

Position Description	
Employment Agreement:	DHBs/APEX Radiation Therapists Collective Agreement
Position Title:	Radiation Therapist
Service & Directorate:	Medical
Location:	Dunedin
Reports to:	Charge Radiation Therapist
Number of direct reports:	Nil
Date:	August 2021

Our Vision

Better Health, Better Lives, Whānau Ora

We work in partnership with people and communities to achieve their optimum health and wellbeing
We seek excellence through a culture of learning, enquiry, service and caring

Our Shared Values and Behaviours

Kind <i>Manaakitanga</i>	Open <i>Pono</i>	Positive <i>Whaiwhakaaro</i>	Community <i>Whanaungatanga</i>
<p>Looking after our people: We respect and support each other. Our hospitality and kindness foster better care.</p>	<p>Being sincere: We listen, hear and communicate openly and honestly. We treat people how they would like to be treated.</p>	<p>Best action: We are thoughtful, bring a positive attitude and are always looking to do things better.</p>	<p>As family: We are genuine, nurture and maintain relationships to promote and build on all the strengths in our community.</p>

Our statutory purpose

To improve, promote and protect the health of our population

- Promote the integration of health services across primary and secondary care services
- Seek the optimum arrangement for the most effective and efficient delivery of health services
- Promote effective care or support for those in need of personal health or disability support services
- Promote the inclusion and participation in society and the independence of people with disabilities
- Reduce health disparities by improving health outcomes for Māori and other population groups
- Foster community participation in health improvement and in planning for the provision of and changes to the provision of services
- Uphold the ethical and quality standards expected of use and to exhibit a sense of social and environmental responsibility

PURPOSE OF ROLE

Allied Health, Scientific and Technical professionals work in health care teams providing a range of diagnostic, technical, therapeutic and direct patient care and support services that are critical to the other health professionals they work with and the communities they serve.

This role will work collaboratively with all health professionals as well as the wider multi-disciplinary team throughout the SDHB in a way that is consistent with the Organisation's vision and values. This way of working will ultimately benefit all our patients and communities.

Competencies

The following competencies apply to this position. The employee will be assessed against these as part of their annual performance and development review.

Organisational Competencies

Customer Focus	Is dedicated to meeting the expectations and requirements of internal and external customers; gets first hand customer information and uses it for improvements in products and services; acts with customers in mind; establishes and maintains effective relationships with customers and gains their trust and respect
Integrity and Trust	Is widely trusted; is seen as a direct, truthful individual; can present the unvarnished truth in an appropriate and helpful manner; keeps confidences; admits mistakes; doesn't misrepresent him/herself for personal gain.
Drive For Results	Can be counted on to exceed goals successfully; Is constantly and consistently one of the top performers; very bottom line oriented; steadfastly pushes self and others for results.

Role Specific Competencies

Managing diversity	Manages all kinds and classes of people equitably; deals effectively with all races, nationalities, cultures, disabilities irrespective of age and gender; supports equal and fair treatment and opportunity for all
Priority Setting	Spends own time and the time of others on what is important; can quickly sense what will help or hinder when seeking to accomplish goals; eliminates roadblocks; creates focus
Problem Solving	Uses logic and established processes to solve difficult problems and achieve effective solutions; can see hidden problems; Is excellent at honest analysis; looks beyond the obvious ; doesn't stop at the first answers

KEY RELATIONSHIPS

Within Southern DHB	External to Southern DHB
AHS&T Professional Leaders (PLs)	Clients, patients, families, whanau and caregivers
Multi-disciplinary colleagues	Services from the community, funding bodies, student or intern clinical liaison staff
Operational Manager	Primary care - GPs, other medical staff
AHS&T Professional Development Facilitator	Relevant professional organisations
Administration staff	Other service providers

PERSON SPECIFICATION

The expertise required for a person to be fully competent in the role. Position specific competencies:

	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
Education and Qualifications (or equivalent level of learning)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registration or eligibility for registration with the New Zealand Medical Radiation Technologists Board (MRTB) A current MRTB issued practicing certificate in the radiation therapy scope of practice 	
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrated ability to work successfully in a team environment to provide a high standard of patient care 	
Knowledge and Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ability to work in a supportive and honest manner Able to gain peer credibility and respect Accept responsibility for own actions Ability to problem solve and demonstrate initiative 	
Personal Qualities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A high level of interpersonal and communication skills. 	

