Clinical Privileges Profile

Clinical Nurse Specialist

Greene Memorial Hospital

Independent Allied Health Professional

Criteria and Duties

Clinical Nurse Specialists are nurses authorized by Ohio law and the Hospital board to practice as licensed independent practitioners in collaboration with one or more physicians under a Standard Care Arrangement who may provide and manage the care of individuals and groups with complex health problems and provide health care services that promote, improve, and manage health care within the CNS's nursing specialty, consistent with the CNS's education and in accordance with Ohio law.

Qualifications:

1. Licensed, registered nurse in the State of Ohio, with a Master's Degree in the specialty and hold an Ohio certificate of authority to practice as a clinical nurse specialist.

2. For prescriptive privileges a Certificate to Prescribe (CTP) and DEA Certificate (controlled substances) is required, and must act at all times in accordance with Ohio law.

3. Practices only in accordance with a Standard Care Arrangement entered into with one or more collaborating physicians who are continuously available to communicate with the CNS either in person or by radio, telephone, or other form of telecommunication. It is the responsibility of the CNS and collaborating physician to provide Medical Staff Services with a copy of the original and any revisions to the Standard Care Arrangement.

4. National Certification, as a CNS, from the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

Duties:

As defined by Ohio law and approved by the Hospital Board including, but not limited to the following:

(1) Conduct comprehensive, holistic, wellness and illness assessments.

(2) Appraise health risk and behaviors.
(3) Provide patient/family education to concerning diagnosis, treatment and clinical treatment course.

(4) Plan intervention with patients, as well as intervene to assist patients with healthcare activities.

(5) Assist in clinical studies.

(6) Provide timely, accurate and legible documentation in progress notes.

(7) Perform consultations

(8) Advance monitoring and management of acutely and chronically ill patients

(9) Coordinate care during transition periods in the hospital. Provide routine instructions to patients at discharge.

(10) Provide admission and discharge orders for collaborating physician.

(11) Perform and dictate H & Ps and discharge summaries.

(12) A CNS with a CTP shall prescribe in a valid prescriber-patient relationship. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Obtaining a thorough history of the patient;
- Conducting a physical examination of the patient;
- Rendering a diagnosis (including management of commonly occurring health/disease related symptoms and ordering and interpreting diagnostic tests);
- Prescribing medication, ruling out the existence of any recognized contraindications;
- Consulting with the collaborating physician when necessary; and
- Properly documenting these steps if the patient's medical record.

(13) All drugs and therapeutic devices shall be prescribed in accordance with the Standard Care Arrangement and Chapter 4723 of the Ohio Revised Code and rules of the Ohio Nursing Board. The prescribing is in accordance with provisions of the formulary established pursuant to section 4723.50 of the Ohio Revised Code.

(14) Make individual rounds in accordance with his/her scope of practice as defined by Ohio law and approved by the Hospital Board.

(15) Set up patients for monitoring within the limitations of his/her scope of practice.
(16) In no instance shall the scope of duties granted by the Hospital exceed those granted under the Ohio Board of Nursing’s regulations regarding the Clinical Nurse Specialist’s Scope of Practice.

(17) Any other duties requested must be forwarded to the Medical Staff Services Department as an attachment to the application.

MONITORING OF QUALITY OF CARE

The collaborating physician shall review the CNS’s performance as identified in the Standard Care Arrangement in compliance with the State’s requirements for an approved quality assurance program. The CNS is responsible for maintaining records for ongoing continuing education and annually reporting these to the collaborating physician at the time when the Standard Care Arrangement is reviewed in compliance with the clinical service, Hospital and State requirements. It is the responsibility of the collaborating physician to ensure compliance with these requirements.

I hereby apply for the above duties and attest to my competency to perform same.

Applicant: ___________________________ Date: ________________

I have reviewed and attest to the competence of the above individual and agree to supervise his/her clinical duties.

Collaborating/Employing Physician: ___________________________ Date: ________________

Clinical Service Chief: ___________________________ Date: ________________

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Credentials Committee Action Date: ________________
Medical Executive Committee Action Date: ________________
Board of Directors Date: ________________

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