



# DIVISION SCOPE OF SERVICE

<b>Division: GULF COAST</b>
<b>DHP Classification: ORTHOPEDIC PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT</b>
<b>Name of Dependent Healthcare Professional (DHP):</b>

<p><b>Orthopedic Physician Assistant (OPA):</b> The OPA must have equivalent qualifications and competence as employed individuals performing the same or similar services at the facility.</p>
<p><b>Definition of Care or Service:</b> The OPA assists under the direct personal supervision of the surgeon and takes direction from the surgeon in performing job responsibilities during the intraoperative phase and perioperative procedure. Scope of Service may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Performs the following duties as outlined in major Orthopedic Procedures:       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Assist surgical team in OR suite preparation and general patient environment specific to surgical procedure:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Gather supplies, equipment and case carts specific to surgical case;</li> <li>– performs decontamination, preparation and assembly of instrument trays and supplies, wrapping and packaging of trays, and sterilization of trays and supplies;</li> </ul> </li> <li>2 Assist surgical team in patient pre-procedure preparation:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Transport patient to OR suite;</li> <li>– assist in patient prep and positioning;</li> <li>– skin prep;</li> <li>– placement/connecting equipment;</li> </ul> </li> <li>3 Actively participates in surgical "Timeout" process.</li> <li>4 During procedure:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Apply correct protocols in handling equipment, instruments, and supplies;</li> <li>– Pass surgical instrumentation from the Mayo (First Scrub)</li> <li>– Retract</li> <li>– Cut/Suture</li> <li>– Handle the suction and/or sponge in surgical field</li> <li>– Assist surgeon in utilizing specialized equipment</li> <li>– Remove suture under direction of surgeon</li> <li>– Apply electro-cautery to instrument held by surgeon</li> <li>– Remove and/or apply dressing and/or packing</li> <li>– Apply cast</li> <li>– Break down surgical field; deliver instruments to instrument room for processing.</li> <li>– Insert drain into wound</li> <li>– Pack surgical wound.</li> <li>– Coagulate bleeders with electrocautery pencil</li> <li>– Clamp bleeders with instruments</li> <li>– Tie off bleeders with suture/surgical clip</li> <li>– Act as first assistant when MD/DO first assistant is not required by Medical Staff Rules and Regulations</li> <li>– Check and troubleshoot equipment malfunction/issues with minimal supervision;</li> <li>– operate all routine and special equipment utilized in the department;</li> <li>– anticipate surgeon's needs during the procedure;</li> <li>– Demonstrates the appropriate techniques to assist with wound closure by sutures and/or staples;</li> </ul> </li> </ol> </li> </ul>



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5 After procedure:

- Perform scrub role implementing accountability of the completeness of used instrument trays, sponge and needle counts, observing/resolving break in aseptic technique.

- Other Duties:

- Assist in the decontamination of room as assigned.
- Stock OR suites as assigned.
- Return equipment to storage after use.
- Set up room after completion of the last procedure.
- Update procedure cards.
- Perform inventory control according to required par level.
- Participate in orientation and training of employees and training of students.
- - Serve as a resource to staff in surgical technology.

**Setting(s):**

- Healthcare facilities including but not limited to hospitals, outpatient treatment facilities, imaging centers, and physician practices

**Supervision:**

- Direct supervision by operating Surgeon.
- Supervision is defined by any limitations in practice that may be addressed by state law
- **Evaluator:** Department Medical Director or designated surgeon.

**Qualifications:**

- Successfully completion of orthopedic physician assistant training program from an approved orthopedic assistant's program accredited by the American Medical Association Council on Medical Education; successful fulfillment of the certification requirements of the National Board for Certification of Orthopedic Physician Assistants;
- Current Certification of Orthopedic Physician Assistants
- Current Basic Life Support certification.

**Experience:**

- Minimum 1-2 years related experience and/or training

**Competencies:**

The OPA will demonstrate:

- Knowledge of suturing patient wounds, removing staples, managing wounds, incisions, fractures and splint and casting.
- Order and perform tests for patients such as x rays, electrocardiograms, MRIs and EMG;s
- Administering anesthetics
- Assisting physicians during surgeries and procedures
- Order, prescribe and administer medication,
- Give instructions to patients to assist in recovery
- Create treatments for patients in the hospital
- Infection Prevention
  - Practices consistent hand hygiene
  - Uses personal protective equipment (PPE)
  - Maintains current immunization for influenza
  - Complies with Isolation precautions



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**References:**

<http://physicianassistantrequirements.org/> 2012 Physician Assistant Requirement

DHP Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DHP Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Company/Vendor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_