

**COMMUNITY NURSE HEALTH CENTER
CLINICAL GUIDELINES**

NAME: Scope of Practice Guidelines for Primary Care Physicians (MD and DO)

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CEO**

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These Guidelines are adopted pursuant to the CNHC CLINICAL GUIDELINES, PROTOCOLS AND STANDING ORDERS POLICY.

Summary:

Primary care physicians at CNHC practice in an integrated health care setting, utilizing resources within the practice and external continuum of care resources to address patient care issues. Integrated health services at CNHC include dentistry, behavioral health, substance abuse counseling and nutrition counseling. Practice includes identification and treatment of illness or problems that are complex and potentially life threatening , requiring skills acquired in successful completion of residency in the field of family practice or internal medicine or pediatrics .The provider will recognize his/her own capabilities and utilize the skills and special knowledge of consultants and other community resources as appropriate.

Principles of Practice:

1. Physicians provide continuing and comprehensive medical care ,health maintenance and preventive services to each member of the family regardless of sex, age, or type of problem, be it biological, behavioral, or social.
2. Physicians are involved in counseling, patient education, diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic illnesses in an outpatient setting.
3. Physician serve as each patient's advocate in all health-related matters, including the appropriate use of consultants, health services, and community resources, depending on patient's benefits, insurance or other payor status or plan participation .
4. Physicians are required to collaborate with other health professionals within and outside the organization as needed.
5. Physicians are required to work with clinical staff to secure medications for patients at the lowest possible cost, including, but no limited to, facilitating access to free medications through pharmacy assistance programs
6. Physicians are required to provide appropriate documentation of the patient encounters as well as provide accurate coding for billing.

Scope of Practice - Physician scope of practice includes:

Evaluation:

- Screen and assess patients
- Take medical histories
- Prepare patient summaries
- Perform both noninvasive and invasive (e.g. Pap smears) physical exams

- Collect specimens through both invasive means (e.g., biopsy) and noninvasive means (e.g., throat culture)
- Order laboratory studies
- Diagnose disease, injuries, or other ailments

Monitoring

- Advise, counsel, and instruct patients on health care treatment and prevention
- Review and record information in patient records
- Devise and implement patient-management plans
- Monitor and determine the effectiveness of chosen health care interventions
- Guide patients for admission to hospitals as per medical condition.

Therapy

- Develop and initiate medical treatment regimens or protocol
- Initiate or change orders on patients' charts in the clinic.
- Initiate and administer or order the administration of other patient therapies (e.g., physical therapy or visits with a nutritionist)
- Prescribe and administer or order the administration of patient medications (includes controlled and non controlled substances)
- Perform surgical and other invasive procedures as well as noninvasive procedures as per individual provider privileges

Procedures:

- The following procedures are within the scope of practice at CNHC. Providers must be privileged to perform any or all of these procedures. Procedures not on this scope of practice shall not be performed at CNHC: Bladder Catheterization
- Care of Uncomplicated Fractures
- Cerumen removal
- Cryotherapy
- EKG Interpretation
- Foreign body removal
- IUD Removal
- Joint Aspiration
- PAP smear
- Punch Biopsy
- Venipuncture
- Wart removal
- Wound I & D
- Wound Suture/Management
- Removal of Skin Lumps & Bumps
- Incisional Biopsy
- Excisional Biopsy
- Application of Fluoride Varnish
- Nebulization

Other

- Refer patients to other health care providers and agencies as appropriate.
- Use of medical devices and equipment for the purpose of patient diagnosis, care, or monitoring as per individual provider privileges, including, but no lmtited to:
 - . Glucometer
 - Hemoglobin
 - KOH
 - Pulse Oximetry
 - Strep Screen
 - Urine Analysis
 - Urine Pregnancy
 - Wet Mount

Privileges

CNHA will grant privileges to the physician for outpatient practice based on the availability of resources at the clinic as well as on the individual physician's documented training and/or experience, demonstrated abilities, current competence and privileges from a hospital and not solely on the physician's specialty. Physicians are expected to comply with their individual privileges which will be renewed every two years.

Resources: American Academy of Family Physicians
Michigan State University

This guideline, once signed, supersedes all prior policies related to the above.

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