

Overview

The Physician Advisor functions with or by the authorization of the Vice President of Medical Management. Conducts clinical review on cases referred by Care Management staff /Social Work/Utilization management and/or other health care professionals in accordance with the hospitals objectives for assuring quality patient care and effective, efficient utilization of health care services appropriate level of care, monitoring the appropriate use of diagnostic and therapeutic modalities, and to meet regulatory requirements. Interacts with Medical Staff members, APP Medical Directors and Medical Directors of payers to discuss the needs of patients and alternative levels of care. Acts as consultant and resource to attending physicians regarding their decisions relative to appropriateness of hospitalization, continued stay and use of resources. Acts as consultant and resource to the Medical Staff regarding federal and state utilization and quality regulations.

Accountabilities:

1. Care Management
 - a. Accountable for case management outcomes
 - b. Ensures efficient patient care
 - c. Provides consultation and education to nurses, social workers and case management associates
 - d. Promotes efficient use of health resources
 - e. Reviews outlier cases and recommends actions to expedite appropriate outcomes
 - f. Communicates with Medical Center leadership on issues pertaining to service delays
 - g. Attends length of stay meetings
2. Utilization Management
 - a. Serves on Utilization Management Committee
 - b. Reviews and assists cases where non-coverage issues surface
 - c. Assists with denial management appeals and processes
 - d. Reviews causes of delays in transition to appropriate next level of care
 - e. Reviews daily cases referred by Utilization Review associates
 - f. Acts as clinical expert to provide facilitation of patient care and services
3. Clinical Documentation
 - a. Provides support and education to appropriate Department heads regarding clinical documentation
 - b. Provides support and education regarding level of care orders and completion of order certification
 - c. Provides support and education pertaining to medical necessity criteria and documentation of such
 - d. Serves as department champion for the documentation integrity program and initiatives at the Medical Center.

Qualifications

1. Graduate of an accredited medical school.
2. Additional education in Quality and Utilization Management through continuing medical education. programs and self-study.
3. Current Illinois license to practice medicine and eligibility for active membership on the hospital's medical staff.
4. Minimum of 5 years recent experience in clinical practice.
5. Utilization Management experience as a member of the UM oversight committee or past Physician Advisor experience preferred.
6. Knowledge of National Medical Criteria

About Advocate Christ Medical Center



Advocate Christ Medical Center is part of Advocate Health Care, one of the nation's leading health care networks. A not-for-profit, 749-bed, premier teaching institution with more than 1,300 affiliated physicians, Christ Medical Center is one of the major referral hospitals in the Midwest for a number of specialties, including cancer care; cardiovascular services; heart, kidney and lung transplantation; neurosciences; orthopedics; and women's health. The hospital provides emergency care for more than 100,000 patient visits annually and has one of the busiest Level I trauma centers in Illinois.

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- In 2016, *U.S. News & World Report* ranked the medical center as being among the top 50 hospitals in the nation for cardiology & heart surgery and gynecology and rated overall by the magazine as being among the top four hospitals in Illinois
- In January 2016, opened new multi-level patient tower, which includes a Birthing Center with all private labor & delivery and post-delivery suites; 72 additional private intensive care and step down rooms; 780-spot parking garage with covered pedestrian skybridge; chapel and new cafe
- Offers outpatient services in one of the most advanced facilities in the Chicago area, providing easy access to a wide range of specialists and services in one convenient location
- Has four clinical institutes—Cancer; Heart; Neurosciences; and Bone and Joint
- More than 400 residents, 600 medical students and 800 nursing students trained in accredited programs and a range of specialties each year