KEY RESULT AREAS:

Key Accountabilities:	Example of successful delivery of duties and responsibilities
Legislative requirements	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Practise in accordance with relevant legislation, codes, policies etc and upholds consumer rights. Uphold professional code of ethics. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adheres to professional and legislative standards of practice. Works according to the scope and requirements of Annual Practising Certificate.
Clinical Responsibilities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operation of radiation therapy equipment within safety procedures, policies and guidelines. Maintain and develop radiation therapy pre-treatment skills including CT, immobilisation devices and planning. Maintain and develop radiation therapy treatment delivery skills. Undertake accurate and comprehensive patient assessments and evaluations. Plan and implement appropriate interventions for patients. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uses equipment carefully and correctly in accordance with safe operating procedures. Practices competently in all areas of the department. Interventions are realistic and based on best practice.

Documentation	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain confidentiality of patient information and documentation. Adhere to SDHB's documentation standards. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documentation is timely, clear, concise and accurate.
Culturally sensitive practice	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Practise in a culturally safe manner. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assists patients to gain appropriate support and representation which reflects their cultural needs and preferences.
Working in a collegial manner	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contribute to the support and education of colleagues and students to enhance development of the profession. Participate in and contribute to the functioning of the multidisciplinary team. Establish and maintain an effective working relationship with other staff. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formal and informal systems in place for supporting colleagues. Supervision records for students. Participate as a team member to ensure the best outcomes for patients/ people.
Evidence-based practice and research	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consistently refer to and relate practice to literature and research. Critique, discuss and disseminate evidence based best practice. Reflect on and evaluate the effectiveness of own practice. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementation of evidence-based best practice procedures and guidelines. Updates knowledge related to best practice guidelines and area of practice. Professional portfolio or participation in an approved CPD programme (as per professional requirements).
Time management	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manage own time adopting a disciplined approach to establishing and following identified role-related priorities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tasks are scheduled and completed in a timely manner.
Other Duties	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertaking duties from time to time that may be in addition to those outlined above but which fall within your capabilities and experience. Act as a role model for the Southern DHB Organisational Values. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You respond positively to requests for assistance in own and other areas, demonstrating adaptability and willingness. You produce work that complies with SDHB processes and reflects best practice. Research undertaken is robust and well considered. Live and support the DHB values in everything you do.
Living Southern DHB Values	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proactively demonstrating Southern DHB values in all aspects of the role. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrates behaviours that we want to see from each other, at our best. Contributes positively to a culture of appreciation, a learning culture, where people feel safe to speak up. Contributes positively to team and other initiatives that seek to improve patient and whanau experiences and/or staffs experience of working.

Professional Development – Self	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identifying areas for personal and professional development. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training and development goals are identified/agreed with your manager. Performance objectives reviewed annually with your manager. You actively seek feedback and accept constructive criticism.
Health, Safety and Wellbeing	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Taking all practicable steps to ensure personal safety and the safety of others while at work, in accordance with the Southern DHB’s Health, Safety and Wellbeing policies, procedures and systems. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You understand and consistently meet your obligations under Southern DHB’s Health and Safety policy/procedures. You actively encourage and challenge your peers to work in a safe manner. Effort is made to strive for best practice in Health and Safety at all times.
Treaty of Waitangi	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Giving effect to the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi – Partnership, Participation and Protection through your interaction with others on a day to day basis. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Partnership</i> – You interact in good faith and in the nature of a partnership. There is a sense of shared enterprise and mutual benefit where each partner takes account of the needs and interests of the other. <i>Participation</i> – You work in partnership with our treaty partners to enable our organisation to prosper. You are mindful of the varying socio-economic conditions that face our people and work hard to remove barriers of access to health and education. <i>Protection</i> – You work proactively to protect the rights and interests of Māori, including the need to proactively build the capacity and capability of Māori.

Note: the above example measures are provided as a guide only. The precise performance measures for this position will require further discussion between the job holder and manager.

CHANGES TO POSITION DESCRIPTION

From time to time it may be necessary to consider changes to the position description in response to the changing nature of our work environment – including technological requirements or statutory changes. This Position Description may be reviewed as part of the preparation for your annual performance and development review.

Acknowledged / Accepted:

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Employee

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Date

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Manager

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Date