



Sample Core and Specialty Privileges for PAs

CORE PRIVILEGES

- Obtain and perform histories and physical examinations
- Conduct daily rounds
- Order and perform referrals and consultations
- Order admissions, discharges, and transfers
- Formulate a diagnosis
- Develop and implement a treatment plan
- Prescribe and administer any medications not otherwise listed:
 - Schedule 1
 - Other: _____
- Order, perform, and interpret laboratory and diagnostic tests
- Order and administer blood and blood products, fluids, enteral and parenteral nutrition, oxygen, and other supportive therapies
- Order therapy (e.g. physical therapy/occupational therapy)
- Order restraint (chemical and physical) and seclusion; perform required face-to-face evaluation
- Order and administer local anesthetic
- Order moderate conscious sedation
- Evaluate and manage emergency situations (e.g. cardiac arrest, respiratory distress, trauma, hemorrhage, burns); including performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation and defibrillation
- Perform incision and drainage
- Fracture care with immobilization, splinting, and casting
- Perform venous puncture
- Perform wound closure; including suturing, stapling, and adhesives
- Perform a shave, punch, and excisional biopsy
- Perform a digital rectal examination
- Perform a pelvic examination and Pap smear
- Provide counselling, education, and instructions to patients and caregivers
- Pronounce death and the cause of death, and sign any form related to pronouncing death
- Record pertinent patient data
- Complete and sign forms
- Obtain informed consent
- Assist with surgery
- Privileges apply to all patients in all locations of the hospital/facility not otherwise listed:
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- Privileges apply to all patient care modalities (e.g. in person and telehealth evaluation and management) unless otherwise listed:
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ALLERGY & IMMUNOLOGY PRIVILEGES

- Allergen immunotherapy via all therapeutic routes
- Allergy testing; including blood (RAST), prick, and intradermal testing
- Bronchial provocation testing for hyper-reactive airways
- Delayed hypersensitivity skin testing
- Drug desensitization and challenge (e.g. venoms, biologicals, and medications)
- Exercise challenge testing
- Immediate hypersensitivity skin testing
- Methacholine challenge testing
- Oral/food challenge testing
- Patch testing
- Physical urticaria testing
- Rapid desensitization for hypersensitivity (e.g. allergens, venoms, biologicals, and medication)
- Rhinolaryngoscopy

ANESTHESIA PRIVILEGES

- Administer moderate conscious sedation
- Administer general anesthesia and adjuvant drugs
- Administer regional anesthesia
- Endotracheal intubation and extubation
- Insert and remove arterial lines
- Insert and remove central lines, with or without ultrasound guidance
- Insert and remove pulmonary artery catheters
- Insert, reposition, and remove indwelling epidural catheters
- Insert and manage invasive monitoring modalities
- Manage mechanical ventilation
- Monitor sedation and general anesthesia
- Titrate epidural infusions

CARDIOLOGY PRIVILEGES

- Cardioversion; chemical and electrical
- Chest tube insertion

CARDIOLOGY PRIVILEGES, (Continued)

- Insert and remove arterial lines
- Insert and remove central lines, with or without ultrasound guidance
- Insert implantable cardiac electronic devices (e.g. pacemakers and defibrillators)
- Insert, remove, and manage intra-aortic balloon pumps
- Insert, remove, and manage transvenous pacing wires
- Interrogate and program implantable cardiac electronic devices (e.g. pacemakers and defibrillators)
- Interpret electrocardiograms
- Interpret ambulatory rhythm monitors
- Manage ventricular assist devices
- Manage extracorporeal membrane oxygenation
- Manage mechanical ventilation
- Manage and remove percutaneous ventricular assist devices
- Perform and interpret cardiac stress testing; exercise and pharmacologic
- Pericardiocentesis
- Point of care ultrasound and doppler
- Remove arterial and venous sheaths
- Remove and manage epicardial pacing wires
- Tilt table testing

