

# THE EASTERN REGIONAL HEALTH AUTHORITY

## POSITION DESCRIPTION

1. JOB TITLE	2. DIVISION		3. DEPARTMENT
MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNICIAN III	SANGRE GRANDE HOSPITAL		MEDICAL LABORATORY
4. ORGANISATIONAL RELATIONSHIP		5. NATURE & SCOPE	
The Medical Laboratory Technician III will report to the Manager-Para Clinical Services.		The Medical Laboratory Technician III is accountable for the daily operation and supervision of all activities in a specialized field of medical laboratory technology. He/She plans, coordinates, directs and monitors technical and administrative activities to ensure the delivery of quality service.	

### 6. SPECIFIC ACCOUNTABILITIES

# The Medical Laboratory Technician III:

- □ Manages all activities in a specialized field of Medical Technology, including but not limited to Hematology, Blood Banking, Biochemistry, Microbiology, Immunology, Cytology, Phlebotomy etc.
- Supervises the work of laboratory personnel engaged in performing technical procedures, including planning laboratory work, evaluating work performed and handling procedural and technical laboratory problems.
- Supervises and mentor laboratory staff in the principles, procedures, methods, techniques and practices of Medical Laboratory Technology.
- Supervises laboratory technician students assigned from the College of Science, Technology and Applied Arts of Trinidad and Tobago (COSTAATT).
- Prepares technical reports and keep records of progress and production.
- □ Plans, coordinates, directs and monitors all functional areas including technical and administrative units.
- Manages inventory, in collaboration with lab stores, to ensure cost-effective operations as well as adherence to financial inventory and documentation policies.
- Prepares and update as needed standard operating procedures for all departmental tests, equipment and processes, and ensure all staff receive orientation and (re)sensitization on same.
- Takes steps to ensure that daily departmental operational practices are in keeping with departmental/organizational policies and ISO 15189 accreditation guidelines.
- Develops, implements and monitors departmental continuous quality improvement initiatives.
- Monitors and evaluates all aspects of the Quality Management System.
- Reviews results of One World Accuracy external quality competency testing, initiate corrective actions, and monitor for performance improvements.
- Develops and submits comprehensive departmental reports in accordance with stipulated timelines.
- Conducts performance appraisals for subordinate staff with a focus on staff development and performance improvement, instituting competency-based assessments and performance audits when necessary.
- Conducts monthly staff meetings as well as quarterly stakeholder meetings.
- □ Attends Heads of Department meeting and other meetings as requested.
- Prepares operational targets for each financial year.
- Prepares staff roster in keeping with effective management of resources and value for money.
- Performs all laboratory tests, as carried out by Medical Laboratory staff, when required.
- Performs related work as may be required by the approved Authority.

# 7. KEY KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES

- □ Extensive knowledge of current laboratory procedures and use of laboratory equipment.
- □ Extensive knowledge of medical laboratory quality control /quality assurance/safety procedures
- Knowledge of lab accreditation standards.
- □ Knowledge of supervisory management
- Strong critical thinking and problem-solving skills
- □ Strong clinical correlation skills.
- Good communication skills
- □ Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with other employees and the public.

#### 8. MINIMUM TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

- Associate or Bachelor of Science in Medical Laboratory Technology from a recognized institution.
- Minimum of seven (7) years' experience in the Medical Laboratory Technology field, of which four (4) were in a supervisory position.
- Registered with the Council for Professions Related to Medicine in Trinidad and Tobago.
- Supervisory Management certification or equivalent would be an asset.
- □ ISO 15189/accreditation training would be an asset.
- Any equivalent combination of training and experience.

# 9. SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Medical Laboratory Technician II
- Medical Laboratory Technician I
- Phlebotomist
- Cytoscreener
- Laboratory Assistant
- Clerk I
- □ College of Science, Technology and Applied Arts of Trinidad and Tobago (COSTAATT) interns
- Daily Paid
- Any other temporary staff

## 10. COMMUNICATION AND WORKING RELATIONSHIP

#### Internal:

- Manager-Para Clinical Services
- Specialist Medical Officer (Microbiology)
- Specialist Medical Officer (Oncology)
- Medical Director
- Manager-Hospital Administration
- Medical Laboratory personnel
- Medical personnel
- Facilities department
- Biomedical Engineering Department
- Procurement Department
- Materials Officer
- Heads of Departments
- Quality Department
- Medical Records Department
- Other members of the health care team in the region

## External:

- Other Regional Health Authorities
- Ministry of Health
- Equipment and consumable suppliers (local and foreign)
- Other private laboratories