CHIROPODIST

The Chiropodist is a vital part of Dufferin Area Family Health Team (DAFHT) and will collaborate with the physicians and other interdisciplinary providers to achieve the vision and mission of the organization. The Chiropodist will help the DAFHT to meet its strategic objectives by participating in the chronic disease management, health promotion and disease prevention programs.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

A. SERVICE PROVIDER DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

I. Assessment
   a. Screens, prioritizes and processes client referrals from Physicians within the FHT
   b. Conducts foot health assessment and collaboratively identifies priorities for treatment

II. Implementation
   a. Provides individual, evidence-based treatment and foot care according to best practices and within the Chiropodist scope of practice as outlined in the Ontario Regulated Health Professionals Act (1991) and the Chiropody Act (1991).
   b. Works in collaboration with interdisciplinary team to safely and effectively provide primary care to clients
   c. Provides foot care education to meet client learning needs
   d. Recommends and adapts teaching to the Client’s identified foot care needs, revising treatment protocols as required
   e. Facilitates group educational sessions using the principles of adult learning as required
   f. Documents according to Chiropodist current Standards of Practice as determined by the College of Chiropodists of Ontario.
   g. Refers the Client to other resources and arranges follow-up as necessary.

IV. Evaluation
   a. Evaluates the Client’s comprehension and compliance to the foot care plan by reviewing clinical and learning outcomes

V. Reporting
   a. Assists in the preparation of statistical reports for the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care as required

VI. Team Development
a. Works effectively within an interdisciplinary team, in varied practice settings, to improve access to primary care for the residents of Dufferin County
b. Provides case study foot care consultation, conducts in-services and workshops for team members, other health professionals and community partners as appropriate and required
c. Promotes awareness of the DAFHT’s services and programs
d. Participates in staff, team and committee meetings as appropriate
e. Participates in the development, planning and evaluation of treatment, education, counselling and health promotion activities of the FHT as required

VII. Professional Development
a. Maintains and develops professional competence through ongoing professional development. Fully participates in the Quality Assurance Program of the College of Chiropodists of Ontario.
b. Stays current and aware of opportunities to implement evidenced-based methods of client assessment, treatment and programming.

VIII. Communication
a. Communicates effectively with health care team members to create a cohesive team and seamless services to the community.
b. Communicates effectively with the Clients, families, peers, other health care professionals and community partners as required
c. Participates in interdisciplinary meetings as required

IX. Health and Safety
a. Ensures that all chiropody equipment is cleaned, disinfected and sterilized according to Standards of Practice for Chiropodists and Podiatrist – Infection Control as provided by the College of Chiropodists of Ontario
b. Employs appropriate Personal Protection Equipment and Barriers
c. Performs requisite quality control activities on all chiropody equipment as indicated

X. Related Duties
a. Maintains confidentiality of team, personnel and Client information

EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE:

- Diploma of Advanced Chiropody or equivalent,
- Current registration with the College of Chiropodists of Ontario
- Current Basic CPR certification
- Current Ontario Drivers’ License
- Immunization against hepatitis B
- 2 years experience working as a Chiropodist in a hospital of community setting.
- Previous work in a Family Health Team a definite asset
SKILLS/ABILITIES

• Excellent oral/written skills
• Ability to work effectively with all members of the health care team.
• Knowledge and proficiency in current, evidence-based methods and practices of primary care delivery
• Knowledge and proficiency to develop and conduct educational programs for learners, and experience in evaluation of learning activities specific to individual performance.
• Ability to develop strategies that successfully meet the needs of diverse patient, family and provider population.
• Proficiency in the use of computer hardware and software.
• Ability to prioritize, manage time effectively and be flexible in a very active work environment.
• Willingness to teach and train other members of the interdisciplinary team or students as required.

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