CARDIOTHORACIC SURGERY PRIVILEGES

- Administer moderate conscious sedation
- Chest tube insertion
- Endotracheal intubation and extubation
- Harvest radial arteries
- Harvest saphenous veins; including endoscopic and open
- Insert and remove arterial lines
- Insert and remove central lines, with or without ultrasound guidance
- Insert and remove surgical drains
- Insert, remove, and manage intra-aortic balloon pumps
- Insert, remove, and manage transvenous pacing wires
- Manage extracorporeal membrane oxygenation
- Manage mechanical ventilation
- Manage and remove percutaneous ventricular assist devices
- Needle thoracostomy
- Opening and closing of surgical incision
- Pericardiocentesis
- Point of care ultrasound and doppler
- Pulmonary artery catheterization

CARDIOTHORACIC SURGERY PRIVILEGES, (Continued)

- Remove arterial and venous sheaths
- Remove and manage epicardial pacing wires
- Sternotomy
- Thoracentesis
- Thoracotomy
- Surgical first assist
- Surgical site marking

COLORECTAL SURGERY PRIVILEGES

- Anal manometry
- Anal ultrasound
- Anoscopy
- Electric glavonic stimulation
- Flexible sigmoidoscopy
- Opening and closing of surgical incision
- Rigid Proctoscopy
- Surgical first assist
- Surgical site marking

CRITICAL CARE PRIVILEGES

- Administer moderate conscious sedation
- Arterial puncture
- Bronchoscopy and bronchoalveolar lavage
- Burn care and management
- Cricothyrotomy
- Endotracheal intubation and extubation
- Insert and remove arterial lines
- Insert and remove central lines, with or without ultrasound guidance; including vascath placement
- Insert and remove external ventricular drains
- Insert and remove gastrostomy/gastrojejunostomy/jejunostomy tubes
- Insert and remove nasogastric/feeding tubes
- Insert and remove peritoneal dialysis catheters
- Insert and remove surgical drains
- Insert and remove suprapubic cystostomy/catheter
- Insert, remove, and manage intra-aortic balloon pumps
- Insert, remove, and manage transvenous pacing wires
- Intraosseous needle insertion
- Lumbar puncture

CRITICAL CARE PRIVILEGES, (Continued)

- Needle thoracostomy
- Manage albumin dialysis (e.g. molecular absorbent recirculating system)
- Manage extracorporeal membrane oxygenation
- Manage lumbar CSF drains
- Manage mechanical ventilation
- Manage ventricular assist devices
- Manage and replace tracheostomy
- Paracentesis
- Pericardiocentesis
- Point of care ultrasound and doppler
- Pulmonary artery catheterization; including placement and management of pulmonary artery catheters
- Remove and manage epicardial pacing wires
- Remove arterial and venous sheaths
- Thoracostomy, with tube placement
- Thoracentesis
- Wound care and debridement

DERMATOLOGY PRIVILEGES

- Apply Unna boot
- Apply and manage negative pressure therapy (i.e. wound vacuum)
- Chemical peels
- Cryosurgery
- Dermoscopy
- Inject botulinum, fillers, and cosmetic agents
- Injection sclerotherapy
- Interpret pathology reports
- Electrodessication and curettage
- Microdermabrasion
- Perform bacterial/viral/fungal cultures
- Perform body contouring and tightening procedures
- Perform intralesional injections
- Perform laser procedures
- Perform microneedling
- Perform microscopy
- Perform narrow band UVB phototherapy
- Perform patch testing
- Perform photodynamic therapy
- Perform superficial radiation therapy

DERMATOLOGY PRIVILEGES, (Continued)

- Perform Wood's lamp evaluation
- Surgical first assist; including Moh's Surgery
- Surgical site marking
- Wound care and debridement

EMERGENCY MEDICINE PRIVILEGES

- Administer moderate conscious sedation
- Nasal packing and anterior cautery
- Arterial puncture
- Arthrocentesis and aspiration of fluid from joints, bursae, tenosynovial structures and other subcutaneous and musculoskeletal structures
- Compartment pressure measurement and management
- Cricothyrotomy
- Digital block and regional anesthesia
- Endotracheal intubation
- Insert and remove arterial lines
- Insert and remove central lines, with or without ultrasound guidance
- Insert and remove urinary catheters
- Interpret electrocardiograms
- Intraosseous needle insertion
- Laryngoscopy
- Lumbar puncture
- Manage and replace tracheostomy
- Nasopharyngoscopy
- Needle thoracostomy
- Paracentesis
- Point of care ultrasound and doppler
- Reduce fractures and joint dislocations
- Removal of foreign object
- Slit lamp examination and stain for abrasion
- Thoracentesis
- Thoracostomy, with tube placement
- Tonometry
- Trephination and removal of nail
- Wound care and debridement

