

**JOHN C. LINCOLN DEER VALLEY HOSPITAL  
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT  
SCOPE OF PRACTICE**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Please Print Name

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

1. All physician assistants must meet minimum educational and professional criteria as outlined in Article 13 of the Medical Staff Bylaws, in order to request appointment to the Allied Health Professional Staff.
2. Current Arizona Licensure and certification by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants.
3. Current Basic Cardiac Life Support (BCLS) Certification
4. Current DEA Certificate
5. Proof of current malpractice insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000.

<b>ROUTINE FUNCTIONS PERMITTED</b>
Facilitate admission and/or discharge of patients under the direction of supervising physician.
Examine patients and establish diagnoses by H&P & Consultation.
Order, perform and interpret orders (includes, but not limited to, laboratory, diagnostic imaging, and medications/ treatments)
Identify, develop, implement and evaluate a plan of care for the patient to promote, maintain and restore health.
Refer to and consult with appropriate health care providers.
Surgical assisting including suturing surgical incisions and lacerations
Suture removal
Insertion and removal of packing
Incision and drainage
Administer local anesthesia
Adjustment or removal of central and arterial lines (Excluding J-wire)
Removal of superficial foreign bodies, percutaneous surgical hardware
Superficial wound irrigation and debridement
Splinting and casting of extremities
Removal of drains
Removal and /or biopsy of external superficial skin subcutaneous lesions
Urinary bladder Catheterization
Prescribe schedules II, III, IV or V controlled substances and prescription only drugs up to 72 hours, over the counter drugs, medical devices and appliances.

<b>ANESTHESIA PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT</b>		
<b>Routine functions as noted above, excluding the ability to admit and discharge patients.</b>		
<b>Requested</b>	<b>Approved</b>	<b>Core Criteria Includes:</b>
		Refill and/or reprogram implanted opioid, baclofen intrathecal infusion pump, and implanted spinal cord stimulator with Supervising Physician.
		Manage, monitor and/or adjust rate of trial opioid epidurals, intrathecal infusion pumps, post-operative epidurals, and PCA's with Supervising Physician.

<b>EMERGENCY MEDICINE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT</b>		
<b>Routine functions as noted above, excluding the ability to admit and discharge patients. All Emergency Medicine Physician Assistants are required to be ACLS certified. Please provide copy of certification with delineation of privilege checklist.</b>		
<b>Requested</b>	<b>Approved</b>	<b>Core Criteria Includes:</b>
		Evaluating and treating a wide variety of urgent and emergent conditions under the direction of the supervising physician.
		Administer IV Conscious Sedation <b>*See attached Criteria*</b>



**JOHN C. LINCOLN HEALTH NETWORK  
Physician Assistant/ Nurse Practitioner  
Special Procedure Criteria**

**Arterial Venous Sheath Removal**

**Criteria**

Must provide the following documentation:

- Current ACLS Certification **AND**
- Training and Education that include:
  - ✓ Prior cardiac background either as a bedside intensive Cardiac Nurse for a minimum of (2) two years **OR**
  - ✓ Have Cardiac Nurse **or** Physician Assistant experience for at least (1) one year.

**Supervision**

The applicant must satisfactorily complete the initial (3) three arterial venous sheath removals under observation at a John C. Lincoln Health Network Facility by his/her supervising physician or an unsupervised Nurse Practitioner **or** Physician Assistant before being considered for unobserved status. The responsible physician is to be available to respond in a timely manner if so need when the procedure is performed.

**Cardiac Nuclear Stress Testing – (Exercise, Adenosine, Persantine or Dobutamine)**

**Criteria**

Must provide the following documentation:

- Current ACLS Certification **AND**
- Training and Education that include:
  - ✓ Prior cardiac background either as a bedside intensive Cardiac Nurse for a minimum of (2) two years **OR**
  - ✓ Have Cardiac Nurse **or** Physician Assistant experience for at least (1) one year.

**Supervision**

The applicant must satisfactorily complete the initial (3) three nuclear stress tests under observation at a John C. Lincoln Health Network Facility by his/her supervising physician or an unsupervised Nurse Practitioner **or** Physician Assistant before being considered for unobserved status. The responsible physician is to be available to respond in a timely manner if so need when the procedure is performed.

**Intra Aortic Balloon Pump Removal**

**Criteria**

Must provide the following documentation:

- Current ACLS Certification **AND**
- Training and Education that include:
  - ✓ Prior cardiac background either as a bedside intensive Cardiac Nurse for a minimum of (2) two years **OR**
  - ✓ Have Cardiac Nurse **or** Physician Assistant experience for at least (1) one year.

**Supervision**

The applicant must satisfactorily complete the initial (3) three IABP catheter removals under observation at a John C. Lincoln Health Network Facility by his/her supervising physician or an unsupervised Nurse Practitioner **or** Physician Assistant before being considered for unobserved status. The responsible physician is to be available to respond in a timely manner if so needed when the procedure is performed.

**Vein Harvesting**

**Criteria**

- Attendance at an approved course for vein harvesting, with certificate of proof of course completion **OR**,
- Written documentation of direct supervision and direct instruction of (10) ten cases at another hospital.

**Supervision**

Once approved, (3) cases to be observed at a John C. Lincoln Health Network Facility by his/her supervising physician.

**Endoscopic Vein Harvesting**

**Criteria - DV**

- Unobserved vein harvesting privileges at JCL-DV **AND**
- Attendance at an approved course for endoscopic vein harvesting, with certificate of proof of course completion

**Criteria – NM**

- Attendance at an approved course for endoscopic vein harvesting, with certificate of proof of course completion

**Supervision: NM and DV**

Once approved, (3) three cases to be observed at a John C. Lincoln Health Network Facility by his/her supervising physician.

**IV Conscious Sedation**

**SEPARATE ATTACHMENT**

- Signed acknowledgment that the applicant has reviewed and understands the John C. Lincoln Health Network Patient Services Policy, Conscious Sedation; **AND**
- Current ACLS/PALS
- Individual Learning Packet/Post Test

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