

JOB DESCRIPTION



TITLE: Cochlear Implant Audiologist

A. General Description

1. The cochlear implant audiologist will provide implant candidacy evaluations, mappings, and rehabilitation for adults and children.
2. The cochlear implant audiologist will report to the Audiology Coordinator.
3. Classification: This position can part-time or full-time, depending upon the size of the caseload.
4. Grade Level:

B. Required Qualifications and Skills

1. Education: Masters Degree or Audiology Doctorate
2. Certifications/Licenses for at least one of the following: CCC-A or AuD; Oregon audiology license.
3. Experience: Must have experience in evaluating cochlear implant candidates, implant mapping, and aural habilitation.
4. Skills: Must be knowledgeable about current cochlear implant devices and technology, mapping devices, and auditory development.

C. Duties and Responsibilities

1. Primary Responsibilities include:
 - Initial and post-implant hearing evaluations
 - Send reports and information to cochlear implant team coordinator or surgeon
 - Provide initial stimulation and implant mapping
 - Ensure necessary equipment is received prior to initial implant stimulation, check in, and register new equipment
 - Trouble shoot equipment problems, send malfunctioning equipment for repair
 - Write letters for reimbursement/prior authorizations for CI parts or repairs for OMAP and Medicare patients
 - Provide aural rehabilitation (information on how the processor works, accessories, and auditory training as needed)
 - Report findings of evaluation to other professionals if referred from another clini

For Children with cochlear implants, responsibilities also include:

- Contact teachers, audiologists, parents and speech-language pathologists regarding implant candidacy
- In-service child's educational staff and parents about functioning of processor, how to trouble shoot device problems, auditory development, and the educational needs of the child
- Maintain contact with educational staff regarding child's progress and new information regarding cochlear implants

Responsibilities may include:

- Develop billing codes and strategies, meet with billing staff to periodically review payment, income, and codes
- Provide auditory habilitation for children
- Provide periodic workshops for professionals and presentations for students and the community
- Install new programming software and equipment

2. Assume other duties as assigned by supervisor

A. Working Conditions

1. Be able to move freely about widely varied work environments, including stairs, ramps, and small spaces
2. Read and use English clearly in both written and verbal forms
3. Have legible handwriting
4. Use a standard telephone with a TTY and computer/typewriter/keyboard, plus other standard office equipment
5. Work with children and adults of all physical and mental abilities

For more information call the Eugene Hearing & Speech Center at 541.485.8521, and ask for the Audiology Department.

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