ENDOCRINOLOGY PRIVILEGES

- Administer and monitor radionucleotide treatment
- Interpret hormone assays
- Radiologic measurement of bone density
- Perform fine needle aspiration of thyroid
- Perform and interpret radiologic, radionucleotide, and other imaging studies for diagnosis and treatment of endocrine and metabolic diseases
- Perform and interpret stimulation and suppression tests
- Ultrasonography of the soft tissues of the neck

GASTROENTEROLOGY PRIVILEGES

- Colostomy management
- Endoscopy
- Insert and remove gastrostomy/gastrojejunostomy/jejunostomy tubes
- Insert and remove nasogastric/feeding tubes
- Paracentesis
- Percutaneous liver biopsy
- Flexible sigmoidoscopy
- Rigid proctoscopy

HEMATOLOGY AND ONCOLOGY PRIVILEGES

- Access and manage intraventricular catheter system (e.g. Ommaya reservoir)
- Administer and supervise cellular therapy
- Prescribe and manage oncolytic agents and biological response modifiers via all therapeutic routes
- Prescribe and manage chemotherapeutic agents via all therapeutic routes; including intrathecal via lumbar puncture and intraventricular reservoir
- Bone marrow aspiration, biopsy, and harvest
- Fine needle aspiration
- Interpret pathology reports
- Lumbar puncture
- Manage and remove indwelling venous access catheters
- Paracentesis
- Supervise apheresis and plasmapheresis
- Therapeutic phlebotomy
- Thoracentesis

INFECTIOUS DISEASE PRIVILEGES

- Administer antimicrobial and biological products via all therapeutic routes
- Arthrocentesis and aspiration of fluid from joints, bursae, tenosynovial structures and other subcutaneous and musculoskeletal structures
- Insert and remove arterial lines
- Insert and remove central lines, with or without ultrasound guidance
- Lumbar puncture
- Manage and remove indwelling venous access catheters
- Wound care and debridement

NEPHROLOGY PRIVILEGES

- Evaluate dialysis access
- Insert and remove arterial lines
- Insert and remove central lines, with or without ultrasound guidance; including vascath placement
- Insert and remove peritoneal dialysis catheters
- Initiate and manage dialysis
- Initiate and manage continuous renal replacement therapy
- Peritoneal dialysis
- Point of care ultrasound and doppler

NEONATOLOGY PRIVILEGES

- Attendance at delivery to assume care of newborn
- Arterial puncture
- Chest tube insertion
- Endotracheal administration of surfactant
- Endotracheal intubation and extubation
- Insert and remove arterial lines
- Insert and remove central lines, with or without ultrasound guidance
- Insert and remove suprapubic cystostomy/catheter
- Insert and remove gastrostomy/gastrojejunostomy/jejunostomy tubes
- Insert and remove urethral catheter
- Intraosseous infusion
- Laryngoscopy and suctioning
- Lumbar puncture
- Pericardiocentesis
- Manage and supervise exchange transfusions
- Manage mechanical ventilation
- Newborn male circumcision
- Order and manage phototherapy

NEONATOLOGY PRIVILEGES, (Continued)

- Paracentesis
- Point of care ultrasound and doppler
- Umbilical vessel catheterization

NEUROLOGY PRIVILEGES

- Botulinum injection
- Deep brain stimulator programming
- Electroencephalogram interpretation
- Electromyography
- Inject trigger points
- Manage and interpret intracranial pressure monitors
- Perform and interpret tensilon tests
- Perform nerve blocks
- Vagus nerve stimulator management

NEUROSURGERY PRIVILEGES

- Access and manage intraventricular catheter system (e.g. Ommaya reservoir)
- Apply skull tongs and fixation pins
- Apply cervical halo
- Insert and manage intracranial pressure monitors
- Insert and remove external ventricular drains
- Lumbar puncture
- Manage lumbar CSF drains
- Myelography
- Opening and closing of the surgical incision
- Perform nerve blocks
- Ventriculostomy
- Shunt programming
- Surgical first assist
- Surgical site marking

OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY PRIVILEGES

- Amniotomy
- Amnioinfusion
- Artificial rupture of membranes
- Colposcopy
- Endometrial biopsy

OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY PRIVILEGES, (Continued)

- Episiotomy
- External fetal monitoring; including placement, evaluation, and management
- Fetal scalp electrode placement
- Hysterosalpingogram
- Induction of pregnancy
- Insert and remove contraceptive subcutaneous implants
- Insert and remove intrauterine device
- Interpret pathology reports
- Manage post-partum hemorrhage
- Manual removal of placenta
- Newborn male circumcision
- Labor evaluation, management, and delivery
- Opening and closing of the surgical incision
- Pelvic examination and Pap smear
- Pessary fitting
- Pudendal block
- Repair of cervical and peritoneal lacerations
- Surgical first assist
- Surgical site marking
- Ultrasound during pregnancy, labor, and delivery
- Vaginal and cervical cultures

OPHTHALMOLOGY PRIVILEGES

- A and B-mode ultrasound examination
- Excise lesions; including chalazions and styes
- Evaluate and manage corneal abrasions
- Inject intravitreal medications
- Removal of foreign object
- Slit lamp examination and stain for abrasion
- Temporal artery biopsy
- Tonometry
- Visual field testing

ORTHOPAEDIC PRIVILEGES

- Apply and adjust traction
- Arthrocentesis and aspiration of fluid from joints, bursae, tenosynovial structures and other subcutaneous and musculoskeletal structures
- Compartment pressure measurement and management

ORTHOPAEDIC PRIVILEGES, (Continued)

- Digital block and regional anesthesia
- Excision of cysts
- Inject joints, bursae, tenosynovial structures and entheses, and other cutaneous, subcutaneous and musculoskeletal structures
- Insert and remove surgical drains
- Opening and closing of the surgical incision
- Percutaneous pinning of fractures
- Radiologic measurement of bone density
- Reduce fractures and joint dislocations
- Remove wires, pins, and hardware
- Surgical first assist
- Surgical site marking
- Tendon repair
- Wound care and debridement

OTOLARYNGOLOGY PRIVILEGES

- Nasal packing
- Anterior and posterior nasal cautery
- Foreign body removal of ear canal and nasal passage
- Laryngoscopy
- Nasopharyngoscopy
- Opening and closing of the surgical incision
- Remove extruded tympanostomy tubes
- Surgical first assist
- Surgical site marking
- Use of otological microscope to remove cerumen

PAIN MANAGEMENT PRIVILEGES

- Botulinum injection
- Inject joints, bursae, tenosynovial structures and entheses, and other cutaneous, subcutaneous and musculoskeletal structures
- Manage Intrathecal pumps
- Manage nerve stimulators
- Manage epidural and intrathecal medications
- Remove epidural and intrathecal catheters

PLASTIC AND RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY PRIVILEGES

- Apply Unna boot
- Apply and manage negative pressure therapy (i.e. wound vacuum)
- Aspiration of fluid collections
- Chemical peels
- Closed reduction of finger fractures and joint dislocations
- Cryosurgery
- Digital block and regional anesthesia
- Excision of skin lesions (e.g. cysts, nevi, skin cancers, keloids/scars)
- Inject botulinum, fillers, and cosmetic agents
- Insert and remove surgical drains
- Interpret pathology reports
- Manage and interpret flap monitoring instruments
- Microdermabrasion
- Micropigmentation
- Nailbed repair
- Opening and closing of the surgical incision
- Percutaneous pinning of fractures
- Perform bacterial/viral/fungal cultures
- Perform body contouring and tightening procedures
- Perform intralesional injections
- Perform laser procedures
- Perform microneedling
- Perform narrow band UVB phototherapy
- Perform photodynamic therapy
- Removal of foreign object
- Remove wires, pins, and hardware
- Steroid injection for scar treatment
- Surgical first assist
- Surgical site marking
- Wound care and debridement

PSYCHIATRY PRIVILEGES

- Administer psychological and neuropsychological tests
- Lead and manage treatment teams for in-patient, partial hospitalization, and outpatient behavioral health
- Order voluntary and involuntary hospital admissions
- Perform psychiatric clearance for voluntary and involuntary admission to psychiatric in-patient and partial hospitalization

