

# **DIVISION SCOPE OF SERVICE**

## **Division: FAR WEST**

# DHP Classification: CARDIOVASCULAR TECH – NON INVASIVE

## Name of Dependent Healthcare Professional (DHP):

## Cardiovascular Technologist Cardiac Tech / CV Tech) Non-Invasive:

The Cardiovascular Technologist- Non-Invasive must have equivalent qualifications and competence as employed individuals performing the same or similar services at the facility.

#### **Definition of Care or Service:**

The Cardiovascular Technologist- Non-Invasive assists physicians in the diagnosis and treatment of cardiac and peripheral vascular disease via non-invasive techniques. Scope of Service may include:

- Assists with non-invasive studies such as EKG, stress testing, holter monitor, and Doppler study
  - **NOTE:** Technologist involved in the performance of echocardiogram or vascular ultrasound must comply with Medical Sonographer Scope of Service.
- Explains the procedure to the patient
- Obtains and records a patient medical history relevant to the condition being studied
  Reviews the patient medical record
- Positions the patient for the exam
- Utilizes non-invasive cardiac equipment to perform diagnostic examination
  - o Selects and stores data
  - o Performs preliminary analysis of noninvasive cardiology data
  - o Adjusts, maintains and cleans non-invasive cardiac equipment
- Maintains and secures patient data and records
- Documents the procedure in the medical record

Demonstrates Clinical and Service excellence behaviors to include code of HCA conduct core fundamentals in daily interactions with patients, families, co-workers and physicians

#### Setting(s):

- Healthcare facilities including but not limited to hospitals, outpatient treatment facilities, imaging centers, and physician practices
- Non-invasive procedures may occur in the patient's room
- Mobile imaging centers

## Supervision:

- Direct supervision by department director, site manager or designee
  - Indirect supervision by physician or other licensed independent practitioner that defines the final patients' study results
- Supervision is defined by any limitations in practice that may be addressed by state law

**Evaluator:** Department director or designee in conjunction with supervising physician or licensed independent practitioner

## Qualifications:

- Completion of an appropriate cardiovascular technician training program including:
  - Allied Health Professional Training with one year of specialty training (minimum)
    - Associates Degree or higher in Cardiovascular Technology or equivalent field of study
- Credentialed by the Cardiovascular Credentialing International (CCI) or the American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers (ARDMS)

# State Requirements:

• N/A

## Experience:

1 year experience as a Cardiovascular Technologist



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#### **Competencies:**

The Cardiovascular Technologist- Non-Invasive will demonstrate:

- Safe and effective operation of non-invasive cardiac equipment
  - Consistently obtains quality diagnostic outputs
  - o Maintains equipment in good working order
  - Demonstrates effective infection control practices related to equipment operation
  - Accurate patient information review and evaluation
    - o Uses at least two ways to identify patients before treating or performing a procedure
    - Verifies that the requested procedure correlates with the patient's clinical history, presentation and physician order
    - Participates in the preprocedure process to verify the correct procedure, for the correct patient, at the correct site and involves the patient in the verification process when possible
    - o Accesses the patient medical record appropriately
    - Documents in the medical record according to the facility standard / policy
  - Appropriate diagnostic examination results
    - o Performs the non-invasive study to comply with applicable protocols and guidelines
    - Utilizes non-invasive study technique as indicated by the examination, according to established facility policy and procedures under state law
    - Notifies the appropriate health provider when immediate treatment is necessary, based on procedural findings and patient conditions
      - Recognizes the need for an urgent report and takes appropriate action
    - Provides a written or oral summary of preliminary findings to the physician
  - Infection Prevention
    - o Practices consistent hand hygiene
    - Uses personal protective equipment (PPE)
    - o Maintains current immunization for influenza
    - Complies with Isolation precautions

#### **References:**

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HCPro. (2003, May). Clinical Privilege White Paper: Cardiovascular technologist. Retrieved from www.credentialingresourcecenter.com on October 26, 2011.

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