



THE EASTERN REGIONAL HEALTH AUTHORITY

JOB DESCRIPTION

1. JOB TITLE PODIATRIST	2.DIVISION SANGRE GRANDE HOSPITAL	3. DEPARTMENT GENERAL SURGERY
4. ORGANIZATIONAL RELATIONSHIP The Podiatrist shall report to the Specialist Medical Officer (General Surgery)/Head of Department.	5. NATURE & SCOPE The Podiatrist will be responsible for the management of the day-to-day operations of the Podiatry Unit of the Eastern Regional Health Authority. The officer will work collaboratively with the County Medical Officer of Health to develop strategies for the management of Podiatry Services within the Eastern Region.	
6. SPECIFIC ACCOUNTABILITIES The Podiatrist: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Assesses the condition of a patient’s feet, ankles, or lower legs by reviewing his or her medical history, listening to the patient’s concerns, and performing a physical examination. □ Diagnose foot, ankle, and lower-leg problems through physical exams, x rays, medical laboratory tests, and other methods □ Provides treatment for foot, ankle, and lower leg ailments, such as prescribing special shoe inserts (orthotics) to improve a patient’s mobility □ Performs foot and ankle surgeries, such as removing bone spurs and correcting foot and ankle deformities □ Provides advice and instruction on foot and ankle care and on general wellness techniques □ Refers patients to other physicians or specialists if they detect larger health problems, such as diabetes □ Read journals and attend conferences to keep up with advances in podiatric medicine □ Performs other related duties as required by the approved Authority. 		
7. KEY KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Knowledge of common problems of lower limbs, ankles and feet □ Ability to examine patients, diagnose disease and to administer necessary treatment □ Knowledge of principles and practices of preventative medicine □ Ability to gain confidence and co-operation of patients, and to establish and maintain effective working relationships with other employees and the public 		
8. MINIMUM TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Training as evidence by the possession of a Bachelor of Science Degree in Podiatry from a recognized institution. □ Minimum of three (3) years’ experience within the field. □ Any equivalent combination of experience and training. 		

9. SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Nursing staff

10. COMMUNICATION AND WORKING RELATIONSHIPS***Internal:***

- Medical Director
- Medical staff
- Nursing staff

External:

- Patients
- Supply companies