

## **SPECIALTY OF VASCULAR SURGERY**

### **Delineation of Clinical Privileges**

#### **Criteria for granting privileges:**

Current certification by the American Board of Surgery, or the American Osteopathic Board of Surgery, and subspecialty certification in Vascular Surgery.

**Or**

Current certification by the American Board of Thoracic Surgery, or the American Osteopathic Board of Thoracic Cardiovascular Surgery.

**Or**

Successful completion of an ACGME, or AOA accredited post-graduate training program in General Surgery and post-graduate training program in Vascular Surgery and board certification within 5 years of program completion.

**Or**

Successful completion of an ACGME or AOA accredited post-graduate training programs in Thoracic Surgery and board certification within 5 years of program completion.

**Applicants will be requested to provide documentation of practice and current clinical competence as defined on the attached competency grid. Applicants have the burden of producing information deemed adequate by the hospital for a proper evaluation of current clinical competence, and other qualifications and for resolving any doubts.**

#### **Current Clinical Competence - MLH**

In addition to the required education, experience and/or training specified on each DOP (Delineation of Privilege) form, documentation of current clinical competence is required. Current clinical competence is described as having “performed the privilege recently and performed it well”.

Current clinical competence is assessed prior to granting privileges initially and is reassessed when renewing privileges at reappointment – for maintenance of privileges. Current Clinical Competence (CCC) may be location specific (acute hospital care/surgery center) and/or age specific (adult, pediatric, neonatal).

This should not be confused with Focused Professional Practice Evaluation (FPPE)

- FPPE: an evaluation of clinical competence of all new privileges as performed at the specific licensed MLH facility (MHMH, MHOBH) for which they have been initially granted. This applies to privileges for all new applicants as well as to new/additional privileges for current members.

Both FPPE and current clinical competence assessments are privilege-specific. FPPE is conducted during the period after granting new/additional privileges. FPPE must occur at the MLH facility(ies) where privileges/membership are held. Current clinical competence may be evaluated from case logs provided by non-MLH facilities.

#### **Current Clinical Competence: Requirements for New Applicants**

- If applying directly from training, or based on the training received in a formal training program, provider should submit case\* logs from the program authenticated by the program director along with their recommendation attesting to the comparable training, experience and qualifications relative to the criteria for the clinical privileges requested.

- If applying more than 1 year after training completion, submit the following:
  - Aggregate data from acute care or surgery center facility for the previous 12 month time period, identifying the top 10 diagnosis codes and the number of patients per code. Any complications/poor outcomes should be delineated and accompanied by an explanation.
  - Procedure list from acute care or surgery center facility for the previous 12 month time period, identifying the top 10 CPT/ICD codes and the number of procedures per code. Any complications/poor outcomes should be delineated and accompanied by an explanation.
  - Case logs (see specifications below) for any special privileges requested that meet the criteria specific for the number of procedures defined for current clinical competence.

### **Current Clinical Competence: Maintenance of Privileges for Current Members**

- **For active staff members:** MLH source data will be aggregated to review cases and procedures performed. If this does not meet the minimum requirement for core and/or special privileges, the practitioner will be required to submit additional case logs from other facilities.
- **For courtesy staff members with low activity and for certain active staff with activity that has diminished and is now low:** Department chair recommendation should be obtained from their primary facility; and the practitioner should submit the following:
  - Aggregate data from acute care or surgery center facility for the previous 12 month time period, identifying the top 10 diagnosis codes and the number of patients per code. Any complications/poor outcomes should be delineated and accompanied by an explanation.
  - Procedure list from acute care or surgery center facility for the previous 12 month time period, identifying the top 10 CPT/ICD codes and the number of procedures per code. Any complications/poor outcomes should be delineated and accompanied by an explanation.
  - Case logs (see specifications below) for any special privileges requested that meet the specific number of procedures defined for current clinical competence.

### **Case Logs**

All required case logs and/or procedure lists must contain the following information at a minimum: Date, patient identifier, CPT/ICD procedure code, diagnosis, complications, and disposition, and the facility name, name/title of the person authenticating the log, signature, date signed, and contact information. If the information requested is not available, please provide an explanation.

\*A “case” is defined as an episode of care – either cognitive or procedural. For interpretive care, “case” is interpretation of one diagnostic study.

### **Ongoing Professional Performance Evaluation (OPPE)**

OPPE is evaluated periodically (more frequently than annually) in the facility where membership/privileges are held.

To assure OPPE requirements are satisfied, the practitioner must periodically exercise the privileges in the MLH facility(ies) where he/she has membership. OPPE must occur regularly on patient encounters in the MLH facility(ies) where privileges/membership are held.

