

**CAROLINAS HEALTHCARE SYSTEM
(CAROLINAS MEDICAL CENTERS - CHARLOTTE)
ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONAL
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT OR NURSE PRACTITIONER
SPECIALTY OF EMERGENCY MEDICINE**

SUMMARY OF OCCUPATION:

1. The Allied Health Professional is a skilled member of the health care team who is qualified by academic and clinical education to provide patient services as an Allied Health Professional under the supervision of a member(s) of the Medical Staff of Carolinas Medical Center, Carolinas Medical Center-University, Carolinas Rehabilitation, Carolinas Medical Center-Mercy or Carolinas Medical Center-Pineville in accordance with the Bylaws of the Medical Staff.
2. He/she will assist in the implementation of the health care plan and the management of patients by performing diagnostic and therapeutic tasks as defined and approved by the Board.
3. Allied Health Professional "Dependent Practitioner" shall mean a health care professional other than physicians or dentists, who is approved by the Board, who is licensed or certified by his/her respective licensing or certifying agencies, and who provides service as an employee of and under the supervision of a physician who is currently appointed to the Medical Staff of Carolinas Medical Center, Carolinas Medical Center-University, Carolinas Medical Center-Mercy or Carolinas Medical Center-Pineville.

ORGANIZATIONAL RELATIONSHIP:

- 1) The Allied Health Professional reports and is responsible to the supervising physician(s). He/she may also assist the residents assigned to the Department of Emergency Medicine in performance of their duties and responsibilities as assigned by their supervising physician. The Allied Health Professional shall notify the supervising physician of all cases of acute and severe distress, a serious nature (life- or limb-threatening), or whenever the patient wishes to see a physician.
- 2) The Allied Health Professional shall wear a nametag identifying him/herself as an Allied Health Professional and introduce him/herself as an Allied Health Professional, and shall at no time imply, state, or lead one to believe that he/she is a physician.
- 3) The Allied Health Professional must be familiar with departmental and hospital policies and procedures.
- 4) A nurse or secretary who receives an order from an Allied Health Professional for medication(s), laboratory or radiological studies, and/or treatment is authorized to perform that order as if it were received from a physician.

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. The Allied Health Professional will maintain qualifications as specified in the POLICY ON CLINICAL PRIVILEGES FOR ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS. His/her past experience and training shall be commensurate with privileges requested.
2. The scope of duties and responsibilities of the Allied Health Professional shall be delineated on an approved Delineation of Privileges form and approved by the Board.
3. The Supervising Physician shall delegate only tasks and procedures to his or her Allied Health Professional which are within or contemplated by the clinical privileges granted to the Supervising Physician by the Medical Executive Committee and the Board of Commissioners and which the Allied Health Professional has been approved to perform. It is understood that the supervision of an Allied Health Professional will never be transferred to a physician who is not currently a fully appointed member of Carolinas Medical Center, Carolinas Medical Center-University, Carolinas Medical Center-Mercy or Carolinas Medical Center-Pineville Medical Staff.
4. Medical Assistants in the Specialty of Emergency Medicine - The supervising physician will review the care of every patient who presents to the Emergency Department.

DIRECT SUPERVISION:

Direct Supervision shall mean the physical presence of a sponsoring/supervising physician in the area with the Allied Health Professional.

**DELINEATION OF PRIVILEGES FORM
FOR
ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONAL
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MEDICINE**

CMC	MERCY	PINEVILLE	UNIVERSITY	CR		It is noted that Allied Health Professionals will treat low to moderate acuity patients in the Emergency Department
					AHP-EMD-1	GENERAL DUTIES:
				N/A	AHP-EMD-1(a)	Perform and record history and physical examination and present patient information to attending physician if required.
				N/A	AHP-EMD-1(b)	Write routine orders and initiate requests for appropriate laboratory studies, x-rays, and consultations in conformance with approved standing orders. Orders must be countersigned by a physician within the time limits outlined by the policies of Carolinas Medical Center, Carolinas Medical Center-University, Carolinas Medical Center-Mercy and Carolinas Medical Center-Pineville (Signature on the chart constitutes countersignature for such orders)
				N/A	AHP-EMD-1(c)	Order IV drugs and blood products.
				N/A	AHP-EMD-1(d)	Document findings in the patient record for countersignature by sponsoring/supervising physician according to the guidelines.
				N/A	AHP-EMD-1(e)	Provide education and special instructions for the patient and patient's family.
				N/A	AHP-EMD-1(f)	Provide post-hospital instructions to patients related to wound care, diet, activity and medications, including prescriptions for discharge medications.
					AHP-EMD-2	CARE OF EMERGENCY PATIENTS
				N/A	AHP-EMD-2(a)	Perform Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR).
				N/A	AHP-EMD-2(b)	Assist/Perform Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) in accordance with certification.
					AHP-EMD-3	SPECIALTY PROCEDURES PERFORMED UNDER DIRECT SUPERVISION:
	N/A	N/A		N/A	AHP-EMD-3 (a)	PICC Lines (excluding internal jugular lines and subclavian placement)
				N/A	AHP-EMD-3 (b)	Insertion of arterial lines, perform arterial blood gases
					AHP-EMD-4	OTHER PROCEDURES
				N/A	AHP-EMD-4(a)	Bladder catheterization.
				N/A	AHP-EMD-4(b)	Nasogastric catheterization.
				N/A	AHP-EMD-4(c)	Removal of tubes and drains.
				N/A	AHP-EMD-4(d)	Removal of monitoring lines.
				N/A	AHP-EMD-4(e)	Wound care, suturing of external minor lacerations, removal of sutures, and application of dressings.
				N/A	AHP-EMD-4(f)	Administration of specified medications, IV fluids and transfusion of blood and blood products when indicated.
				N/A	AHP-EMD-4(g)	Aseptic and isolation technique.
				N/A	AHP-EMD-4(h)	Perform therapeutic procedures as directed by the supervising physician and in conformance with service management protocols.
					AHP-EMD-5	HYPERBARIC MEDICINE
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	AHP-EMD-5 (a)	Evaluate patients for hyperbaric medicine therapy for all indications, attend and supervise hyperbaric oxygen treatment sessions, design wound care treatment plans or debride wounds.
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	AHP-EMD-5 (b)	Design hyperbaric medicine treatment plans

Signature of Applicant

Date

Printed or typed name of Applicant

Signature of Sponsoring Physician

Date

Printed or typed name of Sponsoring Physician

APPROVAL:

Chief, Carolinas Medical Center

Date

Chairman, Carolinas Medical Center-University

Date

Medical Director, Carolinas Rehabilitation

Date

Section Chief, Carolinas Medical Center-Mercy

Date

Section Chief, Carolinas Medical Center-Pineville

Date