

**WRITTEN AGREEMENT**

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Primary Physician Assistant  
Supervisor

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Physician Assistant

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Substitute Physician Assistant  
Supervisor

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Substitute Physician Assistant  
Supervisor

**QUESTION 1**

JOB SUMMARY: The Physician Assistant shall assist in patient care and the professional activities of the physician.

RESPONSIBILITY: The Physician Assistant shall have the knowledge and competency to perform the following functions:

CLINICALLY

1. Screen patients to determine need for physician attention.
2. Review patient records to determine health status.
3. Take a patient history.
4. Perform a physical examination.
5. Record pertinent patient data.
6. Make decisions regarding data gathering and appropriate management and treatment for the initial evaluation of a problem or the follow-up of a previously diagnosed condition.
7. Prepare patient summaries.
8. Initiate request for commonly performed laboratory and radiographic studies.
9. Identify normal and abnormal findings on history, physical examination and commonly performed laboratory and radiographic studies.

10. Initiate appropriate evaluation and emergency management for emergency situations, for example: cardiac arrest.
11. Perform approved invasive and non-invasive procedures as requested and designated by the supervising physician, such as:
  - A. Venipuncture
  - B. Intradermal testing and injections for immunizations
  - C. Care and suturing of lacerations
  - D. Casting and splinting
  - E. Pulmonary function screening tests
  - F. Control of hemorrhage
  - G. Application of dressing and bandages
  - H. Removal of superficial foreign bodies
  - I. Removal of dermatologic abnormalities under the guidelines of supervisor and specimens referred for pathology
  - J. Cardio-Pulmonary resuscitation, adult and infant
  - K. Visual screening
  - L. Carrying out aseptic and isolation techniques
  - M. Intra-articular injections and aspirations
  - N. Place anterior and posterior nasal packs
12. Provide counseling and instruction regarding common patient problems.
13. The PA may execute and relay those medical regimens as dictated by the supervising physician and/or described in this written agreement within the supervising physician's scope of practice.

#### CLINICALLY ASSOCIATED DUTIES

1. Establish effective working relationships with referring physicians, administrators, nursing personnel and ancillary staff.
2. Participation in professional organizational activities.

#### GENERAL

1. Provide services as described in this agreement and/or as directed by the supervising physicians, based upon educational backgrounds, professional experience, and limitations of State statute.

2. Participate in a minimum of 100 hours of continuing medical education activities every 2 years and maintain national certification.
3. Participate in hospital quality assurance as well as limited health professional departmental activities.

**QUESTION 2/3**

Primary supervision will be performed in the hospital/office/clinic setting by Dr. \_\_\_\_\_, personal contact on nearly a daily basis. For periods of time when the supervising physician is absent, then alternate supervision will be performed by the substitute physician assistant supervisor(s) who will meet all requirements of chart review, and have personal contact with the physician assistant on nearly a daily basis. When personal contact is not possible, the supervising physician or substitute supervising physician(s) will be available to the physician assistant by telecommunications at all times. All supervision is in accordance with the State Board of Medicine Medical Practice Act for physician assistants.

**QUESTION 4**

- St. Luke's University Health Network, 801 Ostrum Street, Bethlehem, PA 18015
- St. Luke's Hospital Quakertown, 1021 Park Avenue, Quakertown, PA 18951
- St. Luke's Hospital Allentown, 1736 Hamilton Street, Allentown, PA 18104
- St. Luke's Hospital Health Center, 153 Brodhead Road, Bethlehem, PA 18017
- St. Luke's Hospital Riverside Anderson Campus, 1872 Riverside Circle, Easton, PA 18045

**AFFIRMATION**

This written agreement has been read and understood by those signed below. Utilization of physician assistants is based on this document, the Medical Practice Act, institutional privileges, and the clinical judgments of the physician assistant and the supervising physician based on the welfare of the patient.

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Primary Physician Assistant  
Supervisor's Signature

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Physician Assistant's  
Signature

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Substitute Physician Assistant  
Supervisor  
Signature