



Provincial Job Description

TITLE:
(117) Pathology Attendant

PAY BAND:

FOR FACILITY USE:

SUMMARY OF DUTIES:

Prepares bodies for viewing by family; releases to funeral homes. Assists pathologist with the examination and dissection of amputated limbs. Assists with disinfecting, cleaning and decontamination of laboratory equipment.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- ◆ Grade 12

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS & ABILITIES:

- ◆ Ability to work independently

EXPERIENCE:

- ◆ **Previous:** Twelve (12) months previous experience in a health care or mortuary environment.

KEY ACTIVITIES:

A. Morgue Duties

- ◆ Assists pathologist with the examination and dissection of amputated limbs.
- ◆ Cleans and prepares bodies for family viewing and/or release to funeral home.
- ◆ Photographs specimens.

B. Cleaning / Disinfecting / Decontamination

- ◆ Collects, disinfects, sterilizes, sorts and stores glassware/plastic ware and supplies.
- ◆ Cleans and disinfects morgue suite and various equipment (e.g., autoclaves, fridges, freezers, counters, shower, morgue body trays/racks).
- ◆ Collects contaminated/biohazardous waste, as per departmental procedures and policies, and ensures proper decontamination and disposal of high risk organisms.
- ◆ Handles/disposes surgical tissue and amputated limbs.

C. Related Key Work Activities

- ◆ Conducts regular checks to ensure inventory is adequate.
- ◆ Orders and stocks supplies including reagents.
- ◆ Disposes of expired reagents and other date-sensitive products.
- ◆ Performs preventative maintenance of equipment and Quality Control measures.
- ◆ Responds to inquiries regarding autopsy status.
- ◆ Organizes and files slides from histology, cytology, and hematology.
- ◆ May show others how to perform tasks or duties by familiarizing new employees with the work area and processes.

The above statements reflect the general details considered necessary to describe the principal functions of the job and shall not be construed as a detailed description of all related work assignments that may be inherent to the job.

Any revisions of this document recommended by the Joint Job Evaluation Maintenance Committee must be approved by the Parties.

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