

Doctor | Physician | onboard Carnival Cruise Lines

Job Description | Requirements

The medical team on board consists of 1 or 2 highly experienced and skilled physicians and 3 or 4 highly experienced and skilled registered nurses, depending upon the size of the vessel. All medical staff at a minimum is BLS (Basic Life Support), ACLS (Advanced Cardiac Life Support) and PALS (Pediatric Advanced Life Support) certified. We maintain a skill mix, which suits the needs of each vessel, and in doing so; we endeavor to provide consistently high standards of care and medical knowledge within the medical centers on board.

The ship's physician is the head of the medical department onboard and is each crewmember's primary care physician. She/he is also responsible for the health care given to each guest who attends the Medical Center for medical issues. The physician is responsible for maintaining registration with his/her own licensing body. The physician is responsible to the Captain as well as the shore side fleet medical director. The ship's physician must be competent to perform the following:

- Evaluation and treatment of medical, surgical, gynecological and pediatric problems
- Suturing of wounds
- Incision and drainage of abscesses
- Interpretation of electrocardiograms
- Reduction of simple dislocations. Splinting and immobilization procedures.
- Advanced Cardiac Life Support procedures and treatments (ACLS); including emergency airway management
- Evaluation of ophthalmologic emergencies
- Administration of thrombolytic agents
- Basic x-ray interpretation
- Proficiency in English speaking and writing.
- A minimum of 3 years' experience in the Emergency department or ICU with high level knowledge of advanced care medical equipment eg: defibrillators, ventilator, C-pap, Bi-pap, etc.
- Certifications: valid Advanced cardiac life support and basic life support, for all Dr's PALS (pediatric advanced life support certification)