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| **Designation:** | Dietitian |
| **Job Department:** | Treatment support Program (TSP) |
| **Reporting Manager:** | DGM- TSP |
| **Experience:** | 2 years |
| **Job Location:** | Lucknow / New Delhi / Varanasi / Patna / Rishikesh |

**ROLE DESCRIPTION:**

Dietitian of a CHSU (Cankids Hospital Support Unit) implements the PPSN model of Cankids. She promotes good dietary habits in patients and provides Medical Nutrition Therapy by doing Nutrition Assessment, risk stratification of nutrition status and then providing counseling, devising specialized Diet plans for patients, providing supplements based on SOP of Cankids Nutrition protocol. She needs to translate scientific information about nutrition into practical advice to help patients and their families make informed decisions about their diet. She will assess, diagnose, and treat side –effects of Chemotherapy, radiation etc. and aim to raise awareness of the link between good nutrition status and Survival outcomes of cancer patients.

**DEPARTMENT DESCRIPTION:**

Dietitians and nutritionists are experts in food and nutrition. The purpose of this department is to advise the cancer patients and their families on what to eat in order to overcome side-effects of cancer treatment and prevent malnutrition, in order to improve survival outcomes. Dietary plans are prepared to meet the nutritional requirements of individual patients according to their Nutrition assessment and risk –stratification. They also advise patients about Hygiene and Infection Control awareness, help in Blood Support and help the patients with lodging support, transport support. They must be ready to learn and improvise through surveys and research studies. They must do capacity building of members of social support teams of Cankids whenever the need arises.

**COMPETENCIES/ SKILL SET:**

* Interest in and knowledge of the scientific aspects of food.
* Very good verbal and written communication skills.
* Excellent interpersonal skills to help promote healthy food choices amongst the patients.
* The ability to explain complex ideas simply.
* An interest in working in a care-based setting.
* A positive attitude and the ability to motivate others.
* Patience and tact.

**KEY RESPONSIBILITIES AREAS:**

1. She must execute PPSN- Promote Protect and Support Nutrition Program of children with cancer at the CHSU.
2. Ensure Nutrition -Assessment and Proper Counseling of Cancer patients. Maintain Anthropometric data of all kids being counseled, make individual diet plans for all patients, provide supplements (home based and commercial) and follow up their nutrition –status on regular basis.
3. Capacity building of Social Support team members in all aspects of Treatment Support Program.
4. Participate in International Nutrition Workshop every year.
5. Prepare presentations and conduct workshop/seminars within Cankids team.
6. Travel to HQ for her orientation program.
7. Send monthly /Quarterly /Annual reports to HQ in the given formats.
8. Contact HQ in case of planning any new intervention.
9. Develop new IEC material related to Treatment Support Program –Nutrition, Hygiene ,Infection Control, Blood issues if the Treating Doctor suggests but to print them only after permission from HQ

**DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

**Nutrition and Diet:**

1. Develop nutritional supplement program.
2. To keep records on food and nutrition information and translate recipe book in her local language.
3. Conduct Neutropenic Diet Counseling Sessions –face to face, Group Sessions and FGD (Focused Group Sessions)

**Hygiene:**

1. Health &Hygiene Kit program which needs some planning, implementation& maintenance.
2. A health leaflet with the inputs from the doctors at hospitals (local language)
3. Conduct regular hygiene awareness sessions –Food Safety, Oral Hygiene, Personal and Environmental Hygiene.

**Hematological support**

1. To follow up Blood Donation Camps by Cankids and making the Blood /Blood Components available for families who otherwise need to buy them.
2. Do a detailed Survey of Blood issues in the CHSU and inform HQ and inform families about importance of Safe Blood as an infection Control measure.

**Operational**

1. Compilation of RUTF REPORTS for JDF (our donors –JIV DAYA FOUNDATION)
2. Expanding and implementing nutrition program in CHSU
3. Coordination & implementation for multi-center study in nutrition in children with cancer.
4. Support execution of PPSN- Promote Protect and Support Nutrition Program of children with cancer at CHSU.
5. Providing health advice, teaching, and promoting healthy eating to patients & their families.
6. Counseling people comes to terms with their illnesses.
7. Sensitization for Social Support Team members and involving them to help execute your program.
8. Making presentations, conducting workshop/seminars among the team.
9. Translating all IEC MATERIAL ALREADY DEVELOPED BY CANKIDS in the local language.
10. Establishing and addressing key health needs of patients in the CHSU.
11. Works as part of a multi-disciplinary team/supporting other health care professionals.

**Additional Duties:**

This job description in no way states or implies that these are the only duties to be performed. You will be expected to follow any other job-related instructions and to perform other job-related duties as requested by your supervisor.