

**CAROLINAS HEALTHCARE SYSTEM  
(CAROLINAS MEDICAL CENTERS-CHARLOTTE)  
ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONAL  
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT OR NURSE PRACTITIONER  
DEPARTMENT OF SURGICAL SPECIALTIES - NEUROSURGERY**

**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 Surgery 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  
ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONAL  
DEPARTMENT OF SURGICAL SPECIALTIES - SPECIALTY OF NEUROSURGERY**

CMC	MERCY	PINEVILLE	UNIVERSITY	CR		
						<b>NON-SURGICAL DUTIES</b>
					AHP-NSU-A	Perform and record history and physical examination and present patient information to attending physician
					AHP-NSU-B	Write routine orders and initiate request for appropriate laboratory studies, x-rays, and consultation in conformance with approved standing orders. Orders must be countersigned by a physician within the time limits outlined by Carolinas Medical Center's policies.
					AHP-NSU-C	Follow instructions of sponsoring/supervising physician, order IV drugs and blood products.
					AHP-NSU-D	Make hospital rounds, including Neuro-Intensive Care Unit, and write progress notes for countersignature by sponsoring/supervising physician.
					AHP-NSU-E	Provide education and special instructions for the patient and patient's family, including telephone follow-up of neurosurgery patients post discharge. Follow-up should include answering patient's questions and providing instructions to the patient. All telephone follow-up should be documented.
					AHP-NSU-F	Provide post-hospital instructions to neurosurgery patients related to wound care, diet, activity and medications, including prescriptions for discharge medications as directed by the sponsoring/supervising physician. Schedule follow-up appointments with operating surgeon and referring physician.
					AHP-NSU-G	Collect data and write pertinent progress notes on chart.
					AHP-NSU-H	Make routine rounds and consult with other health professionals involved in the care of all neurosurgery patients to assess the patients' status and implement indicated therapy in conformance with routine post-op orders and service protocols.
					AHP-NSU-I	Inform physician of changes in patient status and initiate therapy as directed by the physician.
						<b>CARE OF EMERGENCY PATIENTS</b>
					AHP-NSU-J	Assess patient in the Emergency Department, prior to supervising physician's arrival.
					AHP-NSU-K	Perform Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR).
					AHP-NSU-L	Assist/Perform Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) in accordance with certification.

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						<b>CARE OF SURGICAL PATIENTS</b>
					AHP-NSU-M	Write routine pre and postoperative orders in conformance with approved standing orders.
					AHP-NSU-N	Participate and assist in the pre-operative preparation of neurosurgery patients, including preparing the patient for surgery.
					AHP-NSU-O	Participate and assist in the intraoperative care of the neurosurgical patient as reflected on the following Delineation of Privileges form.
					AHP-NSU-P	Confirm O.R. schedule and availability of blood and blood products for the patient.
					AHP-NSU-Q	Participate and assist in the postoperative care of the neurosurgical patient.

The Allied Health Professional may apply to assist the sponsoring/supervising physician in the following procedures in accordance with the approved GUIDELINES FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANTS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF NEUROSURGERY.

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					AHP-NSU-1	Lumbar laminectomy for herniated nucleus pulposus
					AHP-NSU-2	Lumbar Laminectomy for rhizotomy
					AHP-NSU-3	Facet rhizotomy
					AHP-NSU-4	Thoracic laminectomy for herniated nucleus pulposus
					AHP-NSU-5	Thoracic laminectomy for tumors
					AHP-NSU-6	Thoracic laminectomy for rhizotomy
					AHP-NSU-7	Thoracic laminectomy for sympathectomy
					AHP-NSU-8	Cervical laminectomy for herniated nucleus pulposus
					AHP-NSU-9	Cervical laminectomy for disc
					AHP-NSU-10	Cervical laminectomy for rhizotomy
					AHP-NSU-11	Anterior cervical discretomy
					AHP-NSU-12	Posterior cervical fusion
					AHP-NSU-13	Percutaneous chordotomy
					AHP-NSU-14	Open cervical chordotomy
					AHP-NSU-15	Open cervical chordotomy
					AHP-NSU-16	Open thoracic chordotomy
					AHP-NSU-17	Percutaneous radio frequency gasserian ganglion coagulation

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					AHP-NSU-18	Sympathectomy (cervical, thoracic & Lumbar)
					AHP-NSU-19	Cranioplasty
					AHP-NSU-20	Angiography - cervical
					AHP-NSU-21	Myelography
					AHP-NSU-22	Discography
					AHP-NSU-23	Pneumoencephalography
					AHP-NSU-24	Transpenoidal hypophysectomy
					AHP-NSU-25	Carotid endarterectomy
					AHP-NSU-26	Micro Neurosurgery(aneurysms tumors)
					AHP-NSU-27	Stereotaxic neurosurgery
					AHP-NSU-28	Craniotomy
					AHP-NSU-29	Peripheral nerve surgery
					AHP-NSU-30	Neuroendoscopy (flexible Endoscope)
					AHP-NSU-31	Use of Stereotactic Radiosurgical Instrumentation in conjunction with Radiation Therapy
					AHP-NSU-32	Rigid spinal endoscopic surgery (Cervical Thoracic)
					AHP-NSU-33	Rigid spinal endoscopic surgery (Lumbar)

PRIVILEGES REQUESTED BY:

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Signature of Applicant

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Date

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Printed or typed name of Applicant

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Signature of Sponsoring Physician

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Date

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Printed or typed name of Sponsoring Physician

**APPROVAL:**

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Chief, Carolinas Medical Center

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Date

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Chairman, Carolinas Medical Center-University

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Date

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Medical Director, Carolinas Rehabilitation

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Date

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Section Chief, Carolinas Medical Center-Mercy  
and Carolinas Medical Center-Pineville

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Date

Approval by the Medical Executive Committee at:  
Carolinas Medical Center – 04/12/05  
Carolinas Rehabilitation – 03/03/05  
Carolinas Medical Center-University – 04/11/05  
Carolinas Medical Center-Mercy – 04/11/05  
Approval by the Board of Commissioners: 06/14/05