

Job Description

Volunteer Nurse – Wound Care

Summary:

The Wound Care nurse is responsible for overseeing the provision of wound care in the organisation and ensuring that patients receive the best possible treatment and highest standards of care. The role is predominantly one of capacity building and will require the provision of expert advice, education, mentorship and support to local staff. In doing so the Wound Care nurse will be expected to draw upon the best available and up to date evidence whilst taking into consideration both environmental and financial constraints. The nurse will work as part of the multidisciplinary team and in addition to local staff provide support to fellow volunteers and management.

Responsibilities:

- Oversee the provision of wound care at our Nimtala, Chitpur, Tala Park and Street Medicine clinics.
- Ensure that wound care staff have the relevant knowledge, understanding and skill set to provide the highest practical standards of wound care.
- Plan, implement and evaluate current wound care practice and provide innovation and new ways of working in order to improve the service.
- Ensure local staff adhere to and understand the need for accurate and ongoing documentation.
- Draw upon the best available, relevant and up to date evidence in order to inform current or new guidelines and protocols. Work in accordance with the audit committee and multidisciplinary team in order to implement such guidelines/protocols.
- Provide ongoing evaluation and reports to the team as a whole as well as the relevant senior management and support groups.
- Develope an evaluation format that leads to enhance a yearly evaluation of the quality of the wound care service.



- Attendance at meetings: Volunteer, MAC (Medical Audit Committee) and Doctors meeting
- Work alongside Volunteer Coordinator on any relevant tasks assigned to improve clinical practice or increase the profile of Calcutta Rescue.
- Work alongside other volunteers on a rota basis at the weekly Fair Lawn Handicraft Stall operated by Calcutta Rescue
- Maintain high standards of professional practice and competence in line with nursing code of conduct or relevant professional body and local health authorities.

Essential Qualities:

- An experienced Registered Nurse or Community Nurse
- Experience in assessment/treatment of chronic wounds/burns
- Good interpersonal/ communication skills
- Good knowledge of written and spoken English
- Computer literate
- Flexibility/Adaptability with a sense of humour
- Ability to work well in a multicultural team
- Commitment to volunteering overseas

Desirable Qualities:

- Knowledge of tropical medicine
- Travel or work experience within a developing country
- Knowledge of Bengali or Hindi Language

Reporting to:

Deputy Chief Executive Officer (Health & Operations)

Accountable to:

Project Doctors, Volunteer Coordinator and CEO.

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