

**CAROLINAS HEALTHCARE SYSTEM
(CAROLINAS MEDICAL CENTERS-CHARLOTTE)
ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONAL
SPECIALTY OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY**

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 Rehabilitation, 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 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, serious nature (life- or limb-threatening), or whenever the patient wishes to see a physician or has unanswered questions.
- 2) The Allied Health Professional shall wear a nametag identifying him/herself as a Allied Health Professional and introduce him/herself as a 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 a 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 Rehabilitation, Carolinas Medical Center-Mercy or Carolinas Medical Center-Pineville Medical Staff.

DIRECT SUPERVISION:

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

**DELINEATION OF PRIVILEGES FORM
FOR
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					AHP-OB-1	GENERAL DUTIES:
					AHP-OB-1(a)	Assess and record health status of Obstetrics and Gynecology patients through obtaining a complete medical history and performing a physical examination based on age and history.
					AHP-OB-1(b)	Write orders for and interpret age-appropriate and condition-specific screening tests, laboratory tests, and diagnostic procedures. (Orders must be countersigned by a physician within the time limits outlined by the policies of CHS facilities)
					AHP-OB-1(c)	Consult and collaborate with other health care providers as appropriate.
					AHP-OB-1(d)	Prescribe/Order IV Fluids, IV drugs, and blood products for patients (within the limits of state-legislated prescriptive authority)
					AHP-OB-1(e)	Make hospital rounds and write progress notes for Obstetrics and Gynecology patients. (Progress notes must be countersigned by sponsoring/supervising physician)
					AHP-OB-1(f)	Provide appropriate patient education regarding purpose, regimens, side effects, possible interactions of medications and/or treatments, cost, and alternative treatments or procedures.
					AHP-OB-1(g)	Provide post-hospital instructions to patients related to prescribed care, treatments, activities, exercises, diet, and medications.
					AHP-OB-1(h)	Schedule follow-up appointments and therapies as appropriate.
					AHP-OB-1(i)	Following standard protocol, review electrophysiologic and hemodynamic status, for follow-up by sponsoring/supervising physician.
						Inform physician of changes in patient status and initiate therapy as directed by the physician.
					AHP-OB-2	CARE OF EMERGENCY PATIENTS
					AHP-OB-2(a)	Assess and record health status of Obstetric and Gynecology patients in the Emergency Department and order appropriate diagnostic tests, procedures, pharmacological interventions, and non-pharmacological interventions.
					AHP-OB-2(b)	Perform Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR).
					AHP-OB-2(c)	Assist/Perform Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) in accordance with certification.
					AHP-OB-2(d)	Emergency resuscitation in accordance with certification (Neonatal Resuscitation Program-NRP)
					AHP-OB-3	SPECIALTY PROCEDURES
					AHP-OB-3(a)	Local anesthesia, skin
					AHP-OB-3(b)	Foreign Body Removal
					AHP-OB-3(c)	Suturing
					AHP-OB-4	OTHER PROCEDURES
					AHP-OB-4(a)	Bladder catheterization.
					AHP-OB-4(b)	Removal of tubes and drains.
					AHP-OB-4(c)	Wound care, suturing of external minor lacerations, removal of sutures, and application of dressings.
					AHP-OB-4(d)	Administration of specified medications, IV fluids and transfusion of blood and blood products when indicated, with prior approval from Primary Supervising Physician.
					AHP-OB-4(e)	Aseptic and isolation technique.

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					AHP-OB-4	OTHER PROCEDURES - CONTINUED
					AHP-OB-4(f)	Perform therapeutic procedures as directed by the supervising physician and in conformance with service management protocols.
					AHP-OB-4(g)	First Assist C-Section
					AHP-OB-4(h)	Precipitous Delivery

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
and Carolinas Medical Center-Pineville

Date

Approval by the Medical Executive Committee at:
 Carolinas Medical Center – 05/03/05
 Carolinas Medical Center-University – 05/09/05
 Carolinas Medical Center-Mercy - 05/09/05
 Approval by the Board of Commissioners: 06/14/05