

Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) – Foot & Lower Leg Clinic

Full-Time 1.0 FTE (37.5 hours/week)

The EOPCN is recruiting a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)

Reporting to the Clinical Manager, Clinical Director or designate, the Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN), supports the delivery of Primary Care Services in the Footcare and Lower Leg Clinic, Edmonton O-day'min Primary Care Network (EOPCN) central location. The LPN uses the nursing process as a member of, and in collaboration with, the multidisciplinary team, in the delivery of consistent quality care to meet the needs of the patient.

The LPN provides restricted activities and care within the full scope of practice as defined by the College of Licensed Practical Nurses of Alberta (CLPNA). The LPN accepts responsibility for continuing competency through ongoing professional development including participation in education programs, research, and quality activities. The LPN adheres to CLPNA professional practice standards, guidelines and competencies, and Edmonton O-day'min Primary Care Network (EOPCN) policies and procedures. The LPN is responsible and accountable for their own practice as defined by CLPNA. The LPN practices in a setting where patient care needs are well defined and established, and where changes in the health condition of the patient are predictable.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES & DUTIES

- Provide evidence-based nursing care within the full scope of LPN practice.
- Obtain and update patient histories and medical information on the Electronic Medical Record (EMR), using appropriate evidence-based assessment techniques, tools, and instruments during patient visits, with the ability to pass this information onto the appropriate team member.
- Performs patient-centered foot and lower leg health assessments, including but not limited to medical history and medications, physical and psychological health, patient knowledge, and skills pre and post intervention, patient living/working environment, supports available and functional status.
- Collects, documents (EOPCN EMR) and reports health information from objective and subjective sources to identify patient health needs, in accordance with legal, ethical, organizational, and professional requirements.
- Follows nursing process of assessment, nursing diagnosis, planning and intervention, and evaluation of outcomes. Monitors changes in health status using critical judgment skills.
- Observes, reports and documents change in patient status and deviations from anticipated response/outcome.
- Evaluates and suggests modifications to patient-centered action based on patient on-going needs.
- Plans interventions based on evidenced-based guidelines and best practices and provincial guidelines such as: AHS Diabetes footcare clinical pathway, AHS Diabetes Foot Care Referral process guidelines, AHS Lower Leg Edema Management Clinical Resource, AADL Policy and Procedure Manual, Inslow's Diabetic Foot Screening Tool, etc.
- Perform clinical procedures including but not limited to microfilament testing, ABIs/TBIs, skincare and footcare, toenail care using instruments such as clippers and dremel.
- Maintain therapeutic nurse-patient relationships. Advocate for patients and assist them with self-advocacy.
- Schedule and coordinate patient referrals for tests, follow up to other disciplines, and community resources as needed.

- Adhere to best practices for cleaning, disinfection, and sterilization of equipment/instruments and the workplace environment.
- Provide health teaching, addressing topics such as healthy lifestyle, risk-reduction behaviors, and preventative self-care.
- Communicate patient information to other health professionals in a timely manner.
- Refer patient to supportive community resources and/or appropriate health practitioners and resources to ensure optimal care.
- Keep current on best practices by updating self and team with new clinical information and guidelines as they change/develop.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Graduate of an approved Licensed Practical Nurse program preferred, accredited through CLPNA.
- Current registration with CLPNA. CPR C for healthcare provider, ABI Certificate.
- Experience in using electronic medical records and demonstration of proficient computer skills.
- A minimum of one-year primary care nursing experience is preferred.
- Footcare Certification for Advanced Practice Footcare.
- Lower Leg Assessment training, Infection Prevention, Sterilization and Autoclaving.
- Primary Health Portal Diabetic Foot Screening Modules.
- Physically capable of performing duties related to position (i.e., assisting clients with physical and mental challenges during clinic visits, lifting a variety of clinic equipment and teaching materials and arranging meeting room for group teaching activities).
- Successful applicants will require a clear Police Information Check with Vulnerable Sector check.

APPLY TODAY

The EOPCN offers a competitive compensation package with comprehensive benefits, opportunities for continuing education and career growth, and an outstanding work environment.

Please submit your resume and cover letter **specifying your relevant experience** by email to:
jointheteam@eopcn.ca (Attn: Jelena)

POSTING EFFECTIVE until suitable candidate is found.

We thank all candidates in advance for their applications, however, only those being selected for an interview will be contacted.