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THE JOHNS HOPKINS HOSPITAL

Job Title: Physician Assistant Department: Various Functional Unit: Various	Occ Code: 902600 Pay Grade: CO Date Prepared: 1/1992
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POSITION SUMMARY:

Under the direction, supervision and responsibility of a physician, and in accordance with established policies evaluates patients health status through diagnostic procedures and tests. Provides therapeutic patient care under direction of a physician and in accordance with established protocols.

COMPETENCIES:

- A. *Education:* Successful completion of an AMA approved Physician Assistant program.

- B. *Knowledge:* A comprehensive understanding of clinical and/or surgical procedures, patient care procedures, medical protocols and testing procedures. Knowledge of medical terminology, Anatomy, Physiology, Chemistry, Psychology, Pharmacology, Clinical Medicine, Radiology, Microbiology and Pathology.

- C. *Skills:* The analytical ability necessary to evaluate and determine health status of patient and implement proper care plan. Interpersonal skills necessary to interview, teach and counsel patients; instruct health care personnel on procedures and treatment. Ability to analyze and evaluate patient history, physical examination findings and laboratory values, and makes preliminary diagnosis of patients for review by physician.

- D. *Required Licensure, Certification, Etc.:* Registered/certified by the Maryland Board of Quality Assurance. Board certified (or certification-eligible for new graduates) by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants.

- E. *Work Experience* Zero to twelve months related experience.

- F. *Machines, Tools, Equipment:* PC and PC applications and other general office equipment. General medical devices used by physicians.

DIMENSIONS:

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- A. *Budget Responsibility:* Effectively uses resources within control.
- B. *Authority/Decision Making Level:* Participates in the development of procedures for the department. Makes decisions regarding work processes based on established guidelines. Prioritizes and organizes work to meet changing conditions.
- C. *Supervisory Responsibility:* None

PROBLEM SOLVING:

Uses defined procedures to accomplish work. Uses specific body of knowledge to originate solutions to patient related problems.

INFORMATION MANAGEMENT:

Reads and understands written physician orders, product directions and/or patient care staff notes. Understand and use hospital forms, requisitions, purchase orders, etc.

WORKING CONDITIONS:

- Works in normal patient care areas where there are few physical discomforts due to dust, dirt, noise and the like.
- Exposure to hazards due to infectious specimen and contagious diseases, but potential for harm or personal injury is limited when proper safety and health precautions are followed.
- Ability to concentrate during surgical procedure while assisting physician.
- Ability to walk and stand for long periods of time.

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RELATIONSHIPS			
INTERNAL CUSTOMERS		EXTERNAL CUSTOMERS	
Who:	Why:	Who:	Why:
Physicians	To provide patient care	Patients	To get and receive information
Nurses	To get and receive information regarding patients	Family and visitors	To give and receive information
Administrative Staff	To get and receive information regarding patients	Vendors	To keep abrease of new equipment