

SPECIALTY OF CERTIFIED PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT - HOSPITAL

Delineation of Clinical Privileges

- Criteria for granting privileges:** Current national board certification as a physician assistant from the (NCCPA)
- And**
Current, unencumbered license to practice as a Certified Physician Assistant in the state of his/her practice, as applicable to the requested core privileges
- And**
Current Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) number or registration in the state of his/her practice, as applicable.

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 Practitioners

- 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.

Specialty/Procedure Delineation of Privilege Form	Education/Training Documentation for Initial Granting	Initial Application (Proof of current clinical competence)	FPPE – Validation of competence after appointment and/or granting of a new or additional privilege (To be completed within one year)	Maintenance Requirements
Certified Physician Assistant Core	<p>Current national board certification as a physician assistant from the (NCCPA) And Current, unencumbered license to practice as a Certified Physician Assistant, in the state of his/her practice, as applicable to the requested core privileges And Current Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) number or registration in the state of his/her practice, as applicable</p>	Case log documenting 10 inpatient encounters during the previous 12 months at the practitioners primary practice facility	First 5 cases	<p>MLH Data will be obtained for practitioners 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>If no activity is found, applicant 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>
<i>Central venous access</i>	Documentation of training in procedure, supervising physician must validate	Case log documenting 5 procedures during the previous 12 months	First 5 procedures	Case log documenting 5 procedures during the previous 12 months
<i>Chest tube placement</i>	Documentation of training in procedure, supervising physician must validate	Case log documenting 5 procedures during the previous 12 months	First 5 procedures	Case log documenting 5 procedures during the previous 12 months
<i>Intubation</i>	Documentation of training in procedure, supervising physician must validate	Case log documenting 5 procedures during the previous 12 months	First 5 procedures	Case log documenting 5 procedures during the previous 12 months
<i>Lumbar punctures</i>	Documentation of training in procedure, supervising physician must validate	Case log documenting 5 procedures during the previous 12 months	First 5 procedures	Case log documenting 5 procedures during the previous 12 months
<i>Open Bridging & Endoscopic Vessel Harvest: Open technique, Bridging technique or Endoscopic technique</i>	Documentation of training in procedure, supervising physician must validate	Case log documenting 5 procedures during the previous 12 months	First 5 procedures	Case log documenting 5 procedures during the previous 12 months

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<i>Peripherally Inserted Central Catheters</i>	Documentation of training in procedure, supervising physician must validate	Case log documenting 5 procedures during the previous 12 months	First 5 procedures	Case log documenting 5 procedures during the previous 12 months
<i>Surgical Assist</i>	Documentation of training in procedure, supervising physician must validate	Case log documenting 5 procedures during the previous 12 months	First 5 procedures	Case log documenting 5 procedures during the previous 12 months

Scope of Service and Responsibility:

Scope of service is based upon education, clinical training, demonstrated skills and capacity to manage procedurally related complications. The PA-C will collaborate with the supervising physician in admitting, managing care, and discharging patients from the hospital and provide select medical/surgical services when within their training and skills when delegated by the physician that are a component of the supervising physician’s scope of practice.

The PA-C shall be in compliance with all applicable state and hospital rules including, but not limited to, supervision, protocols, patient reviews, and prescriptions.

Clinical Supervision Requirements:

The supervision of the PA-C will be compliant with all applicable state rules and regulations.

Core Physician Assistant Core Privilege:

Consistent with the intent of the state rules and regulations, privileges serve the purpose to maximize the collaborative practice of PA-C and supervising physicians in a manner consistent with quality health care delivery. Therefore, written agreements developed jointly by the supervising physician and the PA-C will guide the ongoing medical management of patients and the following privileges.

