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## ORTHOPEDIC URGENT CARE

### Orthopedic Physician Assistant

**Reports to:** Medical Director/Supervising Physician/Administrator/Office Manager

**FLSA Status:** Exempt

#### **Job Summary:**

Orthopedic physician assistants must be detail oriented, organized and have an in-depth knowledge of medical procedures and equipment in this specialty. They also must know how to maintain safety in the workplace, handle emergency situations efficiently and follow rules. They should be professional and have basic computer skills as well. They additionally must be willing to ensure a great deal of walking and/or standing for long periods of time, during a busy patient-flow day.

#### **Primary Job Duties:**

- Performing comprehensive and problem focused history and physical exams, interpret and correlate laboratory and diagnostic procedures.
- Interpret and correlate subjective and objective data to formulate a differential diagnose and establish a working diagnosis.
- Formulate a treatment plan for Orthopaedic problems within scope of practice. Implement therapeutic intervention for specific conditions when appropriate. Exercise judgment on problems requiring consultation, referral, or evaluation by the supervising Orthopedic surgeon or other health care professionals.
- Order, collect, and perform appropriate laboratory or diagnostic procedures, and studies including but not limited to blood and tissue specimens.
- Ordering or performing diagnostic studies such as but not limited to EMG, electrocardiogram, compartment pressure measurements, and x-ray examinations including special x-ray examinations CT, MRI, and bone scans etc.
- Performing procedures such as but not limited to, digital blocks, regional anesthesia, and minor outpatient surgical procedures such as but not limited to: tendon repair, wound closure, wound management, wound debridement, incision and drainage, needle biopsy, percutaneous pinning of fractures, k-wire removal and hardware removal.
- Perform diagnostic and therapeutic procedures including but not limited to joint and bursa aspirations, closed reduction of fractures and dislocations, injections of joints, tendons, trigger points and bursa, as well as brace, cast and splint applications.

- Evaluate and clarify clinical conditions, formulate and implement a treatment or therapeutic plan for patients, dictate discharge summaries, histories and physicals.
- Order, prescribe, dispense, and administer Medication, orthosis, orthotics, braces and other Orthopaedic devices as may be allowed by state legislation.
- Evaluate, screen and counsel patient on health maintenance and promote utilization of community resources.
- Manage databases, and perform quality assurance

**Job qualifications:**

- Be a graduate of a physician assistant training program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Programs or its successor organization, as per the state of Florida.
- Passed the proficiency examination administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)
- Hold a current certificate issued by the NCCPA.
- Completed 10 hours of CME in the specialty practice (allopathic/osteopathic)
- Master's Degree required.
- Ability to accurately read and write medical terminology.
- CPR certification.
- X-Ray certified (preferred; not required)
- Ability to work all shifts including, day, night, and weekend hours as needed.
- Ability to escort or transport patient by wheelchair or stretcher when appropriate.
- Intermediate-High computer skills including knowledge with electronic medical records.
- Orthopedic physician assistants must have strong written and verbal communication skills.
- Have strong interpersonal communication skills for working with orthopedic patients and physicians/surgeons.