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**TASKS ALL SOUTH CAROLINA-LICENSED PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS ARE QUALIFIED TO PERFORM WITH  
AN APPROVED SCOPE OF PRACTICE AND SUPERVISING PHYSICIAN**

*\*The S.C. Board of Medical Examiners has removed lumbar puncture, arthrocentesis, central line placement and endotracheal intubation from the list of tasks that all S.C.-licensed Physician Assistants may perform. In order to perform these tasks, they now must appear in your individual scope of practice approved by the board.*

1. Local anesthesia
2. Pap smears
3. Apply splint or cast for stable fractures
4. Start IVs
5. Flush port-a-cath
6. Replace Gastric Tube
7. Place Nasogastric Tube
8. ACLS/CPR/PALS [if certified]
9. Removal of foreign bodies
10. Treatment and removal of ingrown toenails
11. Coordinate clinical studies
12. Suture lacerations
13. Irrigation and Drainage of wounds and abscesses
14. Wound debridement and management including removal of drains
15. Assist in surgery
16. Cauterize benign lesions

17. Skin biopsy
18. Excise simple lesions
19. Venipuncture
20. Trepanation of subungual hematoma
21. Catheterization—urethral
22. Manage chest tubes
23. Perform History and Physical Assessment
24. Administration of COVID vaccines

The approved scope of practice should be reviewed annually by the supervising physician and the physician assistant. The supervising physician and his or her physician assistant may request approval of additional tasks with documentation of competency.

Documentation should consist of:

- Number of times procedure performed
- Documentation from prior employer as to competency level
- Documentation of prior training