

#### **Annex B- Job Profile**

JOB TITLE: Consultant (Paediatrics)

DEPARTMENT: Paediatrics/NICU

REPORTS TO (TITLE): Head of Department of Paediatrics/NICU

### Primary objective of the job:

- Provide a high quality of consultancy services in the Paediatric and Neonatal Intensive Care Department at OKEUH.
- Responsible for the medical care of children from neonates to infancy and adolescence.
- Ensure high quality care to all patients, in a respectful, safe, and compassionate environment.
- Work under the direction of and reports to the Head of Department (HOD).

## Number of persons managed/ supervised and their positions:

• Direct reports as per the approved Organizational Structure

### Main Duties and Responsibilities:

- Direct, co-ordinate, and provide clinical care to patients in the department.
- Provide patient care via outpatient consultations, inpatient rounds, bedside both routine and emergency.
- Consider a patient's medical history to examine pediatric patients and meticulously document the plan of care as well as progress notes in the medical records.
- To assess and clerk patients from the Emergency Department.
- Advise patients, parents, and guardians on diets, activities, hygiene, and disease prevention.
- Plan and execute medical care programs to aid in the mental and physical growth and development of children and adolescents.
- Guide the parents/ attenders on the child's vaccination schedule and plan.
- Administer vaccines according to the governmental vaccination plan.
- Admit patients and perform procedures independently according to the privileges bestowed upon them as per the hospital's policy.
- Conduct daily in-patient rounds independently and with the respective junior doctors.
- Review patients in the Paediatric ward and Neonatal unit on a regular basis.
- Verify examination findings & medication orders written by the junior doctors.
- Mention date, time, name, and signature against all entries in the medical records.
- Countersign any verbal order given to junior doctors as and when needed.
- Communicate the patient's condition and treatment plan to the patient's family and the collaborating physicians.
- Communicate to all relevant parties, including the patient, nursing personnel and registrars/ SHO about the transfer of care to another consultant physician and ensure that the required documentation is entered in the patient's chart.
- Instruct the nursing staff about the necessary orders to be carried out.
- Ensure Informed Consent is obtained prior to the provision of care.
- Prepare the discharge summary and explain the necessary instructions to be followed by the patient/ attenders after discharge.

- Maintenance of continuous measurement and reporting in terms of access, discharge, service provision and clinical care.
- Conduct/attend a minimum of one out-patient clinic per week for new and returning patients
- Attend to patient's complaints reported by junior doctors or the nursing staff as and when required.
- Share responsibility for data protection arising out of the use of computers and maintain good practices in the handling of confidential information.
- Ensure that medical documentation and charting is written in a legible and professional manner. Supervise the documentation done by junior doctors.
- Participate in the development of neonatal and pediatric care treatment protocols and guidelines.
- Develop and maintain collaborative relationships with medical colleagues in other specialties and participate in regular clinical meetings and other activities.
- Take responsibility for the professional supervision and development of Junior doctors within the specialty.
- Receive and respond to referrals from clinicians in a timely manner.
- Refer patients to other specialties when their condition exceeds expertise/scope of practice.
- Collaborate with health professionals to reduce medical errors and adverse outcomes.
- Contribute to and promote the patient's safety agenda.
- Coordinate with other departments for ease of operations.
- Participate in departmental staff meetings and communicate patient care issues to the management.
- Ensure that there is total adherence to infection control policies and practices.
- Participate in the relevant committees requiring participation as assigned.
- Prepare police and/or coroner's reports as required.
- Ensure participation and commitment in the different quality improvement, risk management and patient safety activities in the hospital.
- Engage actively in the clinical audit and other clinical governance processes.
- Participate in and facilitate production of all data/information required to validate delivery of duties and functions and inform the planning and management of service delivery.
- Contribute to the development of efficient pathways of care in accordance with the current best practices and national guidelines.
- Participate in the unit's strategic approach towards education, training, and development, while
  considering the requirements of each staff, service requirements, and the availability of inhouse and commissioned education programmes.
- Engage in research activities when opportunities arise and ensure the use of evidence-based practice within the department/unit.
- Contribute to achieving and maintaining key performance indicators for the department.
- Provide teaching and oversee medical students and junior physicians in the care and treatment of patients and performance of required procedures.
- Update job knowledge by participating in educational opportunities; reading professional publications; maintaining personal networks and participating in professional organizations.
- Provide on call/emergency duties as required.
- Perform additional duties as required and assigned by the HOD.

# Academic qualifications and experience required for the job:

- Registered Medical Practitioner with the St. Lucia Medical & Dental Council.
- Postgraduate qualification in Paediatrics from a recognized institution.
- Preferred minimum of 3 years of experience as a Pediatric Consultant.
- Preferred work experience in the area of Neonatal Intensive Care
- Preferred valid BLS, NALS and PALS certifications.

## **Knowledge, Skills and Abilities**

- Extensive knowledge and understanding of the health care industry, including national and international trends in the provision of paediatric services.
- Sound verbal and written communication and interpersonal skills.
- Advanced ability to collaborate with colleagues and maintain mutual trust and respect with peers and patients.
- Ability to foster effective relationships with clients and key stakeholders.
- Experience in the implementation of change management within a complex clinical department, including strategic planning skills.
- Great attention to detail with excellent analytical skills.
- Ability to think and act quickly in a stressful environment.
- Advanced knowledge of safety regulations and emergency response skills.

# **SALARY**

Salary is commensurate with qualifications and experience.

When submitting your application please indicate the title of the position which you are applying for in the **SUBJECT LINE**. Interested persons are invited to submit a letter of application, Curriculum Vitae, along with certified copies of documents pertaining to qualifications, plus two (2) recent references via email **careers@mhmc.lc** and addressed to:

Human Resource Consultant
Millennium Heights Medical Complex
Millennium Highway
Castries, St. Lucia

The deadline to send applications is February 24, 2024.

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.