

## **The 12 South ACE Interprofessional Team**

### ***Care Coordinator***

The Care Coordinator role is in flux. The idea is that this is the person who pulls it all together. He/she keeps up with the medical and social needs of the patient and helps to ease their transition into and out of the hospital. He/she likes to be up to date with the care plan and needs to know about the anticipated discharge date and any discharge needs. He/she can serve as a go between if you're having any problems with nursing staff. If you're not sure whom to ask about a certain question, ask the Care Coordinator.

### ***Physical Therapist***

The physical therapist in the daily rounds is the liaison between us and the physical and occupational therapists who care for our patients. A physical therapist plans and administers individualized treatment programs designed to restore functional movement, relieve pain, promote healing and recovery, and help patients adapt to permanent disability. An occupational therapist uses therapy of self-care, work and play activities to increase independent function, enhance development and prevent disability.

### ***Pharm D***

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Clinical Pharmacists interact directly with the physicians and other health care professionals to improve patient care. They can practice in many different health care fields including inpatient acute care, emergency departments, outpatient clinics, and physicians' offices with frequent interactions with the practitioners and other healthcare providers. Examples of a pharmacist's responsibilities include evaluating whether or not medications prescribed are appropriate and optimal; monitoring medications for potential adverse effects, drug levels, drug interactions, dosing, and efficacy; providing patient education on discharge medications including high risk medications; dosing such as for kinetics, TPNs, warfarin, and renal impairment.

### ***Clinical Dietician***

A registered dietitian in an inpatient hospital setting works to assist in treating and preventing disease by providing medical nutrition therapy. This includes performing nutrition assessments, initiating medical nutrition therapy including diet, enteral, and parenteral nutrition recommendations as well as diet educations. The dietitian will tailor treatment plans according to each patient's individual needs, monitor the patient's progress, and adjust recommendations accordingly.

### ***Social Worker***

Social workers assess individual and family psychosocial functioning and locate services needed in the community as well as provide counseling. In order to get social work for a patient at Clements, the medical team needs to place an order for social work to see the patient.

### ***Patient Navigator***

Patient navigator help patients get through the system in a seamless way. They are responsible for arranging follow-up appointments with primary care physicians and any specialists. They can also help the medical team get records from outside providers if they are needed.