PSYCHIATRY PRIVILEGES, (Continued)

- Perform biofeedback
- Perform psychiatric evaluations
- Perform suicide risk assessment
- Provide chemical dependency intervention and therapy
- Provide individual, family, and group psychotherapy
- Psychopharmacological management

PULMONARY PRIVILEGES

- Administer moderate conscious sedation
- Arterial puncture
- Bronchoscopy and bronchoalveolar lavage
- Chest tube insertion
- Endotracheal intubation and extubation
- Insert and remove arterial lines
- Insert and remove central lines, with or without ultrasound guidance
- Manage mechanical ventilation
- Manage and replace tracheostomy
- Methacholine challenge testing
- Needle thoracostomy
- Pleurodesis
- Pulmonary function testing and spirometry
- Pulmonary artery catheterization; including placement and management of pulmonary artery catheters
- Thoracentesis
- Thoracotomy

RADIOLOGY PRIVILEGES

- Administer contrast agents
- Administer intrathecal chemotherapy by lumbar puncture
- Administer moderate conscious sedation
- Administer and monitor radionuclide treatment
- Fistulogram
- Fluoroscopy
- Insert and remove arterial lines
- Insert and remove central lines, with or without ultrasound guidance; including vascath placement
- Therapeutic administration of nuclear medicine
- Ultrasound-guided biopsy

RHEUMATOLOGY PRIVILEGES

- Administer and monitor chemotherapeutic agents, immunosuppressive therapy, and biologics via all therapeutic routes
- Arthrocentesis and aspiration of fluid from joints, bursae, tenosynovial structures and other subcutaneous and musculoskeletal structures
- Inject joints, bursae, tenosynovial structures and entheses, and other cutaneous, subcutaneous and musculoskeletal structures
- Perform crystal identification via microscopic analysis
- Perform fine needle aspiration, with or without ultrasound guidance.
- Perform punch and needle biopsies

SURGERY PRIVILEGES

- Administer moderate conscious sedation
- Apply external fixation
- Apply and manage negative pressure therapy (i.e. wound vacuum)
- Burn care and management
- Bronchoscopy and bronchoalveolar lavage
- Endoscopy
- Endotracheal intubation and extubation
- Insert and remove arterial lines
- Insert and remove central lines, with or without ultrasound guidance; including vascath placement
- Insert and remove gastrostomy/gastrojejunostomy/jejunostomy tubes
- Insert and remove nasogastric/feeding tubes
- Insert and remove surgical drains
- Insert and remove suprapubic cystostomy/catheter
- Insert, manage, and remove transvenous pacing wires
- Manage mechanical ventilation
- Manage and replace tracheostomy
- Needle thoracostomy
- Opening and closing of the surgical incision
- Paracentesis
- Perform regional and nerve blocks
- Remove arterial and venous sheath
- Remove and manage epicardial pacing wires
- Pericardiocentesis
- Point of care ultrasound and doppler
- Surgical first assist
- Surgical site marking
- Thoracentesis

SURGERY PRIVILEGES, (Continued)

- Thoracostomy, with tube placement
- Thoracotomy
- Wound care and debridement

UROLOGY PRIVILEGES

- Flexible cystogram
- Insert and remove suprapubic cystostomy/catheter
- Paraphimosis reduction
- Penile doppler studies
- Urodynamic testing and interpretation

VASCULAR SURGERY PRIVILEGES

- Administer moderate conscious sedation
- Apply Unna boot
- Apply and manage negative pressure therapy (i.e. wound vacuum)
- Compartment pressure measurement and management
- Evaluate dialysis access
- Injection sclerotherapy
- Insert and remove arterial lines
- Insert and remove central lines, with or without ultrasound guidance
- Insert and remove peritoneal dialysis catheters
- Insert and remove surgical drains
- Opening and closing of the surgical incision
- Point of care ultrasound and doppler
- Remove arterial and venous sheath
- Surgical first assist
- Surgical site marking
- Thrombectomy
- Wound care and debridement

Privileges listed are examples and not all-inclusive of services PAs may perform if consistent with individual training, experience, and competency; state law; institutional policies; medical liability coverage; and other applicable rules and requirements.

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