



# Volunteer Crew Physician

Preferred 2 Year Commitment



## Role Description

The Crew Physician coordinates and provides routine, general medical care for the crew, and day crew as needed, consults on the care of surgical inpatients and referrals, and supports the Lead Crew Physician and Crew Clinic.

## Education and Experience

The requirements listed below are representative of the education and / or experience required.

- Successful completion of the Mercy Ships Onboarding program will be required, if commitment is longer than 12 months.
- M.D. or D.O. with current unrestricted license or recognized medical qualification in country of origin, actively practicing in the last 12 months.
- Two years of post-graduate clinical experience is required, with specialization in General Practice, Family Medicine, or Internal Medicine (Emergency Medicine physicians may be considered based on experience and practice pattern).
- Successful completion of Basic Training in accordance with STCW A-VI/1-1 to 1-4, as required per maritime law.

## Qualifications

The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill, and/or ability required.

- Supportive of Mercy Ship's mission and vision, and committed to its core values.
- Understand and apply servant leadership, work collaboratively with integrity, and demonstrate accountability.
- Able to live in and contribute to community life, requiring stable and healthy interpersonal skills.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills are required.
- Excellent organizational skills are required.
- Fluent in English, both verbal and written forms.
- Must have superior relational skills.
- Ability to respond to requests and obtain information in a timely manner.
- Proficiency in computer applications, particularly in M365 - Word, Outlook, and Excel.
- Full, clean driving license preferred. May be expected to drive as part of departmental responsibilities, in which case an International Driver's License would be required. (Obtain prior to travel if necessary.)

## Impact

Over 2.8 million lives have been transformed by our work since 1978, an average of 66,000 services offered per year.

- We have completed more than 1,110 community development projects including the reconstruction of schools, clinics, orphanages, water wells and agriculture programmes. Providing local training and infrastructure to enable and sustain their future success.
- We have trained more than 6,600 local professionals (including surgeons) who have in turn trained many others, over 252,000 local people, in basic healthcare.
- The *Global Mercy* and the *Africa Mercy* are the two largest charity hospital ships in the world, and together hold 11 state-of-the-art operating theatres and 279 patient beds.
- We have provided care in over 55 of the world's developing nations.

# Essential Duties and Responsibilities

## Clinical

- Provide medical consultations and treatment for crew and emergency care for day crew, as needed.
- Report to, coordinate, and receive direction from the Lead Crew Physician.
- Provide or arrange for regular check-ups for the crew.
- Advise crew in obtaining consultations for medical problems or routine screening (e.g., mammograms, cervical smears, etc.) that are not manageable or provided onboard.
- Provide after-hours service to crew and wards as part of the Duty Physician roster.
- Coordinate with/supervise the Hospital Physician(s) to oversee the general health of ward patients and pre-operative patients. This includes admitting pre-operative patients and participating in post-operative rounds.
- Review patients from the Preoperative, Outpatient, and Rehabilitation teams as requested.
- Review chest X-rays of incoming day crew in cooperation with the radiology firm.

## Support

- Provide medical direction and advice for the Palliative Care team as needed.
- Attend and participate in Hospital and physician meetings or functions as requested.
- Speak at local Hospital meetings and visit hospitals as requested.
- Provide health education to the crew by presenting topics of interest or necessity at community gatherings.
- Prepare for sailing – ensure compliance with maritime laws and safety protocols (e.g., Declaration of Health, complete minimum sailing list requirements, secure Crew Clinic for sailing, stock medicines needed for the annual maintenance period, etc.)
- Maintain up-to-date knowledge of the Company Safety Management System for the performance of assigned duties.
- Actively participate in maintaining and improving quality standards of patient care.
- Other duties as assigned.

## Our work

### Mariama's story

Mariama is a lively and healthy baby, but a severe facial cleft strained her joyful smile. This facial cleft affected 7-month-old Mariama's lip and nose, making it difficult for her to eat and causing her parents to worry about their child's future.

Since paediatric services capable of treating baby Mariama's condition were not available near the family, local doctors directed her father to Senegal's capital city in hopes of finding help.

It was there that he heard about a hospital ship capable of providing healing for his little girl.

Soon after, Mariama received an operation onboard the *Africa Mercy* that repaired her cleft lip. After surgery, Mariama and her family stayed at the HOPE Centre, where her mother learned how to make nutritional baby formula and learned about the importance of nutrition for her child. Now, Mariama is home with her family, happy and healthy!

