

FEEDING REGISTERED DIETITIAN

Position Purpose:

The **Feeding Registered Dietitian** provides medical nutrition therapy and nutrition support for the Feeding Program and other Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation patients in accordance with specific discipline training, and the Standards of Practice and Code of Ethics of the American Dietetic Association. The **Feeding Registered Dietitian** demonstrates a thorough knowledge of pediatric nutrition and feeding disorders in order to provide accurate nutrition assessment and develop and implement a comprehensive and appropriate plan of care.

Key Responsibilities:

1. Provides appropriate medical nutrition therapy to infants, toddlers, children, and adolescents with a wide range of medical conditions and needs in an efficient and professional manner, based on professional theory and practice and in compliance with hospital standards.
2. Provides appropriate and effective patient/family education based on individual needs and patient/family identified goals.
3. Documents nutrition interventions and patient/family goals and plans based on departmental and hospital standards. Contributes to patients integrated treatment program by participating in interdisciplinary treatment team conferences.
4. Participates in program development and quality assurance and improvement activities.
5. Attends professional in-services and continuing education activities to maintain and improve skills.
6. Provides clinical supervision for Feeding Program Diet Technician.

Qualifications:

Skills, Knowledge and Abilities:

- Knowledgeable of principles of growth and development, of a range of medical disorders, conditions, and injuries, and the effects of injury or illness on the nutritional status of the child.
- Knowledge and understanding of pediatric nutrition including enteral and parenteral support, and the ability to incorporate these principles into medical nutrition therapy and nutrition counseling.
- Prefer knowledge of feeding difficulties that may be present at birth or acquired as a result of illness/injury.
- Ability to use a calculator and computer.

Education and/or Experience:

- Must possess a bachelor's degree in nutrition or related area.
- Minimum of 1-year clinical experience preferred.
- Pediatric experience preferred.

Licensure:

Registered by the American Dietetic Association or registry eligible.

Physical Requirements:

- Must be capable of consistent and predictable attendance.
- Ability to perform CPR
- Able to document patient progress through dictation or in records.
- Able to communicate with a diverse patient population, team members, and external customers.