

### **Family Practice and Internal Medicine Scope of Practice Guidelines**

The following is a list of common conditions a Physician Assistant in Family Practice and Internal Medicine may handle. Care of the patients shall include, but not be limited to the diagnosis of:

**Skin and Appendages:** Cauterize, excise and biopsy lesions. Obtain second opinion for suspicious lesions. Common Dermatoses, Baldness, Nail Disorders.

**Eye:** Symptoms of Ocular Disease, Ocular Examination, Disorders of the Lids and Lacrimal Apparatus, Conjunctivitis, Ocular Trauma, Foreign Body Removal.

**Ear, Nose and Throat:** Diseases of the Ear, Nose and Paranasal Sinuses, Oral Cavity and Pharynx and Diseases Presenting as Neck Masses.

**Lung:** Any patient presenting in respiratory distress or suspected pulmonary emboli is to be evaluated by a Physician. Pulmonary Function Tests, Disorders of the Airways, Pulmonary Infections, Pulmonary Nodules, Masses, and Tumors, Pleural diseases.

**Heart:** Chest pain suspicious of cardiac disease is to be evaluated by a Physician, EKG's must be over-read by a Physician. Valvular Heart Disease, Coronary Heart Disease, Disturbances of Rate and Rhythm, Conduction Disturbances, Cardiac Failure.

**Systemic Hypertension:** Management of Hypertension

**Blood:** Patients requiring transfusions are to be evaluated by a Physician. Anemias, Neutropenia, Leukemias and Other Myeloproliferative Disorders, Lymphomas, Hypercoagulable States

**Alimentary Tract:** Symptoms and Signs of Gastrointestinal Disease, Diseases of the Esophagus, Stomach and Duodenum, Small Intestine, Colon and Rectum, Anorectal Diseases.

**Liver, Biliary Tract and Pancreas:** Diseases of the Liver, Biliary Tract and Pancreas.

**Breast:** Benign Breast Disorders, Carcinoma of the Female Breast

**Gynecology:** Postmenopausal Vaginal Bleeding, Premenstrual Syndrome (Premenstrual Tension), Dysmenorrhea, Vaginitis, Cyst and Abscess of Bartholin's Duct, Endometriosis, Pelvic Inflammatory Disease, Contraception, Menopausal Syndrome.

**Allergic and Immunologic Disorders:** Allergic Diseases, Immunologic disorders

**Arthritis and Musculoskeletal Disorders:** Degenerative and Crystal-Induced Arthritis, Muscle strains and spasms, Pain Syndromes, Soft tissue injuries, Other Rheumatic Disorders, Sports-related injuries.

**Fluid and Electrolyte Disorders:** Diagnosis of Fluid and Electrolyte Disorders, Treatment of Specific Fluid, Electrolyte and Acid-Base Disorders, Fluid Management.

**Urology:** Urological Evaluation, Evaluation of Hematuria, Genitourinary Tract Infections, Urinary Stone Disease, Urinary Incontinence, Male Erectile Dysfunction and Sexual Dysfunction, Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia, Malignant Genitourinary Tract Disorders, Chronic Renal Disease

**Nervous System:** Headache, Epilepsy, Weakness and Paralysis, Transient Ischemic Attacks- Obtain consultation with Physician, Stroke- Obtain consultation with Physician, Movement Disorders, Dementia, Multiple, Sclerosis, Stupor and Coma, Head Injury- Obtain consultation with Physician if intracranial pathology suspected, Spinal Trauma- Obtain consultation with Physician, Peripheral Neuropathies.

**Psychiatric Disorders:** Psychiatric Assessment, Common Psychiatric Disorders, Substance Use Disorders

## **Endocrinology**

Common Presentations in Endocrinology

Diseases of the Thyroid Gland

Metabolic Bone Disease

**Diabetes mellitus and Hypoglycemia:** Diabetes Mellitus, The Hypoglycemic States

Lipid Abnormalities: Lipids and Lipoproteins, Lipoproteins and Atherogenesis, Lipid, Fractions and the Risk of Coronary Heart Disease, Therapeutic Effects of Lowering Cholesterol

**General Problems in Infectious Diseases:** Fever of Unknown Origin (FUO), Animal and Human Bite Wounds, Sexually Transmitted Diseases, Acute Infectious Diarrhea, Viral Diseases, Viruses and Gastroenteritis, Spotted Fevers, Other Rickettsial And Rickettsial-Like Diseases, Infections caused by Bacteria, Infections Caused by Mycobacteria, Infections Caused by Chlamydiae,

Syphilis, Lyme Disease, Helminthic Infections, Candidiasis, Histoplasmosis, Coccidioidomycosis, Pneumocystosis, Antifungal Therapy

**Disorders Due to Physical Agents**

Disorders Due to Cold and Heat, Burns, Electric Shock, Drowning, Other Disorders Due to Physical Agents, Poisoning.

**General Approach to the Patient; Health Maintenance and Disease Prevention:** Health Maintenance and Disease Prevention, Substance Abuse, Common Symptoms, Pain, Fever and Hypothermia, Weight Loss, Fatigue.

**Geriatric Medicine:** General Principles of Geriatric Medicine, Evaluation of the Elderly, Regular Nursing Home Rounds.

**Cancer:** Upon diagnosis- all cancer patients are to be discussed with Physician and appropriate referral made, Incidence and Etiology, Prevention of Cancer.

**Preoperative Evaluation**