

Position Description



1. General Information

Position Title:	Ward Clerk
Division/Department:	
Position Reports to:	Nurse Unit Manager
Enterprise/Individual Agreement:	Epworth HealthCare Health and Allied Services Enterprise Agreement
Classification/Grade:	Ward Clerk
Location:	
Employment Status:	
Key Relationships - internal and external	Nurse Unit Manager Nursing Staff and all ward/unit staff (eg. allied health, support services, etc) Visiting Medical Officers (VMOs) Patients and families Any person who has cause or business to interact with the ward/unit

2. Overview of Epworth HealthCare

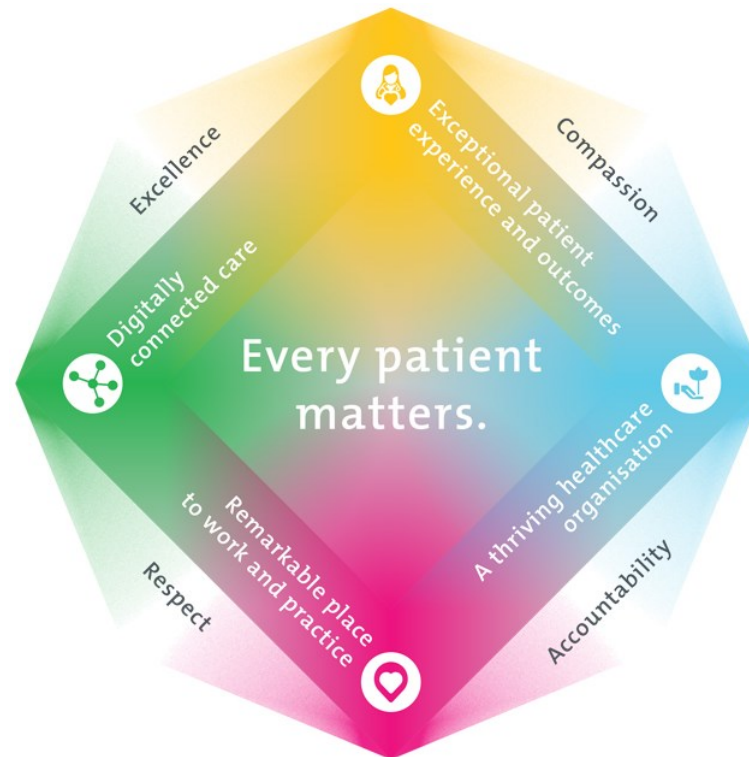
Epworth HealthCare is Victoria's largest not-for-profit private health care group, renowned for excellence in diagnosis, treatment, care and rehabilitation. Epworth is an innovator in Australia's health system, embracing the latest in evidence-based medicine to pioneer treatments and services for our patients.

Epworth's values define our approach and our delivery. We pride ourselves on communicating our values and delivering on them in a real and meaningful way. Our Values are Compassion, Accountability, Respect and Excellence. More information can be found on the [Epworth website](#).

Epworth's purpose is Every Patient Matters.

Our Vision is Delivering another 100 years of exceptional healthcare and innovation to the Victorian community.

3. Epworth HealthCare Strategy



All roles are linked to the Epworth strategy and are fundamental in achieving its vision and purpose.

Exceptional patient experience and outcomes - To empower our patients and deliver compassionate, expert and coordinated care.

A thriving healthcare organisation - To adapt and grow in a changing healthcare landscape by delivering a unique private not-for-profit healthcare organisation.

Remarkable place to work and practice - To ensure Epworth is an outstanding place to work and practice through a culture of care and investment in our people.

Digitally connected care - To innovate and improve the digital experience, interactions and outcomes for our patients, staff and doctors.

4. Purpose of the Position

Provide administrative support to ensure efficient ward operations and excellence in customer service to all patients, visitors, medical staff and unit staff. This position must maintain privacy and confidentiality at all times.

5. Clinical Governance Framework

This role is required to put into practice the Clinical Governance Framework at Epworth as every employee is accountable for ensuring that our patients and community receive safe, high quality and person-centred care in every interaction with Epworth. This is achieved through active participation in the five domains of clinical governance at Epworth:

Clinical Governance Domain	Role
Leadership and culture	Promote and participate in a supportive, fair and transparent culture where lessons from previous outcomes are learned and patient safety and quality is a priority at all levels of the organisation.
Consumer Partnerships	Understand and where relevant, ensure that each patient is actively involved in their own care and treatment including families/carers wherever possible.
Effective Workforce	Develop and maintain one's own competency, skills and knowledge to ensure high quality service provision and care.
Clinical Safety and Effectiveness	Understand and where relevant, ensure, that the right care is provided to the right person at the right time, in the right place and patient outcomes are monitored and improved.
Risk Management	Be responsible for identifying and reporting risks, hazards and near misses for people in our care and participating in risk mitigation strategies.