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<b>Vascular Surgery Core</b>	<p>Current certification by the American Board of Surgery, or the American Osteopathic Board of Surgery and subspecialty certification in Vascular Surgery</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Current certification by the American Board of Thoracic Surgery, or the American Osteopathic Board of Thoracic Cardiovascular Surgery</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Successful completion of an ACGME or AOA accredited post-graduate training program in general surgery and post-graduate training program in vascular surgery and board certification within 5 years of completion.</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Successful completion of an ACGME or AOA accredited post-graduate training program in thoracic surgery and board certification within 5 years of completion.</p>	<p>Aggregate data from primary practice facility for the previous 12 month time period indentifying the top 10 diagnosis codes and the number of inpatients per code. Any complications/poor outcomes should be delineated and accompanied by an explanation.</p> <p>Procedure list from primary practice facility for the previous 12 month time period identifying the top 10 CPT/ICD codes and the number of procedures per code. Any complications/poor outcomes should be delineated and accompanied by an explanation.</p>	First 5 major cases	<p>MLH Data will be obtained for active members when available, the applicant should supply additional case logs from other facilities' HIM departments, if necessary, to meet the minimum requirement(s) to be considered for the privilege.</p> <p>Courtesy members should supply case logs from other facilities' HIM departments to meet the minimum requirement(s) to be considered for the privilege.</p> <p>Aggregate data submitted should include the top 10 diagnosis codes, with the number of inpatients per code, and procedure lists indicating the top 10 CPT/ICD codes, with the number of procedures per code for the previous 12 months.</p> <p>Any complications/poor outcomes should be delineated and accompanied by an explanation.</p> <p>Department chair recommendation will be obtained from primary practice facility.</p>
<b>Vascular Surgery Pediatric Core</b>	<p>Current certification by the American Board of Surgery, or the American Osteopathic Board of Surgery and subspecialty certification in Vascular Surgery</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Current certification by the American Board of Thoracic Surgery, or the American Osteopathic Board of Thoracic Cardiovascular Surgery</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Successful completion of an ACGME or AOA accredited post-graduate training program in general surgery and post-graduate training program in vascular surgery and board certification within 5 years of</p>	<p>Aggregate data from primary practice facility for the previous 12 month time period indentifying the top 10 diagnosis codes and the number of inpatients per code. Any complications/poor outcomes should be delineated and accompanied by an explanation.</p> <p>Procedure list from primary practice facility for the previous 12 month time period identifying the top 10 CPT/ICD codes and the number of procedures per code. Any complications/poor outcomes should be delineated and accompanied by an explanation.</p>	First 3 major cases	<p>MLH Data will be obtained for active members when available, the applicant should supply additional case logs from other facilities' HIM departments, if necessary, to meet the minimum requirement(s) to be considered for the privilege.</p> <p>Courtesy members should supply case logs from other facilities' HIM departments to meet the minimum requirement(s) to be considered for the privilege.</p> <p>Aggregate data submitted should include the top 10 diagnosis codes, with the number of inpatients per code, and procedure lists indicating the top 10 CPT/ICD codes, with the number of procedures per code for the previous 12 months.</p> <p>Any complications/poor outcomes should be delineated and accompanied by an explanation.</p>

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	completion. Or Successful completion of an ACGME or AOA accredited post-graduate training program in thoracic surgery and board certification within 5 years of completion.			Department chair recommendation will be obtained from primary practice facility.
<i>Use of Laser</i>	Completion of an approved eight hour minimum CME course which includes training in laser principles and safety, basic laser physics, laser tissue interaction, discussions of the clinical specialty field and hands-on experience with lasers. A letter outlining the content and successful completion of course must be submitted, or documentation of successful completion of an approved residency in a specialty or subspecialty which included training in laser principles and safety, basic laser physics, laser tissue interaction, discussions of the clinical specialty field and a minimum of six hours observation and hands-on experience with lasers.		First 5 cases	Case log documenting 5 procedures within the previous 24 months
<i>Robotic Surgery</i>	Applicants whose formal surgical training included robotic surgery: Training director letter validating competence in robotic surgery  OR  Applicants without formal surgical training in robotic surgery: Training Certificate validating completion of a robotic surgery training course which included didactic and laboratory training	Applicants whose formal surgical training included robotic surgery: Case log from training reflecting applicant was primary surgeon OR If training logs are not available, privilege will be initially granted with a limit requiring five successful cases evidenced by retrospective review.  OR  Applicants without formal surgical	First 5 cases	Case log documenting the performance of at least 10 procedures over the previous 24 months

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		training in robotic surgery: Privilege initially granted with a limit requiring concurrent proctoring of five successfully completed cases.		

**Vascular Surgery Core Privilege:**

Admit, evaluate, diagnose, provide consultation and treatment to patients ages 13 or older with diseases/disorders of the arterial, venous, and lymphatic circulatory systems, excluding vessels of the heart and excluding therapeutic interventions of the intracranial arteries.

Physicians may provide care to patients in the intensive care setting in conformance with unit policies. They may also assess, stabilize, and determine the disposition of patients with emergency conditions consistent with medical staff policy regarding emergency and consultative call services.

