

NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIAN

DEFINITION

Naturopathic physicians are primary care physicians that diagnose, treat, and care for patients using a system of practice that bases treatment of physiological functions and abnormal conditions on natural laws and substances governing human body.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED AND EXERCISED

Receives administrative direction from the Community Health Center Medical Officer.

Exercises technical and functional supervision over technical and professional personnel.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES – Duties may include, but are not limited to the following:

- Conduct standard medical and physical examination and perform standard diagnostic tests in confirming suspected disease or ailment.
- Advise patients on treatment options on both allopathic and naturopathic areas with emphasis on therapeutic exercise, and nutritional medicine regimens and natural treatment options.
- Administer, dispense, or prescribe naturally formulated drugs such as botanical and herbal extracts, natural dietary supplements, vitamins, Nutraceuticals, amino acids and other organic and natural products, and prescribe controlled substances that are within the scope of practice and listed on the formulary compendium. Per OAR 850-010-0225.
- Administer therapies like homeopathy, hydrotherapy, Ayurvedic or Oriental medicine, diathermy, etc.
- Refer patients to other health professionals in the treatment of diseases requiring further diagnosis and evaluation.
- Provides appropriate medical record documentation on all patients in accordance with policy.
- Perform minor surgical procedures.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of:

- Principles and practices of general, preventive and clinical medicine, minor surgery and pharmacology.
- Federal, state and local health statutes, rules, regulations, and ordinances.
- Medical and nursing care standards.
- Clinical aspects of communicable diseases and disease control measures.
- Causes, treatment, prevention and/or early detection of communicable diseases, chronic diseases, handicapping conditions, mental illness, and other disabling conditions.
- Preventive medicine and sanitation.
- Standard laboratory tests and procedures.
- Medical records documentation and charting formats.
- Issues of medical ethics and liability.

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Ability to:

- Diagnose, treat and control diseases and physical injuries in a culturally sensitive manner for underserved populations.
- Effectively gather, evaluate, and convey sensitive and confidential information.
- Work with professional independence and use initiative and judgment in performing medical diagnostic and treatment services for the patient population.
- Prepare concise, accurate and effective medical reports, recommendations, policies and procedures.
- Implement clinic services within resource limits.
- Apply appropriate teaching and training techniques to improve nursing staff skills.
- Establish and maintain cooperative work relationships with patients, staff, peer groups, and varied agency and institutional representatives.
- Develop therapeutic relationships with a wide variety of patients from diverse educational, social, and cultural backgrounds.
- Communicate effectively, both orally and in writing.

EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING

Training

- Graduation from an accredited naturopathic school or college.

Experience

- One year of responsible licensed Naturopathic experience.

Additional Requirements

- Possession of a State of Oregon license as a Naturopathic Doctor (ND).
- Drug Enforcement Agency Certificate
- National Provider Identifier (NPI)
- Possession of a valid driver's license at time of application and a valid Oregon Driver's License by the time of appointment if required to drive.
- Basic Life Saving Skills CPR/AID.