

NURSE PRACTITIONER

Privileges requested: This list is not all inclusive and may be changed from time to time through addition or deletion. The NP works collaboratively with the healthcare team to assure the safe and accurate delivery of care. While the NP is subject to practice under the protocols established and approved by the medical staff as required under Louisiana law, in all other respects the NP is subject to the Hospital's authority.

If there are any duties listed below that you do not perform, please cross it from the list.

Because NPs work in virtually every medical specialty, it is nearly impossible to provide examples of typical privileges. However, it would not be unusual for NPs to perform any of the following duties:

General Hospital duties:

The Nurse Practitioner (NP) is responsible for

- conducting rounds on patients
- performing assessments
- progress notes
- obtaining a relevant health and medical history
- Dictate H&P with co-signature required
- performs a physical examination based on age and history
- coordinating and evaluating the plan of care
- implements discharge plans at the direction and supervision of the Primary Physician within the scope of his/her practice permitted under Louisiana law
- Order lab and diagnostic and therapeutic procedures/tests
- Prescribe pharmacologic agents
- Prescribe nonpharmacologic therapies
- Provide relevant patient education
- Make appropriate referrals to other health professionals and community agencies
- The NP also administers medications/treatments and assists with procedures as ordered by the physicians.
- Stress test monitoring
- Removal of pleural/mediastinal chest tubes
- Removal of epicardial/transvous pacing wires
- De-clotting of sumps with fogerty catheter

Surgical Assistance duties (must have documentation of additional training):

- Assist with the positioning, prepping and draping of the patient
- Provide hemostasis by clamping blood vessels, coagulating bleeding points, ligating vessels, and by other means as directed and supervised by the surgeon
- Provide exposure through appropriate use of instruments, retractors, suctioning and sponging techniques
- Handle tissues as directed by the surgeon
- Suture fascia, subcutaneous and skin tissues under the direction of the surgeon
- Place and suture drains as directed by the surgeon
- Apply surgical dressings
- Assist with transferring the patient from the operating room
- Open/close incision
- Vein retrieval

Additional privilege requests (must have documentation of additional training):

Requested privileges are subject to review and recommendation by the Medical Executive/Credentials Committee and the approval of the Governing Body.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____ Supervising Physician Signature: _____

Dear Physician:

Every physician seeking appointment/reappointment/advancement to Louisiana Heart Hospital & Medical Center is required to obtain annually 20 hours of AMA PRA Category 1 credit unless exempted. Physicians falling within any of the following categories are exempt from the 20 hour AMA PRA Category 1 requirement.

-  Initially licensed less than 1 year on the basis of examination;
-  Engaged in military service longer than one year's duration outside of Louisiana;
-  Certified or recertified within the past year by a member board of the American Board of Medical Specialties;
-  Currently in a residency training or fellowship.

Please submit copies of your CMEs that you have completed for the past two years.

Thank you,

Medical Staff Coordinator,
Louisiana Medical Center and Heart Hospital