

FORM F
BASIC JOB DESCRIPTION
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT - PRIMARY CARE

- A. A physician assistant is authorized to practice in those public or private places or facilities where the supervising physician or alternate supervising physician regularly sees patients, provided that nothing in this article shall prohibit the rendering of services to a patient by a physician assistant who is not in the physical presence of the supervising physician or preclude a physician assistant from making house calls, performing hospital duties, serving as an ambulance attendant, or performing any functions authorized by the supervising physician which the physician assistant is qualified to perform.
- B. Supervision means overseeing the activities of, and accepting the responsibility for, the medical services rendered by a Physician Assistant. The supervising physician need not be physically present at the time of the services but shall be immediately available by telecommunications. (For surgery requiring general or neuro-axial and/or major regional block, the supervising physician must be present in the operating facility.)
- C. The physician and the Physician Assistant are expected to understand and comply with all current laws, rules and regulations which govern the practice of Physician Assistants in the State of Georgia and will be acknowledging this by affixing their signature on the Physician Assistant practice application.
- D. A Physician Assistant may gather a data base on all new patients or established patients with new or existing problems which may include a complete medical history and physical examination, medical record review, and he/she may order the appropriate initial diagnostic studies and initiate a treatment plan. The Physician's Assistant will be responsible for transmitting that information orally, or through notation in the patient's medical record, to the supervising physician for review.
- E. A Physician Assistant may order/select a dangerous drug or controlled substance or order medical treatments or diagnostic studies in any health care setting in accordance with Rule 360-5-.11(4).
- F. The Physician Assistant, if qualified by training and experience as determined by the supervising physician, may perform medical treatments, diagnostic procedures, or tasks as delegated by the supervising physician which fall within the normal scope of practice of the supervising physician.
- G. A Physician Assistant may instruct and counsel patients and their families, and involve them in informed decision making, with regards to their illness or injury, therapeutic and diagnostic procedures, treatment regimens, normal growth and development, family planning, advanced directives, emotional problems of daily living, and health maintenance. He/she may also facilitate referrals of patients to other medical providers, medical facilities, or other health/social service agencies when appropriate as per the delegation of the supervising physician.
- H. In a life threatening emergency situation, when the supervising physician is not present, the Physician Assistant may initiate appropriate evaluation and treatment.
- I. The Physician Assistant while engaged in his/her professional duties, shall be at all times properly identified as a Physician Assistant and shall wear a clearly legible identification name tag with the words "Physician Assistant" as required under Rule 360-5-.11(6).
- J. A Physician Assistant may carry out a prescription drug or device order in any health care setting in accordance with Rule 360-5-.12.
- K. The Physician Assistant may request, receive and sign for professional samples and may distribute professional samples to patients in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 43-34-103(e.2). The Physician Assistant shall maintain, in the office or facility where the Physician Assistant is working, a log detailing a complete listing of the specific number and dosage of each professional sample received and dispensed. All professional samples shall be maintained as required by applicable state and federal law and regulations.
- L. The Physician Assistant may pronounce death in any setting as provided in O.C.G.A. 43-34-103(j)

