

Palliative Care Physician

Title: Palliative Care MD
Reports to: President

Purpose of the Position:

The person in this position is responsible for the provision of Palliative Medical Consultation to the community beyond the scope of an operational “hospice” consultation. This service is provided to patients still receiving disease-altering treatments.

Job Qualifications:

- Doctor of Medicine with two (2) years experience licensed to practice medicine in the state
- Advanced and ongoing training in Palliative Medicine Physician training, diagnostic skills, knowledge in symptom management and communication skills required
- Knowledge of an interdisciplinary team concept
- Willing to participate in staff, volunteer, and physician education with regard to the hospice concept and policy
- Current state driver’s license and automobile insurance

Job Responsibilities:

- Provide consultation in palliative care, symptom management and supportive care for the patient to meet the general medical needs of the patient to the extent that these are not met by the attending physician
- Facilitate clarification of patient and family goals of care
- Facilitate access to appropriate support models of care
- Provide second opinion regarding need for hospice care with official certification provided by Hospice Medical Director
- Education of staff and coworkers
- Consult with the attending physician and the Interdisciplinary Team in establishing a written plan of care at intervals specified in the plan
- Provide community education
- Assist in the development of standards of care
- Perform other duties as requested
- Adhere to the practice of confidentiality regarding patients, families, staff, and the organization.

Supervisory Responsibilities: None