

**Children's Hospital of Wisconsin  
JOB DESCRIPTION**

<b>Job Title:</b> Transport Respiratory Care Practitioner	<b>Job Code:</b> 251000	<b>OSHA</b> I
<b>Department:</b> Children's Transport and Physician Referral Center	<b>Salary Plan:</b> CHW	<b>Orig. Date:</b> 8/98
<b>Immediate Supervisor:</b> Children's Transport and Physician Referral Center Supervisor	<b>Cost Center:</b> 6659	<b>Last Revised:</b> 05/17
<b>Division:</b> Access and Referral Services	<b>FLSA:</b> Non-exempt	

**GENERAL SUMMARY:**

The Transport Respiratory Care Practitioner (TRCP) provides patient care in a mobile environment to high risk patients and their families being transported to/from Children's Hospital of Wisconsin. This position requires a respiratory care practitioner who has demonstrated competencies and advanced clinical knowledge in the respiratory care practices. The TRCP is responsible for providing quality assessment, therapeutic interventions, and clinical expertise to the neonatal/pediatric/adult population in the transport environment. The TRCP in conjunction with the Transport Nurse Clinician (TNC) acts as a resource hospital wide for patient care standards and pre-code recognition. Patient care is provided in accordance with established policy and procedures, medical protocols, and/or direct on-line consultation with the appropriate medical control physician within the transport environment (ambulance, helicopter, fixed wing). The TRCP must be able to prioritize, evaluate, and manage multiple patient needs through critical thinking skills in an ever changing environment.

**ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:**

- Exhibits guiding behaviors that reflect Children's values and support our mission and vision.

**Clinical**

- Understands, satisfies and modifies approach and communication relating to the growth and development needs of the neonatal, pediatric, adolescent and adult patients and their families.
- Effectively communicates with parents and families throughout the transport process.
- Safely initiates, performs and maintains competency in the areas of: therapeutic modalities, monitors and diagnostics, mechanical ventilation, protocols and consults, specialty gas administration, medication administration, and documentation.
- Identifies and responds to emergent/urgent situations: Pre-Code, RRT, Code Blue, and Trauma.
- Assesses patient and provides interventions according to PALS, NRP, and ACLS protocols in an emergent situation or after consulting with Medical Control physician and/or referring and attending physician.
- After consultation with medical control, exercises independent judgment in situations when sudden clinical changes occur. Understands interventions made and outcomes to expect.
- Provides a safe environment while maximizing clinical expertise during interfacility transports.
- Collaborates with other team members in the planning and provision of optimal patient care during the transport process including patient placement.

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- Contributes to the identification of a potential diagnosis, interventions, and expected outcomes specific to the defined patient population.
- Maintains advanced airway skills.
- Possesses analytical and critical thinking skills in interpreting patient labs, CXR, scans, and overall patient assessment.

### **Internal Support**

- Participates as a member of the RRT.
- Maintains a supportive role in traumas and codes for the RCS department.
- Provides internal support to the hospital within the SWAT role.

### **Education**

- Assists in the development and validation of patient care standards for the transport patient population.
- Assists in the identification of patient care provider educational needs. (CHW staff, pre-hospital personnel, referring facilities staff).
- Communicates effectively and demonstrates superior knowledge of respiratory care procedures and acts as a resource to physicians, nurses, respiratory care practitioners and ancillary personnel internally and externally.

### **Departmental**

- Assists in the development, implementation and evaluation of Children's Transport departmental operations, policies, procedures, products, programs relating to the transport environment and patient population.
- Acts as a team member by identifying personal, departmental and hospital goals. Collaborates in a positive manner towards the success of the goals by offering input, ideas and solutions.
- Maintains department responsibilities in Transport by attending educational offerings, staff meetings, departmental and hospital interdisciplinary meetings, case reviews, recurrence training and completes shift and monthly checks.

### **Self**

- Provides for and maintains professional growth for self and others.
- Keeps current regarding Respiratory Care and Transport Medicine trends and development.

### **Call Center**

- Facilitates communication for physician referral requests between community based CMG/CSG physicians and specialty services within the hospital.
- The TRCP facilitates the transport process by obtaining pertinent patient history and clinical status, communicating information with medical control, obtaining acceptance from the receiving attending physician, notifies admitting, arranges mode of transport, and dispatches the team within the individual's scope of practice.
- Assists in the Direct Admission process.

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#### **MINIMUM KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES REQUIRED:**

- Current License by the State of Wisconsin as a Respiratory Care Practitioner with current Certified Respiratory Therapist credential. Effective January 1, 2017, must obtain RRT within 12 months of hire and remain current with credential. Current employees who graduated prior to January 1, 2005 will be grandfathered with current CRT credential.
- Requires 3 – 5 years experience in Respiratory Care and 2 -3 years of critical care experience in neonatal, pediatric, or adult critical care ICU experience.
- Acquires and maintains: Joint Commission requirements, NRP, PALS and ACLS certification.
- Current CPR certification - Basic Life Support (BLS) for Healthcare Providers through American Heart or American Red Cross is required.
- Maintains ability to rotate shifts and/or work flexible hours to meet patient care needs.
- Basic personal computer skills preferred.
- Demonstrates analytical skills necessary to resolve complex clinical problems in a mobile environment.
- Demonstrates ability to work independently and utilize time management, prioritization and multi-tasking skills.
- Demonstrates ability to assemble complex equipment and perform tasks which require fine motor skills.
- Demonstrates ability to cope with physically and mentally stressful situations.
- Must pass pre-placement physical exam and meet health requirements for flying within the physical capacity evaluation prior to hire and annually.
- Transport team must meet height requirements of not greater than **6ft 2in., not less than 4 ft 10 in.**
- Transport team members must maintain a mission ready weight less than 245 pounds. Mission ready is defined as your weight including the flight suit, boots, helmet with liner, coat with liner, and any other personal items that you carry. **Requirements are subject to annual review with one year advance notice to change.**

#### **Physical Abilities**

**Occasionally (0-25%) of the time**

**Moderately (26-75%) of the time**

**Frequently (76-100%) of the time**

- Must be able to walk, stand for long periods, over 80% of the assigned work period.
- Must be able to squat occasionally and sit frequently
- In the Fixed Wing/Rotor Wing/Ambulance, must be able to lift/carry 65 pounds, push/pull up to 40 pounds occasionally, reach overhead moderately, climb moderately, squat/bend/kneel occasionally, sit/stand moderately, walk/move about frequently, tolerate tight quarters, small spaces and sit in a confined space.
- In the Call Center, must be able to lift/carry 5 pounds, sit/stand frequently, reaching overhead moderately, sit/stand moderately, walk/move about frequently, tolerate tight quarters, small spaces and sit in a confined space.
- Performs other duties as assigned

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**WORKING CONDITIONS:**

- Provides patient care in a setting where there is potential for exposure to blood and other high-risk body fluids, communicable disease and hazardous materials, chemicals, waste, temperature extremes, crowded work space, loud noises, vibrations, noxious odors, vehicular breakdowns, and vehicular crashes.
- There is potential for personal injury from equipment or instruments and vehicular accidents.

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