Accolades for Excellence in Patient Care

- Redesignated by the American Nurses Credentialing Center as a Magnet® Medical Center for the third consecutive time
- Designated a Blue Distinction Center for spine surgery, knee and hip replacement by BlueCross BlueShield of Illinois
- Recognized as a Breast Imaging Center of Excellence by the American College of Radiology
- Gold-Plus Quality Achievement Award in the AHA's Get With The Guidelines—Heart Failure program
- Recognized on *Becker's Hospital Review's* 100 Great Hospitals in America; 100 Hospitals and Health Systems with Great Heart Programs; 100 Hospitals and Health Systems with Great Oncology Programs and 100 Hospitals with Great Women's Health Programs
- Stroke Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award in recognition of the institution's ongoing commitment to evidence-based stroke-care guidelines under the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association Get With The Guidelines®—Stroke program
- In 2016, the Cancer Institutes's cancer program granted three-year accreditation by the Commission on Cancer of the American College of Surgeons
- Accredited by the National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers, a program of the American College of Surgeons
- Hospital fully accredited by DNV GL Healthcare USA and the recipient of disease-specific care certification in the treatment of congestive heart failure
- Accredited by DNV GL Healthcare USA as a Comprehensive Stroke Center
- Accredited by DNV GL Healthcare USA for implantation of specialized mechanical heart pumps (VADs)
- Recognized by the American College of Surgeons (ACS) as an ACS NSQIP Meritorious Performing Hospital
- Recipient of the IBCLC Care Award by the International Board of Lactation Consultant Examiners and the International Lactation Consultant Association for excellence in lactation care

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Accolades for Excellence in Patient Care...continued

- Accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) for its 37-bed acute rehabilitation program
- Recertified by the American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation for its pulmonary rehab program
- Achieved five-year accreditation of its sleep disorders centers in Lockport, Tinley Park and Palos Heights; Accreditation awarded by the American Academy of Sleep Medicine in 2011
- Accredited by the American College of Surgeons (ACoS) as an approved Teaching Hospital Cancer Program
- One of the top hospitals nationally for ventricular assist device (VAD) surgeries and one of the first sites in the nation to achieve Joint Commission re-certification in the use of VADs
- In 2016, the Surgical Trauma Intensive Care Unit received a three-year Silver Beacon Award for excellence in critical care by the American Association of Critical Care Nurses
- Listed by WomenCertified, Inc., as being among the “Best Hospitals for Patient Experience in Heart Care and Best Hospitals for Patient Experience in Orthopedics”

Community Commitment

- Partnership with the Museum of Science and Industry to offer “Live...from the Heart”—a video conference-based cardiovascular education program for high school students
- Partnership with the Ben Carson Scholarship Foundation to promote higher learning in elementary schools and high schools
- Support of South Suburban Public Action to Deliver Shelter (PADS) to address the health needs of the homeless
- Sponsorship of community outreach health and disease-prevention programs including health fairs and free health screenings, free medical clinics for under served patients, support groups, homeless shelters and school-based health centers
- Regional Healthcare Coordination Center hospital for coordination of disaster communication/medical resources for seven-county area; involvement in emergency preparedness activities nationally and locally
- Trains more than 2,500 emergency medical technicians, paramedics and other providers of emergency care each year through the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Academy—one of the largest EMS training programs in Illinois
- Partnership with Cure Violence (formerly known as CeaseFire), a Chicago-based violence prevention outreach program
- Site of Gilda’s Club Chicago with the first Noogieland (for kids) in the Chicago area
- Affiliation with Rotary International, providing service for vulnerable populations
- Recognized on *Becker’s Hospital Review’s* 50 of the Greenest Hospitals in America

Technology

- Provides technologically advanced medicine, including:
 - Robotic *da Vinci*® Surgical System
 - CyberKnife® Radiosurgery
 - MRI Caring Suites
 - Radiation Treatments: IMRT, IOERT and IGRT
 - Stryker Navigation Suite
 - Advanced linear accelerators
 - PET/CT
 - Nuclear medicine w/SPECT CT
 - Smart Room Technology
- EP Lab with Stereotaxis
- Electronic medical records
- eICU (electronic intensive care unit) monitoring
- Abiomed Ventricular Assist Device console
- PACS (picture archiving and communication system)
- Telemedicine

2015 Patient Service Statistics

- Admissions: 40,517
- Deliveries: 3,738
- ER Department visits: 102,279
- Outpatient visits: 334,958
- Surgical cases: 24,745
- Adult open heart surgeries: 1,104