

Pinellas County Sheriff's Office

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DENTIST

JOB CODE: 27100

PAY GRADE: MED05

SALARY RANGE: \$131,242 - \$170,614

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Under the general direction of the Medical Director and Health Services Administrator, the main focus of the position is the evaluation and treatment of inmate dental conditions; monitor and evaluate the dental health program and dental services provided to the inmate population, and function as a dental consultant to the Medical Director, Health Services Administrator, and healthcare staff. Work is reviewed through observation and results obtained.

SUPERVISES OTHERS: Yes

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Performs emergency treatment and routine drilling, filling, and extraction of teeth in accordance with established dental policies, procedures, and treatment priorities;
- Evaluates inmates needing or requesting dental care not included under basic health care services and makes clinically appropriate recommendations; assures inmates are treated and scheduled for follow-up procedures in keeping with community indigent standards;
- Instructs inmates in good dental hygiene techniques; establishes individualized treatment plans for inmates requiring ongoing dental care;
- Properly utilizes the Electronic Medical Record (EMR); maintains the integrity and security of the EMR; maintains current and complete dental records and documents all care provided in the health record; maintaining patient confidentiality;
- Completes the equipment checklist, assists with instrument and sharps counts when necessary, and gives reports, as necessary;
- Assures compliance with infection control policies and procedures in the dental area; participates in quality improvement activities;
- Provides training to ensure that the nurses are knowledgeable in completing the dental screening and patient education related to dental hygiene, brushing techniques, etc.;
- Assures each inmate is offered a dental examination within one year of admission into the facility that includes x-rays when indicated, and an individualized treatment plan for inmates requiring ongoing dental care;
- Assures dental services are in compliance with the National Commission on Correctional Health Care, American Correctional Association, Florida Model Jail Standards and any and all related laws, rules or directives;

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- Provides in-service training to all health staff members on triaging dental conditions, completing dental screenings, dental hygiene, dental care, and dental emergencies;
- Obtains a Patient Consent to Dental Treatment Form from each inmate prior to initiating invasive procedures; obtains refusal forms for those inmates who choose to refuse a particular procedure or visit;
- Participates in Sheriff's Office recruitment and community relations activities as directed.

This list is not intended to be all-inclusive and you may not be responsible for every item listed. The employer reserves the right to assign additional functions and responsibilities as necessary.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Doctoral Degree (DDS or DMD) from an accredited dental school
- Florida Dental License (DDS or DMD), DEA Certification
- Maintain appropriate, unrestricted credentials according to the licensure, certification, and registration requirements of the jurisdiction
- CPR – BLS or ACLS Certification
- Three (3) years' experience in dentistry
- Must possess a valid Florida driver's license

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES

- Ability to diagnose and treat diseases, injuries, and malformations of teeth and gums, and related oral structures
- Ability to examine inmate to determine nature of condition, utilizing x-rays, dental instruments, and other diagnostic procedures
- Ability to clean, fill, and extract teeth, using rotary and hand instruments, medications and surgical procedures
- Ability to provide preventive dental services to inmates
- Ability to perform all functions of the job classification without posing a direct threat to the health or safety of other individuals in the workplace



PHYSICAL ABILITIES

The physical abilities listed below are estimates of time spent during a typical work day to perform essential functions and responsibilities. Members in this position may be required to:

- Sit up to 6 hours per day
- Stand up to 1 hour per day
- Walk up to 1 hour per day
- Continuously lift up to 10 lbs.
- Occasionally lift up to 25 lbs.
- Continuously bend, reach, or twist
- Occasionally squat