

Physician Assistant (PA)

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Scope

All PAs:

Privilege(s)

The scope of privileges for a Physician Assistant (PA) includes the evaluation, diagnosis, and treatment for patients of all ages with any symptom, illness, injury, or condition. PAs provide medical services within the scope of practice of the collaborating physician(s), including routine primary and preventive care of children and adults. PAs may refer patients to specialty clinics, and assess, stabilize, and determine disposition of patients with emergent conditions.

Supported **Not Supported**

Diagnosis and Management (D&M):

Privilege(s)

Prescribe all medications, controlled substances (including Schedule II through V) and therapy regimens to include orthotics and prosthetics required within the scope of practice

Supported **Not Supported**

Recommend temporary limited duty profiles in accordance with Service policy

Occupational and medical surveillance program physical examinations in accordance with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and Service policy

Provide evaluations of nuclear and chemical surety activities in accordance with applicable law and regulation

Place patients on quarters in accordance with Service policy

Electrocardiogram (EKG) preliminary interpretation

Procedures:

Privilege(s)

Laceration repair, minor one layer

Supported **Not Supported**

Excision of superficial cysts and skin lesions

Irrigation of the eye, ear, and wounds

Indirect laryngoscopy

Fluorescein staining

Splinting and stabilizing spine or extremity injuries

Casting of extremities

Tonometry and tonography

Color vision testing

Laceration repair requiring more than one layer of closure

Aspiration and injection of joints and musculo-tendonous units

Complete / partial nail removal with or without destruction of nail matrix

Incision and drainage of cysts and minor abscesses

Cryosurgical removal of skin lesions

Arthrocentesis

Reduction of simple closed fractures and dislocations

Thrombosed hemorrhoid incision and drainage (I&D)

Needle thoracostomy

Emergency cricothyroidotomy

Wound debridement

Anoscopy

Anesthesia privileges:

Privilege(s)

Topical and local infiltration anesthesia

Supported **Not Supported**

Peripheral nerve block anesthesia

Skin biopsies:

Privilege(s)

Punch biopsy

Supported **Not Supported**