6. Key Accountabilities

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES	MEASURES/KPIs TO BE ACHIEVED
<u>Administrative and Operational Support Admission/Discharge Process</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Keep patient management system 'live' with timely and accurate management of admission, discharge and other patient detailsPatient Services Centre is notified of any patients directly admitted to Ward within 30 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">100% of all patient transport jobs completed using appropriate tools/technology availableMedical Records compiled and returned to HIS within 24 hours of dischargeMedical records for internal rehab transfers to be compiled within 1 hour

- Timely and effective communication with Patient Services Centre, Hospital Coordinators and Health Information Services

Record Administration

- Manage Medical Records in alignment with HIS requirements and policy
- Accurate and timely compilation of admission and discharge documentation, including ward care guides
- Filing of pathology in a timely manner
- Photocopy charts for patient transfer

Resource Management

- Effective monitoring of stock and supply, with a view to timely replenishment as required
- All Patient Transport Bookings to be made day before discharge, or as soon as discharge confirmed, and made at the most cost effective rate available
- Effective utilization of Epworth Healthcare IT programs relevant to the role (e.g. BOSSnet, Pathology, Imaging, Tech1 etc.)
- Coordinate the maintenance of biomedical and office equipment, with all broken equipment to be labeled and logged on Tech one within 2 hours
- Orientate patients to Point of Care (POC) and check details are all correct on arrival to the ward.

Leadership Support

- Timely and accurate preparation of relevant lists, phone and other reports for the area/department e.g. nursing handover reports
- Administrative Assistance to the Nurse Unit Manager
- Complete other duties as directed by the department manager

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.

Communication

- Provide high-level customer service and communication to unit staff, medical staff, patients and visitors
- Communicate with clear and unambiguous language in all interactions, tailored to the audience
- Build customer relationships and greet customers and patients promptly and courteously on arrival
- Actively seek to understand patients' and their family's (customers) expectations and issues
- Provide timely response to enquiries and escalation of issues as appropriate
- Timely communication to Allied health staff i.e. discharges
- Liaising with other departments for optimal bed flow management

Quality

- Enter all compliments into Riskman
- Actively work with the NUM and broader team to identify opportunities to improve and further enhance the experience of all customers to the unit

- 100% of telephone calls answered within fifteen seconds
- Patient and customer service satisfaction surveys within agreed targets
- Use AIDET principles in all interactions
- Issues are escalated to the manager and resolved in a timely manner

<p><u>Team Effectiveness Team development</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish positive relationships with colleagues <p>Role Model</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respond to changing priorities and situations with flexibility and positivity • Actively contribute to a positive work environment with colleagues • Be a positive role model on the ward • Mentor and orientate all new staff, students and doctors to the Ward, including new clerks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance at 90% of ward clerk forums, ward meetings and 'huddles'.
<p><u>Professional Development Mandatory Training</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal annual training maintained at all times <p>Continuous Improvement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify and prioritise professional development, be responsible for own learning • Management of designated work portfolios. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in at least 1 professional development program/annum
<p><u>Safety and Wellbeing</u></p> <p>Participate actively and positively in the area of health and safety to reduce all hazards and incidents within the workplace</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report all hazards, incidents, injuries and near misses immediately to your manager and log them in RiskMan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adhere to infection control/personal hygiene precautions • Implement and adhere to Epworth OHS policies, protocols and safe work procedures • Mandatory training completed at agreed frequency • Maintain a safe and hazard free environment

7. Position Requirements/Key Selection Criteria

COMPONENT	
Qualifications	Not applicable
Previous Experience	Relevant experience in an administrative role in healthcare setting.
Required Knowledge & Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical terminology competence • Well developed computer skills including knowledge of Microsoft Office suite and clinical patient management software • Effective communication and interpersonal skills • Competent administrative skills • Effective problem solving skills • Ability to work effectively without direct supervision
Personal Attributes & Values All employees are expected to consistently work in accordance with Epworth's values and behaviours <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compassion • Accountability • Respect • Excellence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Customer Focus – strong customer focus to drive holistic person-centred care to patients and provide support to carers and families. • Sets priorities and works effectively in a high pressure environment • Participates in team based environment • Committed to Epworth vision and values • Committed to ongoing professional development and learning • Committed to continuous quality improvement

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1/12/2021		

8. 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: _____