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### \*\*\*FOCUS AREA\*\*\*

Agency leadership has determined that this position meets Criteria 4: Assignment requires regular engagement with other uniformed services.

### \*\*\*POSITION TITLE\*\*\*

Nurse Case Manager, (O-4 Billet), non-supervisory. Civilian Billet-GP-0610-12 equivalent.

### \*\*\*LOCATION DESCRIPTION\*\*\*

This position is located at the Intrepid Pavilion, Fort Belvoir Community Hospital. The Intrepid Spirit was designed to help facilitate and standardize a single concept of care to enhance the discovery, refine the delivery, and influence the culture of TBI treatment across the Department of Defense and among health care providers. The pavilion, also referred to as Intrepid Spirit One, was dedicated in September 2013. It is the operation center for the TBI National Intrepid Center of Excellence program at Fort Belvoir.

### \*\*\*CLOSING DATE\*\*\*

**Open until filled**

### \*\*\* JOB DESCRIPTION\*\*\*

Specific duties and responsibilities include, but are not limited to the following:

The primary purpose of this position is to provide specialized nursing care and support to the Blast/Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Service in the daily management of patients with TBI and multi-trauma. The position provides trauma education, and serves as consultant and researcher to enhance quality trauma patient care.

Patient Care: Oversees, monitors, and serves as an expert consultant in the continuum of care of single and multiple system trauma patients, taking appropriate action for performance improvement opportunities. Collaborates with physicians, nurses, and other associated services in developing the plan of care, variances in the plan, and expected outcomes for patients with TBI. Assists physicians, nurses and other associated services in the resolution of systems problems and care issues specific to the Blast/Trauma Service patient population.

Accurately provides complete preventative, curative, and restoration information to patients, family members, and others. Provides specialized nursing care and support in the management of TBI patients. Staffs the TBI clinic and serves as a resource consultant for professional and outpatient care issues. Uses clinical expertise and actively performs physical assessment, interventions, and teaching in the outpatient follow-up arena within the framework of the established treatment plan.

Responsible for the assessment, planning, implementation and evaluation of services for patients with moderate and severe head injuries. Implements comprehensive Traumatic Brain Injury Service for all patients with brain injury. Develops and maintains valid and reliable databases on all patients with TBI for clinical monitoring and TBI surveillance. (Approximately 50%)

Case Management: Assists house staff, nurses, and other associated services in the coordination

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of a plan of care for patients with TBI. Facilitates timely referrals, specialty consultations, and assists in the coordination of care. Provides early identification of discharge needs and ensures that appropriate referrals are made. Serves as a liaison between patient/family and other health care members. Evaluates patients in the outpatient setting, monitors for problem development, and provides appropriate referrals for follow-up and problem resolution. Acts as a consultant to physicians, nurses, and associated service providers to enhance quality patient care. Provides feedback to staff regarding plan of care. This includes feedback to referring OIF/OEF facilities. Acts as a resource to patients and families to enhance quality patient care and education.

Actively and effectively participates and collaborates with the patient care team to enhance efficiency, cost effectiveness, and clinical outcomes of patients with traumatic brain injury. Effectively participates in planning care conferences with the patient care team. (Approximately 25%)

Education: Serves as a resource to house staff regarding institutional policies and procedures pertinent to the care of patients with TBI. Acts as a resource to nurses and other members of the interdisciplinary team on current interventions and protocols, appropriate follow-up measures, the use of emergency equipment, and specific patient care methods. Provides education on traumatic brain injury by planning, coordinating, and evaluating Blast/Traumatic Brain Injury Service. Provides education to all disciplines involved in care regarding special needs and/or procedures for patients. Collaborates with TBI Director and Program Manager in the implementation, development, coordination, presentation and evaluation of programs related to TBI management for other health care providers and the community. Conducts needs assessment and educational goals on an annual basis. Initiates and conducts research to enhance nursing knowledge and quality care. Effectively and accurately researches/tracks clinical outcomes data for traumatically brain injured population to assist physician staff determine effectiveness of treatment plans. Responsible for the implementation of Joint Commission standards, nursing standards of practice, and the national patient safety goals for the TBI rehab patient population. (Approximately 25%)

Performs other duties as assigned.

### CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT:

This is a mandatory drug testing position.

This position has a mandatory seasonal influenza vaccination requirement and is, therefore, subject to annual seasonal influenza vaccinations.

The incumbent may be required to work on any day or shift; including PMs, nights, weekends, holidays, or on an "on call" basis, necessary to meet mission requirements.

Employees assigned to this position may be designated as Mission Essential and assume Essential Personnel status during inclement/weather/emergencies, substance abuse, relational problems).

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No Clearance required

**\*\*\*CONTACT INFORMATION\*\*\***

Interested USPHS Commissioned Corps officers should forward a cover letter highlighting relevant experience and education include three references, curriculum vitae, and last two COERS via email to CDR Jena Vedder, [Jennifer.a.vedder.mil@mail.mil](mailto:Jennifer.a.vedder.mil@mail.mil)