirements
- To provide assistance and cover for:
 - o Venepuncture
 - New patient checks
 - Cytology screening
 - o Sexual health and contraception
 - BP, ECG and other patient monitoring equipment

Professional responsibilities

- To ensure compliance with Health and Safety legislation and practice/health board polices
- Maintain professional registration
- Work within the latest NMC code of Professional Conduct

Communication

- To assist in the development and maintenance of effective systems of communication and dissemination of information to staff, patients and other organisations both within and out with the NHS
- Operation of the in-house complaints procedure
- Maintain effective working relationships, both within and out with the Practice
- To liaise with colleagues in the provisions of services and the development of services

IT and Administration

- To utilise the practice IT facilities in an appropriate manner
- Participate in the professional and administrative responsibilities of the team, thus ensuring high standards of service are provided and maintained by the medical centre
- To ensure accurate recording of all consultations and treatments on patients' electronic notes
- To ensure accurate collection of statistical information

General

- Commitment to integrated team working
- To be an integral part of the management team and be an effective contributor to the overall achievement of the medical centre's aims and objectives
- Any other duties arising from or pertaining to the post