

JOB DESCRIPTION

VOLUNTEER DOCTOR

Background

Calcutta Rescue has a team of qualified doctors who provide medical services at three clinics, two schools and street medicine. The children from the Schools are referred to Tala Park if they have a medical issue. Calcutta Rescue is looking for ways to improve the efficiency of its medical services. This includes training assistants in the clinics to take on more skilled tasks to support the doctors. Overseas volunteer doctors play an important role in improving the staffing levels in the busy clinics. The minimum placement time is 6 weeks.

Legal basis

Overseas qualified doctors are not registered with the local Medical Council. They are based at Calcutta Rescue's clinics and work under the supervision of a qualified Indian doctor. Only the Calcutta Rescue doctor will prescribe treatment thus protecting the legality of Calcutta Rescue and the overseas doctor's position.

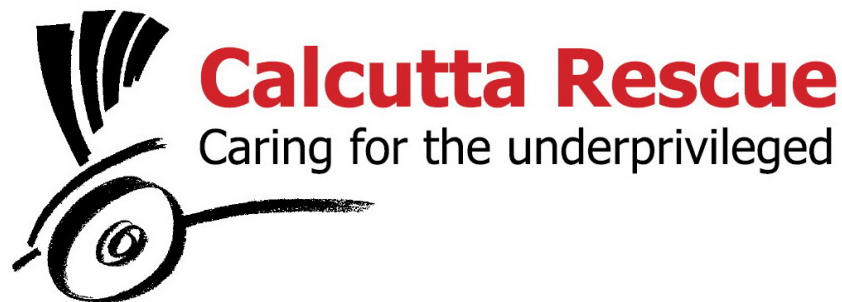
The role

1. Providing repeat prescriptions under the supervision of the Indian doctor. For example, prescriptions for patients suffering from chronic diseases (diabetes, hypertension or asthma) who are in a stable condition clinically.
2. Assist the clinic doctors in project work on hypertension, diabetes, thalassaemia or COPD. This includes collection & tabulation of data from the patient's treatment card about lifestyle, medication, BP recordings, and complications arising including target organ disease involvement. Indian doctors analyze this data and present it for discussion at the Doctors' Meeting and Medical Audit Committee.
3. Health screening of the children in Calcutta Rescue's schools, including medical examination of newly admitted children; ensuring children have been immunized, had Vitamin A and antihelminthic as per protocols; and

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monitoring children on the nutritional programme, can prescribe medicines for minor ailments like fever, pain abdomen and lice manifestation.

4. Training Indian Health Assistants to take over some of the responsibilities in the future.
5. Do some medical projects like outcome of cancer patients, use of inhalers vis a vis response
6. Update medical protocols.

Qualifications / Experience / Skills

Essential

Qualified doctor.

Good spoken and written English, as well as medical and business English.

Excellent organisational and communication skills.

Management experience.

Computer skills (Microsoft Word, Power Point and Excel, use of internet based medical databases).

Flexible – the role of the doctor will involve new activities and new roles. A flexible approach to work will enable the volunteer to get more from their experience as a volunteer as well being to the benefit of CR.

Desirable

Previous work in a developing country.

Experience as a doctor

Personal Qualities

Ability to work well with others in a multicultural team.

Ability to be pro-active in terms of work creation and assess the unwritten needs of the clinics.

Commitment to volunteering overseas.

The volunteer doctor should also be self-motivated, enthusiastic, resourceful, able to self-reflect on their experiences, co-operative, flexible, friendly and be willing to accept responsibility.

Sense of humour.

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