



THE EASTERN REGIONAL HEALTH AUTHORITY

JOB DESCRIPTION

1. JOB TITLE OPTOMETRIST	2. DIVISION ST. ANDREW/ST. DAVID NARIVA/MAYARO SANGRE GRANDE HOSPITAL	3. DEPARTMENT CLINICAL
4. ORGANIZATIONAL RELATIONSHIP The Optometrist will report to the Primary Care Physician II in the community and the Specialist Medical Officer (Ophthalmology) at the Sangre Grande Hospital		5. NATURE & SCOPE The Optometrist is responsible for supporting optometry services within the ERHA. Work is performed under the supervision/guidance of a senior clinician.
6. SPECIFIC ACCOUNTABILITIES The Optometrist: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Establishes and delivers general services and specialized services such as paediatric optometry, provision of low-vision aids assessment and delivery and complex refractions and management of keratoconics. □ Sits with the Ophthalmologist in clinic so as to enhance their clinical skills and undergo preparation and evaluation to commence shared care. □ Participates in shared care and operates glaucoma, diabetic and primary care clinics. □ Establishes and delivers intra-region vision screening programmes throughout the Region collaborating with the primary care givers and Ministry of Health if and when the need arises. □ Conducts intra departmental audits as it applies to improving delivery of all services. □ Researches/Develops epidemiological trends. □ Assists in public education. □ Collaborates with appropriate specialists within the ERHA. □ Performs any other relate duties by the approved Authority. 		
7. KEY KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Knowledge of the principles, practices, methods, materials and equipment used in optometry. □ Ability to write reports of varying complexity. □ Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with fellow employees, patients and members of the public. □ Ability to use Microsoft Office Suite 		
8. MINIMUM TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ First Degree in Optometry from an accredited institution. □ Current registration with the Trinidad & Tobago Opticians Registration Council. □ A minimum of two (2) years' experience □ Clinical experience in hospital Optometry/Ophthalmology department would be an asset. □ Any equivalent combination of experience and training. 		
9. SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Clerk 		
10. COMMUNICATION AND WORKING RELATIONSHIPS <i>Internal:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Medical Director □ County Medical Officer of Health □ Manager-Hospital Administration □ Primary Care Physician II □ Specialist Medical Officer 		

- Specialist Primary Care Physician II
- Other support staff e.g. Nurses, Doctors, Clinical personnel

External:

- Similar professionals in other RHAs
- Ministry of Health