Family Practice and Internal Medicine Scope of Practice

The following is a list of common conditions a Physician Assistant in Family Practice and Internal Medicine may handle. Care of the patients shall include, but not be limited to the diagnosis of:

**Skin and Appendages:** Cauterize, excise and biopsy lesions. Obtain second opinion for suspicious lesions. Common Dermatoses, Baldness, Nail Disorders.

**Eye:** Symptoms of Ocular Disease, Ocular Examination, Disorders of the Lids and Lacrimal Apparatus, Conjunctivitis, Ocular Trauma, Foreign Body Removal.

**Ear, Nose and Throat:** Diseases of the Ear, Nose and Paranasal Sinuses, Oral Cavity and Pharynx and Diseases Presenting as Neck Masses.

**Lung:** Any patient presenting in respiratory distress or suspected pulmonary emboli is to be evaluated by a Physician. Pulmonary Function Tests, Disorders of the Airways, Pulmonary Infections, Pulmonary Nodules, Masses, and Tumors, Pleural diseases.

**Heart:** Chest pain suspicious of cardiac disease is to be evaluated by a Physician. EKG’s must be over-read by a Physician. Valvular Heart Disease, Coronary Heart Disease, Disturbances of Rate and Rhythm, Conduction Disturbances, Cardiac Failure.

**Systemic Hypertension:** Management of Hypertension

**Blood:** Patients requiring transfusions are to be evaluated by a Physician. Anemias, Neutropenia, Leukemias and Other Myeloproliferative Disorders, Lymphomas, Hypercoagulable States

**Alimentary Tract:** Symptoms and Signs of Gastrointestinal Disease, Diseases of the Esophagus, Stomach and Duodenum, Small Intestine, Colon and Rectum, Anorectal Diseases.

**Liver, Biliary Tract and Pancreas:** Diseases of the Liver, Biliary Tract and Pancreas.

**Breast:** Benign Breast Disorders, Carcinoma of the Female Breast

**Gynecology:** Postmenopausal Vaginal Bleeding, Premenstrual Syndrome (Premenstrual Tension), Dysmenorrhea, Vaginitis, Cyst and Abscess of Bartholin's Duct, Endometriosis, Pelvic Inflammatory Disease, Contraception, Menopausal Syndrome.
**Allergic and Immunologic Disorders:** Allergic Diseases, Immunologic disorders

**Arthritis and Musculoskeletal Disorders:** Degenerative and Crystal-Induced Arthritis, Muscle strains and spasms, Pain Syndromes, Soft tissue injuries, Other Rheumatic Disorders, Sports-related injuries.

**Fluid and Electrolyte Disorders:** Diagnosis of Fluid and Electrolyte Disorders, Treatment of Specific Fluid, Electrolyte and Acid-Base Disorders, Fluid Management.

**Urology:** Urological Evaluation, Evaluation of Hematuria, Genitourinary Tract Infections, Urinary Stone Disease, Urinary Incontinence, Male Erectile Dysfunction and Sexual Dysfunction, Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia, Malignant Genitourinary Tract Disorders, Chronic Renal Disease

**Nervous System:** Headache, Epilepsy, Weakness and Paralysis, Transient Ischemic Attacks- Obtain consultation with Physician, Stroke- Obtain consultation with Physician, Movement Disorders, Dementia, Multiple, Sclerosis, Stupor and Coma, Head Injury- Obtain consultation with Physician if intracranial pathology suspected, Spinal Trauma- Obtain consultation with Physician, Peripheral Neuropathies.

**Psychiatric Disorders:** Psychiatric Assessment, Common Psychiatric Disorders, Substance Use Disorders

**Endocrinology**

Common Presentations in Endocrinology

Diseases of the Thyroid Gland

Metabolic Bone Disease

**Diabetes mellitus and Hypoglycemia:** Diabetes Mellitus, The Hypoglycemic States

Lipid Abnormalities: Lipids and Lipoproteins, Lipoproteins and Atherogenesis, Lipid, Fractions and the Risk of Coronary Heart Disease, Therapeutic Effects of Lowering Cholesterol

**General Problems in Infectious Diseases:** Fever of Unknown Origin (FUO), Animal and Human Bite Wounds, Sexually Transmitted Diseases, Acute Infectious Diarrhea, Viral Diseases, Viruses and Gastroenteritis, Spotted Fevers, Other Rickettsial And Rickettsial-Like Diseases, Infections caused by Bacteria, Infections Caused by Mycobacteria, Infections Caused by Chlamydiae,
Syphilis, Lyme Disease, Helminthic Infections, Candidias, Histoplasmosis, Coccidioidomycosis, Pneumocystosis, Antifungal Therapy

Disorders Due to Physical Agents
Disorders Due to Cold and Heat, Burns, Electric Shock, Drowning, Other Disorders Due to Physical Agents, Poisoning.

General Approach to the Patient; Health Maintenance and Disease Prevention: Health Maintenance and Disease Prevention, Substance Abuse, Common Symptoms, Pain, Fever and Hypothermia, Weight Loss, Fatigue.

Geriatric Medicine: General Principles of Geriatric Medicine, Evaluation of the Elderly, Regular Nursing Home Rounds.

Cancer: Upon diagnosis- all cancer patients are to be discussed with Physician and appropriate referral made, Incidence and Etiology, Prevention of Cancer.

Preoperative Evaluation