

Position Description



1. General Information

Position Title:	Clinical Documentation Improvement (CDI) Specialist
Division/Department:	Geelong (Management Cost Centre)
Position Reports to:	Finance/Business Manager
Enterprise/Individual Agreement:	Enterprise Agreement (Nursing/Health Professionals)
Classification/Grade:	N/A
Location:	Geelong
Employment Status:	Full-Time
Resource Management (for Management positions only) Number of Direct Reports: Budget under management:	N/A
Key Relationships - internal and external	HIS, Executive General Manager and Finance Team, Clinical staff including VMOs/Registrars, Nursing & Allied Health staff

2. Overview of Epworth HealthCare

Epworth HealthCare is Victoria's largest not-for-profit private health care group, renowned for excellence in diagnosis, treatment, care and rehabilitation. Guided by our purpose to deliver world-class, personalised care, we provide exceptional care across hospitals, clinics, community services and home-based settings.

Our vision, **Exceptional care. For life**, reflects our commitment to supporting people to live well and stay well through every stage of life, combining outstanding clinical care with leading research, education and innovation.

Everything we do is guided by our values of **Compassion, Accountability, Respect and Excellence**, which shape how we care for patients, work together and serve our communities. More information can be found on the [Epworth website](#).

3. Epworth 2030 Strategy

All roles at Epworth contribute to the successful delivery of the Epworth 2030 strategy, which sets our direction for the future through three strategic priorities:

- **Excellence in care, every time.**

Uncompromising standards delivering safe, consistent, high-quality care. No exceptions.

- **Growth with purpose.**

Intentional growth in the services, specialties and settings our communities need most, at a scale that sustains investment, innovation and quality. Growth that gives back: as a not-for-profit, every dollar we earn is reinvested in care.

- **A place where great people do great work.**

Where our staff and doctors are backed to set the standard for exceptional healthcare.

4. Purpose of the Position

The role of Clinical Documentation Improvement Specialist is to actively support and facilitate an organisational-wide, advanced understanding of clinical documentation standards. Utilising your proven clinical knowledge and ability to develop professional working relationships, you will focus upon all aspects of documentation that improve information capture for patient safety, quality of care and inter- clinician communication, along with ensuring accurate hospital reimbursement. Your positive personality will be able to leverage relationships with Clinical & Non-Clinical teams, Health Fund & Health Information Services, and other key stakeholders to ensure the long-term success of this program.

The goal of this program is to ensure clinical documentation is complete, specific and accurate to ensure the complexity of the episode of care is appropriately reflected.

The role maintains a close collaborative working relationship with all levels of the Clinical Care team, Health Fund team, Health Information Services and other relevant departmental/ practice management staff as required.

4. Key Accountabilities

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES	MEASURES/KPIs TO BE ACHIEVED
Support the operational management of a Clinical Documentation Improvement program that will continue to advance Epworth's objectives	
Utilise your well-developed clinical skills to assist in the coordination an organisational-wide Clinical Documentation Improvement (CDI) program utilising a collaborative model that encompasses clinician engagement with the aim of optimising clinical documentation for all of its purposes.	
Provide advice for the improvement of documentation across all specialties, ward areas and related departments. The role will engage with clinicians and clinical teams. Support the clinician engagement strategy that engages the medical staff and other health care professionals as necessary via written/verbal communication to improve the accurate and complete capture of all clinical documentation including information that supports appropriate code assignment/ DRG allocation and embeds change into practice.	- Review of 12 new inpatient medical records each day. - Work with clinicians to improve medical record documentation to reduce follow-up queries raised by the HIS team. - Reduction in instances of coding optimisation forfeited due to responses not being received from clinicians.
Through medical record review identify opportunities to ensure that co-morbidities/ complications are documented appropriately.	- Increase in the level of complexity for target areas/specialties. - Lower volume needing to be audited due to complexity already captured and documented before discharge.
Support the delivery of ongoing education regarding CDI to all clinical and departmental staff who are responsible for documenting in the medical record. Contribute to decision-making and identifies opportunities for improved capture of other related health information.	- Provide training to VMOs, nursing and allied health staff on complete and accurate documentation

Supports process change activities across clinical disciplines as required and work closely with clinical teams to help sustain needed process change and frequently engage with clinicians regarding their clinical documentation. Support accurate reporting, improvements, processes and 'next steps' planning in response to feedback, data and strategic objectives. Actively seeks innovative methods to solve unresolved issues.	- Identify process improvement opportunities (e.g. enhancement to medical record forms) to ensure documentation is completed correctly and in full prior to discharge.
Customer Service Epworth is committed to the provision of excellent customer service to all of our people, customers and stakeholders including patients and external suppliers. Superior patient service leads to improved healing in a trusting, caring environment and creates a safe environment for patients and employees.	- Proactively escalates concerns when necessary to ensure resolution of any current or potential breakdown in processes and systems that impact patient care and customer service - Consistently meet or exceed the expectations of our patients and customers at all times
Safety and Wellbeing Participate actively and positively in the area of OHS to reduce all hazards and incidents within the workplace	- Comply with all Epworth's OHS policies, protocols and safe work procedures at all times - Ensure your actions do not put yourself or others at risk (as per Sections 21 & 22 under the OHS Act 2004) - Report all hazards, incidents, injuries and near misses immediately to your manager and log them in RiskMan - Participate in and complete mandatory safety training on an annual basis and as required - Actively participate and contribute to the OHS consultation processes

5. Position Requirements/Key Selection Criteria

COMPONENT	
Qualifications	• Qualifications: AHPRA Registered Nurse, with a minimum of 5+ years post graduate experience or completion of Health Information Management degree / Clinical Coding course. • Completion of Post-Graduate nursing course (advantageous). • Completion of Clinical Documentation Improvement course (advantageous).

Previous Experience	• Demonstrated experience in role knowledge requirements for an appropriate period. • Recent senior clinical nursing experience in an acute care setting, or; • Casemix management or discharge planning experience in acute casemix settings. • Recent private health sector experience, knowledge of current funding payment models and contractual arrangements in a medium to large organisation • Working knowledge of/or ability to acquire knowledge of clinical coding documentation requirements
Required Knowledge & Skills	The Clinical Documentation Improvement Officer must demonstrate the following requirements: • Knowledge of related medical record documents • Strong broad-based clinical knowledge and understanding of pathology/physiology of disease processes • Excellent written and verbal communication skills. • Excellent analytical and critical thinking skills. • Ability to demonstrate and facilitate excellent working relationships with clinicians. • Ability to work independently in a time-oriented environment. • Computer literacy and familiarity with the operation of standard office equipment. • Confident personality traits to facilitate ongoing communication with all stakeholders. • Working knowledge of reimbursement system and coding structures (advantageous). • Leadership and communication skills. • Passion for quality of care, education and accuracy. • Highly developed understanding of Microsoft Office products – Excel, Word, PowerPoint • Excellent verbal and written communication skills • High level of attention to detail

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Employee Position Declaration

I have read and understand the requirements and expectations of the above Position Description. I agree that I have the physical ability to fulfil the inherent physical requirements of the position, and accept my role in fulfilling the Key Accountabilities. I understand that the information and statements in this position description are intended to reflect a general overview of the responsibilities and are not to be interpreted as being all-inclusive.

Employee Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____