



DIVISION SCOPE OF SERVICE

Division: FAR WEST
DHP Classification: ORTHOPEDIC TECHNICIAN
Name of Dependent Healthcare Professional (DHP):
Orthopedic Technician (Ortho Tech): The Orthopedic Technician must have equivalent qualifications and competence as employed individuals performing the same or similar services at the facility.
Definition of Care or Service: The Orthopedic Technician assists the Orthopedist with orthopedic treatments. Scope of Service include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepares, sets up and maintains specific types of traction requested by the orthopedist <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Assists with orthopedic appliance application, maintenance and removal ◦ Fits and adjusts ambulation aids including canes, crutches and walkers ◦ Applies dressing to orthopedic surgery site ◦ Removes initial post operative dressing from orthopedic surgery site ◦ Applies, maintains and removes plaster and synthetic casts ◦ Provides instruction to patients regarding orthopedic dressings and devices • 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): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthcare facilities including but not limited to hospitals, outpatient treatment facilities, clinics and physician practices • Treatments may be performed in the Emergency Department and at patient bedside
Supervision: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indirect supervision by Orthopedist <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Collaborates with the Primary Care RN during treatments
Evaluators: Supervising orthopedist; department director or designee
Qualifications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High school diploma or equivalent OR • Graduate of an Orthopedic Technology Training program • At least one year full-time work experience in a hospital, clinic or office setting, working directly in the treatment of the orthopedic patient(s).
State Requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A
Experience: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One year experience as an Orthopedic Technology
Competencies: The Orthopedic Technician will demonstrate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accurate patient information review and evaluation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ 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 pre-procedure process to verify the correct procedure, for the correct patient, at the correct site and involves the patient in the verification process when possible ◦ Accesses the patient medical record appropriately



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- Documents in the medical record according to the facility standard / policy
- Safe and effective use of orthopedic equipment and products for treatment
 - Applies equipment/products according to orthopedist treatment orders
 - Follows the manufacturer's recommendations for equipment and product utilization
 - Initiates orthopedic equipment/product safely and efficiently
 - Monitor's patient tolerance of treatment including equipment/product
 - Reports treatment and patient tolerance to Primary RN
- Care of surgical site
 - Uses appropriate technique when applying dressing to surgical site
 - Demonstrates practices associated with infection prevention
- Delivers patient education for orthopedic treatments and equipment
 - Communicates effectively with patient and support system
 - Provides education to the patient for self-care and maintenance of orthopedic equipment
 - Reports outcome of patient education to Primary RN and / or Orthopedist
- Infection Prevention
 - Practices consistent hand hygiene
 - Uses personal protective equipment (PPE)
 - Maintains current immunization for influenza
 - Complies with Isolation precautions

References:

National Association of Orthopedic Technologists (NAOT). (2011). Standards of Practice.
Retrieved from <http://www.naot.org>.

DHP Printed Name: _____ **DHP Signature:** _____

Company/Vendor: _____ **Date:** _____