

**WRITTEN AGREEMENT**

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Primary Physician Assistant  
Supervisor

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Physician Assistant

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Substitute Physician Assistant  
Supervisor

QUESTION 1

JOB SUMMARY

The Physician Assistant serves as a comprehensive direct health care provider by functioning as an extension of physician services within the scope of their license by performing acts of medical diagnosis or prescription of medical therapeutic or corrective measures in collaboration with and under the supervision of a physician licensed to practice medicine. As with any other health care professional, the physician extender is charged with being a patient advocate in the health care system.

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

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

1. Provides patient care management of hospitalized patients
2. Conducts assessment, physical examinations to identify variations from norms.
3. Provides diagnostic and therapeutic measure.
4. Orders and interprets diagnostic studies.
5. Sets treatment goals and plans.
6. Evaluates quality of care and responses to therapy.
7. Attends high-risk deliveries and provides immediate resuscitation care of the newborn.
8. Conducts patient-condition rounds on recent ICU transfers and routinely on medical-surgical units.

9. Responds to, participates in and oversees / directs the Rapid Response Code activities within the facility.
10. Participates in in-house calls for non-teaching service patients.
11. Assist the supervising physician with after-hour admissions to the non-teaching medical service and surgical service admissions to ICU.
12. Collaborates and consults with other professionals; refers when necessary.
13. Participates in community and professional efforts concerned with improving quality of health care in specialty area.
14. Participates in clinical research activities.
15. Provides direct care as required in critical patient situations.
16. Takes active role in ongoing QI/PI activities.
17. Provides clinical educational programs for nursing staff.
18. Functions as a professional role model and resource person providing guidance to co-workers.
19. Maintains responsibility for own professional development through active participation in continuing education to maintain NCCPA certification.
20. Complies with hospital and departmental policies regarding safety, attendance, and dress code.
21. Demonstrates competency in the assessment, range of treatment, knowledge of growth and development, and communication appropriate to the age of the patient treated.
22. Demonstrates / models the hospital's core values and customer service behaviors in interactions with all customers (internal and external).
23. Maintains confidentiality of all materials handled within the hospital as well as the proper release of information.

#### GENERAL

Day, evening or night with varying hours based on the needs of the department.

1. 7 day a week, 24 hour a day coverage commitment properly shared among the physician assistant staff.

2. Provide services described in this agreement and/or as directed by the supervising physicians, based upon educational backgrounds, professional experience, and limitations of State statute.
3. Participate in a minimum of 100 hours of continuing medical education activities every 2 years and maintain national certification.
4. Participate in hospital quality assurance as well as limited health professional departmental activities.

#### PROCEDURES

1. In addition to the functions listed above, the following is a list of clinical procedures that may be performed. This list is based upon educational background, work experience and hospital privileging and scope of supervising physician's practice.

As follows:

Insert and remove nasogastric tube/nasoenteric feeding tube with stylet  
Insertion/manipulation/replacement gastrostomy tube  
Venipuncture/arterial blood gas  
Insertion intravenous line  
Insertion/removal/manipulation/change central venous catheters  
Insert/reposition/removal swan ganz catheters  
Insertion/removal arterial lines  
Insertion/removal chest tubes and other drainage catheters  
Insertion/removal Foley catheters  
Endotracheal intubation  
Insertion/change of tracheostomy tubes  
Perform naso/oro/tracheal suction  
Perform thoracentesis  
Insertion/removal temporary pacing wires  
Open chest resuscitation  
Cannulate and decannulate

IABP insertion/removal  
Local anesthesia/IV sedation  
Apply or remove plaster or fiberglass cast  
Debridement and care of open wounds  
Remove dermatologic abnormalities under guidelines of supervisor and referred for pathology  
Placement of anterior/posterior nasal pack  
Intra-articular injection and aspiration  
Neonatal resuscitation/intubation  
Needle decompression of pneumothorax in neonates  
Cardiopulmonary resuscitation/BLS/ACLS  
May administer controlled substances and whole blood and blood components that are specifically named and ordered for a specific patient

### **QUESTION 2/3**

Primary supervision will be performed in the hospital setting by Dr. , personal contact on a nearly daily basis. For periods of time when the supervising physician is absent, then alternate supervision will be performed by the substitute physician assistant supervisors 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 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 Hospital, 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

**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