

GASTROENTEROLOGY SCOPE OF PRACTICE GUIDELINES

The PA may care for new or established patients in the practice, may perform consults in the hospital setting, may evaluate and treat patients in long-term care facilities as prescribed by state law with the initial patient evaluation being done by a physician.

This SOP is developed for the gastroenterology/hepatology disease practice.

Diagnoses managed by this practice include, but are not limited to:

- Diseases of the GI tract including Barretts Esophagitis, esophageal CA
- Achalasia, esophageal varices, GERD and dysmotility, gastritis, ulcer disease
- Gastric outlet obstruction
- Mallory-Weiss tear
- Carcinoid, GI lymphoma
- Gatroparesis
- Celiac sprue
- Whipples disease
- Small bowel obstructions and Small bowel cancer
- IBS, colitis, Crohn's, diverticulitis
- Colorectal CA, hemorrhoids, rectal abscess

Diseases of the liver, biliary tract and pancreas to include, but not limited to:

- Hepatitis
- Hemochromatosis
- Cirrhosis, ascites
- Peritonitis
- Hepatic encephalopathy
- Hepatocellular CA
- Cholelithiasis, cholecystitis, biliary cirrhosis, choledocholithiasis, cholangitis, cholangio CA
- Pancreatitis, pseudocyst, sphincter of Oddi dysfunction

General symptoms to be evaluated by the PA include, but are not limited to:

- Abdominal pain
- N/V
- Dysphagia
- Constipation and diarrhea
- GI bleed
- Elevated liver enzymes
- Weight loss

Subspecialty Tasks: I & D hemorrhoids, Access port-a-cath, Peritoneal tap for ascites