

## JOB DESCRIPTION

<b>Job title:</b>	<b>Senior Respiratory Physiologist</b>
<b>Grade:</b>	<b>Senior Respiratory Physiologist</b>
<b>Reports to:</b>	<b>Chief II Respiratory Physiologist, SVUH</b>
<b>Working Hours:</b>	<b>35 hours per week for a Full-time employee.</b>

### Mission and Values of the Hospital

#### Mission

We strive for excellence in meeting the holistic needs of our patients in a caring and healing environment in which the essential contribution of each member of staff is valued.

The values of human dignity, compassion, justice, quality and advocacy rooted in the mission guide us in our work.

We will, within the foregoing context, make every effort to maintain excellence in clinical care, teaching and research.

*Comh mheas, comh bhá, comh phártíocht agus  
comh oibre bunsraith ár gcuid saothar uile.*

#### **Core Values**

*Human Dignity*

*Compassion*

*Justice*

*Quality*

*Advocacy*

**Overview:**

Under the direction of the Chief II and Chief I Respiratory Physiologists the appointed Physiologist will undertake the duties appropriate to a Senior Respiratory Physiologist. This post will allow the post holder to develop and expand their experience in supervisory and management areas, whilst continuing to provide a quality service for patients by ensuring that every patient is treated as an individual in terms of courtesy, kindness, efficiency, efficacy, and confidentiality.

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Reports to: Chief II & Chief I Respiratory Physiologists

Key Duties and Responsibilities:

- Support the Chief II & Chief I Respiratory Physiologists in maintaining best practice in the management of the service in the Pulmonary and Sleep Laboratories in St Vincent's University Hospital and St Michael's Hospital, Dun Laoghaire.
- Assist in the supervision of students from Clinical Measurement Science Degree and masters courses in TU Dublin and also from Atlantic University during the academic year
- Assume responsibility for the staff and services for the Pulmonary Laboratory when the Chief II and Chief I Respiratory Physiologists are absent
- Support the Integrated Care Program in providing a high quality service in the community as required in the two new hubs attached to St Vincent's University Hospital located in Bray and Clonskeagh.

**Clinical Duties:**

- Ensure that clinical and patient care standards are adhered to at all times
- Follow hospital policies and procedures at all times
- Conduct a comprehensive range of clinical tests within established guidelines and follow all departmental protocols to provide accurate test results including:
- Spirometry, bronchodilator response, DLCO, static lung volumes (multi-breath and body plethysmography), muscle strength tests, FeNO, impulse oscillometry and skin allergy tests in the pulmonary laboratory.
- Conduct advanced pulmonary function tests including cardiopulmonary exercise testing, exercise induced bronchoconstriction testing and mannitol challenge testing\*
- Conduct Haemoglobin measurements on suitable patients undergoing DLCO testing\*
- Conduct and manually score overnight diagnostic sleep tests, including, Full polysomnography studies, limited sleep studies, actigraphy and WatchPAT studies.\*
- Conduct and supervise MSLTs and attend sleep clinics to follow up patients on CPAP therapy as part of an MDT\*

- Calibrate equipment daily and perform routine maintenance and cleaning on equipment as per departmental policies and guidelines in both laboratories
- Report any malfunctioning or unsafe equipment to the Chief Physiologist
- Participate in Quality control programs to ensure accurate and reproducible results.
- Participate in regular audits as part of the multidisciplinary team in the Sleep/Pulmonary Laboratory
- Participate in the clinical research activity in the Department when required

\* in-house training will be provided if required

#### **Administrative Responsibilities**

- Perform administrative duties relating to scheduling patient appointments
- Deal effectively with queries regarding tests and appointments
- Ensure that accurate patient records and departmental statistics are recorded
- Maintain accurate statistics and participate in audit and evaluation of services
- Participate in cost awareness and cost control policies in the department
- Display qualities of leadership and good communication with all users of service and other service providers
- Report accidents and incidents. Participate in the investigation and remedial action
- Be familiar with Hospital & Departmental Disaster Plans and their implementation

#### **Self-Development & Education**

- As medical procedures change and developments are introduced the Senior Respiratory Physiologist must update his/her knowledge and training accordingly
- Attend staff training programmes
- Maintain a personal record of professional development
- Act as a role model to the junior physiologists and students
- Assist in maintaining a level of excellence in patient care by maintaining standards and supporting the overall management of the Department

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major areas of accountability at the present time, which will be reviewed and assessed on an on-going basis.

The Hospital Structure is currently under review and therefore, reporting relationships may change.

