

Urodynamics Nurse

RESPONSIBILITIES:

The Urodynamics Nurse participates in the care of the patient, under the direct supervision of the Physician and in collaboration with the healthcare team by performing and reporting results of urodynamics testing.

- Contacts patient by phone 48 hours prior to procedure to ensure that all pre-procedure paperwork has been completed and patient understands how to prepare for testing.
- Provides pre-procedural teaching to ensure patients are informed and cooperative
- Prepares patients for testing by placing catheter and electromyography electrodes, as indicated by the type of testing being performed.
- Performs uroflowmetry, postvoid residual measurements, cystometric tests, leak point pressure measurements, pressure flow studies, and electromyography.
- Records all aspects of individual urodynamic procedures to ensure diagnosis of abnormalities. Provides summary findings to the physician to aid in patient diagnosis and management.
- Uses independent judgment and systematic problem-solving methods to produce high quality diagnostic information and optimize patient care. Reports equipment failures to the appropriate supervisor or staff member.
- Assumes responsibility for the safety and well-being of all patients in the urodynamics area. Escorts patients to an examination room or lobby upon completion of testing.
- Addresses patient care issues as they arise and makes decisions to appropriately resolve the problems. Coordinates with other staff to assure appropriate patient care is provided.
- Recognizes and responds to emergencies, obtaining assistance from and/or referring to physicians when appropriate.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Sound knowledge of the genitourinary system.
- Excellent catheterization skills.
- Knowledge of and experience with pessary fitting, placement and cleaning is preferred.
- Strong multi-tasking skills with the ability to simultaneously:
 - Operate a computer and complex urodynamics software,
 - Be attentive to every detail of the test being performed,
 - Attend to the patient and their concerns, and
 - Remain aware of what is going with the patient's physiology
- Superb interpersonal and communication skills with particular expertise in the compassionate care of a largely elderly patient population.
- Ability to work semi-independently, working in collaboration with the physician when appropriate.
- Work is primarily non-sedentary and requires kneeling, reaching, standing, walking, bending, lifting and carrying items.