

## Infectious Diseases Physician Assistant: Practice Guidelines

The position of Physician Assistant (PA) supports the efforts of the Infectious Diseases Section. The PA facilitates management and evaluation of outpatients and functions as an extension of the Infectious Diseases Section, under the direct supervision of **[Physician Name]**. The PA assists with the coordination of Infectious Diseases clinic and lab scheduling, orders and interprets laboratory and diagnostic testing, and performs patient education. The PA evaluates and treats patients in the Section of Infectious Diseases, including prescribing medication as appropriate, under the supervision of the physicians. The PA also evaluates patients for eligibility and entry into research protocols, collects data for research protocols, and participates in the evaluation of protocol data. The PA interacts on a professional level with medical administrative and support staff.

Job duties are as follows:

The Physicians Assistant, under the direction of the attending physician, shall:

1. Perform and document history and physician exam of Infectious Disease patients in the outpatient clinic.
2. Arrange and order appropriate diagnostic studies and laboratory tests for patients.
3. Interpret test results of diagnostic and laboratory tests and formulate appropriate treatment plans for Infectious Diseases patients.
4. Perform discussion and explanation of scheduled tests, treatment plans, and pre-post procedure instructions in the outpatient clinic as needed.
5. Coordinate hospital admissions.
6. Screen for eligibility and identify potential research candidates.
7. Attend weekly conferences and yearly continuing education courses.
8. Coordinate patient referrals to other clinics as necessary.

The Physician Assistant has been granted prescriptive authority for all legend drugs and for scheduled drugs in classes III-V.

This document describes the major duties, responsibilities, and authorities of this job, and is not intended to be a complete list of all tasks and functions. It should be understood, therefore, that incumbents might be asked to perform job-related duties beyond those explicitly described.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Physician Assistant: \_\_\_\_\_

Designated Supervising Physician: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Supervising Physician: \_\_\_\_\_