Informal Enquiries or Role Specific Enquiries: Ms Rachel Anglin, Chief II Respiratory Physiologist Telephone: 01 221 4339 or e-mail: [r.anglin@svuh.ie](mailto:r.anglin@svuh.ie)

### Person Specification

Factors	Essential	Desirable
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certificate in Medical Physics &amp; Physiological Measurement – DIT or</li> <li>• BSc/MSc in Clinical Measurement (Respiratory option) – TU Dublin/DIT or ATU Sligo</li> <li>• Or an equivalent relevant scientific qualification (Level 8) as confirmed by the Irish Institute of Clinical Measurement Physiology (IICMP)</li> </ul>	
Experience (length and type)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 years satisfactory relevant post qualification experience</li> </ul>	
Core Competencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning &amp; Managing Resources</li> <li>• Decision Making &amp; Judging Situations</li> <li>• Setting Standards &amp; Ensuring Quality</li> <li>• Influencing People and Events</li> <li>• Managing Individual Performance</li> <li>• Being the communication channel</li> <li>• Creating Team Spirit</li> <li>• Being a Leader &amp; Role Model</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Embracing the Change &amp; Service Development</b></li></ul>	
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**Particulars of Office:**

**The appointment is:** Full time, Specified Purpose

**Probationary Period:** The appointee shall hold office for a probationary period of six months – The Hospital's Probation and Induction policy will apply.

**Pension Scheme:** The candidate will be entered into one of the Hospital Superannuation Schemes.

**Working Hours:** The person appointed will work a basic 35-hour week. You will be required to work the agreed roster / on call arrangements advised to you by your line manager. Your contracted hours of work are liable to change between the hours of 8am – 8pm over seven days to meet the requirements for the extended day services in accordance with the terms of the Framework Agreement. (Reference HSE HR Circular 003/2009). Flexibility on hours of attendance in response to service needs will be a requirement.

**Annual leave entitlement:** 30 days per annum pro rata each year. Annual leave accrued must be taken within the duration of the contract or calendar year and as agreed between the candidate and the Head of Department.

**Additional Information**

**Confidentiality:**

During the course of employment staff may have access to, or hear information concerning the medical or personal affairs of patients, students, staff and / or other health service business. Such records and information are strictly confidential and unless acting on the instruction of an authorised officer, such information must not be divulged or discussed except in the performance of normal duty. In addition records must never be left in such a manner that unauthorised persons can obtain access to them and must be kept in safe custody when no longer required.

**Hygiene:**

During the course of employment staff are required to ensure that the hospital's hygiene and infection control policies are adhered to at all times. All employees have responsibility to prevent transmission of infection by adhering to and implementing optimal hand hygiene and adhering to the Hospital's Hygiene processes. Hygiene is a fundamental component of St

Michael's Hospital's quality system to ensure the safety and well-being of its patients and staff and plays a role in the prevention and control of healthcare associated infection.

**Policies / Legislation:**

All Hospital policies and procedures form an integral part an employment contract and may be subject to update and revision, from time to time, in consultation with union representatives as appropriate. Employees are required to comply with all hospital policies, procedures (e.g. Dignity at Work, Trust in Care, Computer Usage Policy) and the Hospital's ethical codes of practice.

Employees are required to abide by the hospital's code of behaviour and the code of practice as defined by their relevant professional body.

**Please note the following:**

- The Hospital Board is not responsible for loss or theft of personal belongings
- Fire orders must be observed and staff must attend the fire lectures periodically
- All accidents within the department must be reported immediately.
- In line with the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act (2005), smoking within the Hospital Building is not permitted.
- All staff are advised to avail of Hepatitis B Vaccination with Occupational health
- The use of personal mobile phones is prohibited.
- St. Michaels Hospital buildings and grounds are smoke-free.

Application Process: St. Michael's Hospital is an equal opportunities employer and is committed to promoting an environment free from discrimination in accordance with the Employment Equality Acts 1998 and 2004. The Hospital values diversity and recognises the benefits of having a workforce that reflects the community we serve. We are committed to equality of access to positions within the Hospital. All recruitment activity and documentation will encourage applications from all potential candidates without discrimination.

Interested candidates should apply for vacancies of interest by visiting the Hospital Careers pages: <https://stmichaels.ie/careers-top/careers/>

Date: August 2025

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### **Mandated Person – Children First Act 2015**

As a mandated person under the Children First Act 2015 you will have a legal obligation:

- To report child protection concerns at or above a defined threshold to TUSLA
- To assist TUSLA, if requested, in assessing a concern which has been the subject of a mandated report

You will remain a mandated person for the duration of your appointment to your current post or for the duration of your appointment to such other post as is included in the categories specified in the legislation.