1. Perform and document initial and subsequent history and physicals. The supervising physician validates the final documented diagnosis after reviewing and confirming the history and physical findings within ten (10) days.
2. Conduct rounds, develop and implement patient management plans, record progress notes, and provide continuity of care. This is not in lieu of daily visits by the supervising physician or a physician who is responsible to cover for the supervising physician, if the physician is directly and primarily responsible for the patient’s care (Refer to Medical Staff Rules and Regulations, Conduct of Care.)
3. Assist the supervising physician in reviewing treatment plans and ordering tests and diagnostic laboratory/radiological services.
4. Order therapies, using procedures reviewed and approved by the supervising physician
5. Order medications, treatments, tests and IV fluids, including rehabilitation and respiratory therapy treatments/services (both inpatient and outpatient) consistent with the scope of practice of the PA-C and of the supervising physician.
6. The PA-C may write prescriptions, and any prescription written and signed by the PA-C under the supervision and control of a supervising physician shall be deemed to be that of the PA-C. Controlled substances may be prescribed consistent with state rules and regulations.
7. Collaborate with supervising physician and other health care providers to provide patient care.

8. May prepare a discharge summary, including final diagnosis and procedures, and incorporate the physical findings, laboratory reports, and the patient's course in the hospital. In addition the summary will indicate the instructions given the patient in reference to diet, medication, physical activity, and follow-up care. The discharging physician will certify the completed medical record.

Core Procedures:

- a. application, change and removal of dressing
- b. arterial and venous punctures
- c. incision and drainage of abscesses
- d. insertion and removal of urinary catheters
- e. removal of arterial lines
- f. removal of chest tubes
- g. removal or shortening of drains
- h. removal of sutures and staples
- i. wound care, cleanse and debride

Process Protocol:

The Certified Physicians Assistant in collaboration with the supervising physicians identifies the following evidence-based resources, texts, and reference documents that are applicable standards of care and provide the applicable process protocols for care management:

Consultation:

The Certified Physicians Assistant will be managing Primary, Secondary, and Tertiary care conditions for the above described patient population. In general, communication with a physician will be sought for all of the following situations and any others deemed appropriate:

- Whenever situations arise which go beyond the intent of the Protocols or the competence, scope of practice or experience of the Certified Physicians Assistant.
- Whenever patient conditions fail to respond to the management plan in an appropriate time.
- Any rare or unstable patient conditions.
- Any patient conditions which do not fit the commonly accepted diagnostic patterns for a disease or disorder.
- Any unexplained physical examination or historical finding.
- At the request of the patient, the Certified Physician's Assistant or the physician.
- All emergency situations after initial stabilizing care has been started.

Whenever a physician is consulted, a notation to that effect, including the physician's name, must be made in the medical record.

Special Procedures:

The applicant must provide documentation of current clinical competence in performing the procedure consistent with the criteria set forth in medical staff policies governing the exercise of specific privileges and the appended 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.

Previously credentialed PA-C presently performing the following procedures must attest to their experience and outcomes below. The supervising physician must validate this.

Central venous access (femoral, internal jugular, and subclavian)

Chest tube placement: The non-emergent placement of a chest tube with the direct supervision of a physician

Intubation: oral and nasal, and rapid sequence

Lumbar punctures

Vein Harvest: Open, Bridging, or Endoscopic techniques Documentation of completion of an approved course.

Peripherally Inserted Central Catheters: Independent placement of PICC requires the documentation of completion of an approved course.

Surgical Assist (Including but not limited to the following:

- Using instruments/medical devices
- Providing exposure
- Handling and/or cutting tissue
- Providing hemostasis
- Suture insertion & removal

Certified Physician Assistant Clinical Privileges

Check below the particular privileges desired as Certified Physician Assistant 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				Methodist Healthcare – Olive Branch Hospital (MHOBH)
	Neonates (0-28 days)	Infants (29 days– 2 Years)	Children & Adolescents (2-18 years)	Adults & Adolescents (13 & Above)	Adults & Adolescents (13 & Above)
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Peripherally Inserted Central Catheters					
Surgical Assist					
Specialty Focus: condition(s), disease(s) for the patient population (e.g. pediatric neurology, adult cardiology)					
Limitations	Clinical privileges are granted only to the extent privileges are available at each facility.				
Darkly shaded areas represent privileges not available to any practitioner due to the privilege not being offered by the facility.					

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

Practitioner's Signature

Date

Printed Name

Acknowledgement of sponsor

I agree to abide by the clinical supervision responsibilities listed and the Certified Physicians Assistant will abide by the privileges outlined above and the appropriate facility Medical Staff Rules and Regulations.

Signature (No Stamps)
Employing or Supervising Physician

Date: _____

Printed Name

ID # _____