



Cardiovascular Physician Champion Role Description Kaiser Permanente Northern California

Role Summary:

The Cardiovascular Physician Champion will serve as a liaison between and collaborate with peer physicians and the Department and Subspecialty Chiefs, Clinic Manager and Ancillary Staff in order to implement an organized Cardiovascular Risk Reduction Program. The key operational goals of the Cardiovascular Risk Reduction Program are to improve utilization of the hypertension medication treatment algorithm for patients with hypertension as well as statins, RAS blockers and aspirin when indicated for secondary prevention. The Cardiovascular Physician Champion will also support and encourage clinic efforts and initiative to promote healthy diet and lifestyle change for the group's membership as a whole and especially for high risk patients.

The Cardiovascular Physician Champion may also serve as a physician mentor to licensed ancillary staff involved in Cardiovascular Risk Reduction Care under protocol. The general responsibilities of the physician mentor are to provide physician direction, supervision and support case consultation on individual patients as needed.

Desired Skills:

1. Knowledgeable and enthusiastic about hypertension treatment and secondary cardiovascular risk reduction, with appropriate clinical expertise and experience.
2. Good communication skills, able to work well with others, and credible with other physicians.
3. Willing/able to invest time in necessary activities including developing local program, conducting educational presentations to local physicians and staff, and promoting cardiovascular risk reduction concepts.

Functions and Duties as Physician Champion:

1. Collaborate with the Department Chiefs and Clinic Manager to promote, advocate and implement hypertension and cardiovascular risk reduction clinical practice guidelines and tools.
2. Provide physician input and leadership for implementation, monitoring, and evaluation. Work collaboratively with the stakeholders named above to leverage and optimally utilize local infrastructure.
 - may chair or co-chair advisory group
 - develop local approach to support adherence to hypertension medication treatment algorithm for patients with hypertension as well as statins, RAS blockers and aspirin when indicated for secondary prevention.

- develop process for review and use of monitoring reports and tools
- collaborate with Pharmacy and local Pharmacy & Therapeutics committee.
- develop local evaluation and quality improvement processes utilizing monitoring reports and feedback tools.