JOB DESCRIPTION
(Date)

POSITION TITLE: Respiratory Therapist

REPORTS TO:

I. PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES:
   Administer respiratory care and life support to patients with cardiopulmonary system deficiencies and abnormalities. Trains and acts as a resource for respiratory department technicians.

II. ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:
   Assesses patients and recommends respiratory therapy treatments.
   Plans, prepares, and administers respiratory therapy treatments including IPPB, aerosol, chest physical therapy, incentive spirometry, and sputum inductions, in accordance with established policies and procedures.

   Performs diagnostic pulmonary and cardiac tests.

   Records patient treatment, response, and progress.

   Inspects, tests, maintains, and operates respiratory therapy equipment.

   Responds to "code blue" calls and assists by maintaining the patient's airway and performing CPR.

   Instructs Respiratory Technicians.

   Reads journals and reference books to maintain continuing education.

III. QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS:
   Satisfactory completion of an A.S. program from a nationally accredited respiratory therapy school, and the ability to meet NBRT registry requirements.