The core privileges in this specialty include the procedures on the attached list and such other procedures that are extensions of the same techniques and skills.

**Operative procedures:**

- Amputations of the upper or lower extremity
- Assess, debride, and treat wounds including the use of split thickness skin grafting, and wound coverage with the use of skin substitutes.
- Central venous access catheters and ports
- Hemodialysis access procedures
- Diagnostic biopsy or other diagnostic procedures on blood vessels
- Repair of aneurysms of the thoracic aorta, thoracoabdominal aorta, abdominal aorta, iliac artery, visceral/renal arteries, aortic arch branch vessels, carotid and vertebral arteries, and peripheral arteries
- Reconstruction and repair of the non-cardiac and non-intracranial arteries and veins of the body including the thoracic aorta, thoracoabdominal aorta, abdominal aorta, iliac artery, visceral/renal arteries, aortic arch branch vessels, carotid and vertebral arteries, peripheral arteries, central veins, and peripheral veins (e.g., endarterectomy, thrombectomy, embolectomy, bypass grafting, prosthetic graft, autologous vein, in situ vein, and extra-anatomic bypass)
- Decompressive fasciotomies of the upper and lower extremities
- Temporal artery biopsy
- Vein ligation and stripping
- Operations for thoracic outlet decompression
- Vascular exposure for operations of the cervical, thoracic, and lumbar spine
- Cervical, thoracic, and lumbar sympathectomy
- Emergency Pediatric Vascular trauma

**Endovascular procedures:**

- Diagnostic arteriography (excluding intracardiac) including pulmonary arteriography
- Diagnostic venography (excluding intracardiac)
- Repair (e.g., stent, stent graft, and embolization) of aneurysms of the thoracic aorta, thoracoabdominal aorta, abdominal aorta, iliac artery, visceral/renal arteries, aortic arch branch vessels, the carotid and vertebral arteries, and peripheral arteries
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- Open and percutaneous endovascular procedures
- Placement of inferior vena cava filter
- Endovenous ablative therapy (laser or radiofrequency)
- Intravascular ultrasonography
- Balloon angioplasty
- Stent placement
- Stent graft placement
- Intra-arterial and intravenous thrombolytic therapy
- Embolization/ablation, including transarterial chemoembolization
- Use of AngioVac and other thrombus aspiration devices

**Vascular Diagnostic Laboratory:**

- Performance and Interpretation of arterial studies of the extremities
- Performance and Interpretation of venous studies of the extremities
- Performance and Interpretation of cerebrovascular studies
- Performance and Interpretation of visceral and abdominal arterial and venous studies
- Performance and Interpretation of transcranial studies

**Vascular Surgery Pediatric Core Privilege:** Admit, evaluate, diagnose, provide consultation and treatment to patients ages 12 or younger with diseases/disorders of the arterial, venous, and lymphatic circulatory systems, excluding vessels of the heart and excluding therapeutic interventions of the intracranial arteries.

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**Special:** The physician requesting special privileges must meet the minimum criteria for the specialty core and demonstrate the appropriate post graduate training and/or demonstrate successful completion of an approved, recognized course when such exists, or other acceptable experience.

**Administration of moderate sedation:** See Credentialing Policy for Sedation and Analgesia by Non-Anesthesiologists.  
Requires: Separate DOP, ACLS, NRP or PALS certification



**Carotid Stents:** Requires: Separate DOP

## Vascular Surgery Clinical Privileges

Check below the particular privileges desired in Vascular Surgery for each facility:

Please check (✓) applicable age categories for each privilege requested.

Privilege Description	Methodist Healthcare – Memphis Hospitals (MHMH) Germantown, Le Bonheur Medical Center, North, South & University, Outpatient Clinics & Diagnostic Facilities			
	Neonates (0-28 days)	Infants (29 days– 2 Years)	Children & Adolescents (2-18 years)	Adults & Adolescents (13-& Above)
Vascular Surgery Core				
Vascular Surgery Pediatric Core				
<b>Special Privileges</b>				
Use of Laser				
Robotic Surgery				
<b>Limitations</b>	<b>Clinical privileges are granted only to the extent privileges are available at each facility.</b>			
Darkly shaded areas represent privileges not available to any practitioner due to the privilege not being offered by the facility.				

**Note: Privileges for administration of moderate sedation, and carotid stent placement require completion of a separate Delineation of Privilege form.**

### Acknowledgement of practitioner

I have requested only those privileges for which by education, training, current experience and demonstrated performance I am qualified to perform and for which I wish to exercise at the facilities indicated above, to the extent services are available at each facility, and I understand that:

(a) in exercising any clinical privileges granted, I am constrained by facility and medical staff policies and rules applicable generally and any applicable to the particular situation

(b) any restriction on the clinical privileges granted to me is waived in an emergency situation and in such situation my actions are governed by the applicable section of the medical staff bylaws or related documents

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Physician's Signature

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Date

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Printed Name