

EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT POLICIES

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Patient Population

Neonate	√
Pediatric	√
Adolescent	√
Adult	√
Geriatric	√

POLICY:

- I. The Nurse Practitioner for the Adult Emergency Department and/or Pediatric Emergency Department will have clinical responsibilities for assigned shifts and assigned patient populations based on credentialing.

- II. The Nurse Practitioner is responsible to their collaborating physician for clinical practice issues and the Clinical Director of the Primary Care and Medical Services Center regarding nursing practice issues.

- III. The Nurse Practitioner will be in full compliance with ED protocols, policies and procedures for the care of adult and pediatric patients, FDNY-ADAC standards and JCAHO standards.

- IV. The Nurse Practitioner will manage their patient assignments within the scope of the job description of a Nurse Practitioner (Nursing Policy #1256).

Nurse Practitioner Job Description Addendum for the Emergency Department

The Nurse Practitioner will:

1. Provide direct medical management for patients within the Emergency Department, with the collaborating physician or his/her designee. This is based on the collaborative agreement, and the Emergency Department Nurses Practitioner Program Credentialing Process - see attached program outline.

2. Ensure optimal hospital, medical and nursing resource utilization.

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3. Discuss and review patient management plan with the collaborating physician and/or his or her designee and ensure a follow-up plan prior to discharge.
4. Provide appropriate documentation in the Emergency Department medical record.
6. Ensure continuity of patient care by endorsing patient to appropriate Emergency Department provider on following shift.
7. Conduct the follow-up program which includes
 - a. Review of abnormal laboratory and radiology reports.
 - b. Notification of patients, private medical doctors and clinics when necessary.
 - c. Documentation of the follow-up in the medical record utilizing the ED Recall form.
8. Participate in resuscitative measures as outlined in BLS/ACLS/PALS protocols.
9. Educate, counsel and support patients and their families.
10. Participate in teaching rounds, interdisciplinary rounds, quality assessment and improvement and unit-based research and maintain ongoing continuing education.

ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

1. Valid BCLS, ACLS, PALS
2. Obtain national certification in specialty area.
3. Collaborative agreement for Emergency Department Nurse Practitioners - Appendix D - Diagnostic tests and procedures, certification in listed procedures.

Appendix D:

Arterial Blood Gases
Anesthesia, Local

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Bladder Catherization Cannulation - Artery/Peripheral Vein
Cardiac Defibrillation/Cardioversion
Electrocardiogram, Interpretation
Endotracheal Intubation
Foreign Body Removal - Soft Tissue and Surface of Cornea
Splinting
Heimlich Maneuver
Joint Aspiration
Laboratory Studies, Interpretation
Lumbar Puncture
Nasal Packing - Anterior
Nasogastric Intubation and Gastric Lavage
Oxygen Therapy
Pleural Aspiration
Radiographic Studies/Interpretation
Ventilators/Ambu Bag/Mechanical
Spinal Immobilization
Wound Debridement/Repair
Suturing
Suture Removal
Wound Dressing
Incision and Drainage of Superficial Abscess