

**General Information**

All applicants must meet the qualifications, conditions and responsibilities as set forth in MLH Credentials Policies. Policies are located on [www.methodistmd.org](http://www.methodistmd.org)

Applicants seeking appointment, reappointment, and/or clinical privileges have the burden of producing information deemed adequate by the Hospital for a proper evaluation of current clinical competence, character, ethics, and other qualifications and for resolving any doubts about an individual's qualifications.

Other requirements:

- Applicants will be requested to provide documentation of practice and current clinical competence as defined on the attached competency grid for initial granting and reappointment of privileges.
- This document is focused on defining qualifications related to competency to exercise clinical privileges. The applicant must also adhere to any additional organizational, regulatory, or accreditation requirements that the organization is obligated to meet.
- Privileges granted may be exercised only at the Hospitals that offer the service/specialty, have sufficient space, equipment, staffing, and other resources required to support the privilege.
- Requests for clinical privileges that are subject to an exclusive contract will not be processed except as consistent with the contract.

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**Evaluating Current Clinical Competence at time of Reappointment:**

MLH Data will be obtained and analyzed as available from EMR reporting systems or Health Information Management.

If minimal activity/low volume, then the applicant should supply case logs from other facilities' HIM department or practice billing systems to meet the minimum requirement(s) to be considered for the privilege. Source of the logs must be denoted.

The preferable format for external case logs is Excel or PDF from the sourced system. Handwritten case logs are generally not accepted.

Case logs should include a blinded or partial patient number for case distinction, date of service, type of service (inpatient or outpatient), location of service, diagnostic code and/or procedure codes, and performing provider where applicable.



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## Delineation of Clinical Privileges Specialty of Internal Medicine

Privilege	Initial Application Required Education or Training	Initial Application Current Clinical Competence	Reappointment Retrospective Review of Cases Performed at MLH Facility (FPPE)
<b>Internal Medicine Core</b>	Current board certification in Internal Medicine by the American Board of Internal Medicine or the American Osteopathic Board of Internal Medicine.  <b>OR</b> Successful completion of an ACGME or AOA accredited post-graduate training program in Internal Medicine <b>and</b> board certification within 5 years of completion.	Case logs and Procedure Lists from Primary Practice Facility for previous 12 month time period  Any complications/poor outcomes should be delineated and accompanied by an explanation	FPPE: 5 cases including Pneumonia, CHF, Sepsis Management, or first 5 episodes of care.
<i>Flexible Sigmoidoscopy</i>	If the residency did not include training in flexible sigmoidoscopy, the applicant must demonstrate successful completion of 20 hours of Category 1 continuing medical education.	Case log documenting the performance of at least 20 supervised procedures using the 60cm sigmoidoscope or at least 10 using the 35cm sigmoidoscope within the previous 24 months	FPPE: First 5 cases  Case log documenting the performance of at least 20 procedures within 24 months
<i>Central Venous Line Placement</i>		Case log documenting the performance of at least 5 procedures within the previous 12 months	FPPE: 5 cases using bundle  Case log documenting the performance of at least 10 procedures within 24 months
<i>Chest Tube Placement</i>		Case log documenting the performance of at least 5 procedures within the previous 12 months	FPPE: First 5 procedures  Case log documenting the performance of at least 10 procedures within 24 months
<i>Paracentesis</i>		Case log documenting the performance of at least 5 procedures within the previous 12 months	FPPE: First 5 procedures  Case log documenting the performance of at least 10 procedures within the previous 24 months
<i>Stress Testing</i>	Training during an Internal Medicine residency program elective <b>and</b> recommendation of training director  <b>OR</b> Documentation of informal training including didactic courses or through experience gained under the supervision of a qualified physician proctor	Current ACLS Certification <b>AND</b> Documentation of 50 procedures during an Internal Medicine residency program  <b>OR</b> Documentation of 150 procedures performed during previous 3 years if training was completed informally	FPPE: First 5 procedures  Case log documenting the performance of at least 25 procedures annually with acceptable outcomes and current ACLS certification



## Core Privileges

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The core privileges in the following specialties include procedures outlined in lists and such other procedures that are extensions of the same techniques and skills

### Internal Medicine Core Privilege Description:

Admit, evaluate, diagnose, treat and provide consultation to patients 13 and above admitted with both common and complex illnesses of cancer, infections and diseases affecting the heart, blood, kidneys, joints and the digestive, respiratory and vascular systems and treatment of common problems of the eyes, ears, skin, nervous system and reproductive organs.

Access, stabilize and determine disposition of patients with emergency conditions consistent with the Medical Staff policy regarding emergency or consultative services.

### Inherent in core privileges are the following areas/procedures:

- Arthrocentesis
- Lumbar puncture
- Thoracentesis
- EKG interpretation

## Special Privileges:

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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



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## Internal Medicine Clinical Privileges

*Check below the particular privileges desired in Internal Medicine 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)
	Adults & Adolescents (13-& Above)	Adults & Adolescents (13-& Above)
Internal Medicine Core		
Special Privileges		
Flexible Sigmoidoscopy		
Central venous catheter placement		
Chest Tube Placement		
Paracentesis		
Stress Testing		
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

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Physician's Signature

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Date

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Printed Name