

SUMMARY:

Physician Assistant renders comprehensive health care within the limitations of professional licensing to patients of the Los Angeles Christian Health Centers. Assesses needs and prescribes treatment. Actively supports the mission of LACHC: to follow Christ by loving and serving our neighbors through comprehensive, quality health care.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES, AND PRIVILEGES include:

- Under supervision of staff physician, perform evaluation and treatment of patients in the outpatient setting at Los Angeles Christian Health Centers sites. Assess medical needs and compile care plan, addressing acute needs, chronic conditions, and preventive health maintenance. Assessing needs may include assessment of spiritual, emotional, mental and social needs. Furnish/transmit appropriate medications and treatments. Perform in-office procedures such as incision and drainage, arthrocentesis, nail removal, skin biopsy, and cryotherapy.
- Work within clinical privileges that are clearly delineated either through a practice agreement (Physician Assistant) or Scope of Practice agreement (Nurse Practitioner).
- Keep accurate, concise, and thorough documentation of all medical history, exam findings, assessment, treatment/interventions, and education.
- Arrive to work punctually at the start time. Punctual arrival of licensed providers is essential for the processing and preparation of patients.
- Complete documentation and lock progress notes in a timely manner. The clinic requirement is to lock all progress notes within 7 calendar days.
- Review and electronically sign off on all laboratory results, diagnostic results, and outside consult notes in a timely manner, ensuring patient is contacted for follow up if clinically appropriate.
- Initiate and follow through on specialist referrals and e-consults (electronic consults), communicating with specialist providers as necessary, in the provision of whole- person care.
- In a “float” capacity, serve patients empaneled to other providers as Primary Care Providers. Work with the care team and other staff at LACHC to serve as a patient-centered medical home for our patients.
- During and after covering shifts for primary care providers, communicate with the primary care providers about follow up needed for particular patients, to ensure ongoing care by the primary care provider and their clinical care team.

- If maintaining their own patient panel at a given site, serve as the primary care provider for a panel of patients. As a provider, work with a care team and other staff at LACHC to serve as a patient-centered medical home for our patients.
- Conjointly supervise medical assistants along with the Medical Assistant supervisor.
- Participate in LACHC meetings including morning “team huddles”, Provider Meetings, and All-Staff Meetings.
- Actively participate in spiritual care for patients and staff which may include prayer, and referral to community resources.
- Provide compassionate care for patients who, depending on the clinic site, are predominately homeless, may suffer from mental illness, and often lack resources to care well for themselves.
- Actively participate in Continuous Quality Improvement activities at LACHC, including teaching other providers on selected topics, implementing team-based care, participating in peer reviews, evaluating clinical performance measures, and implementing improvements using a Plan-Do-Study-Act method of stepwise changes.
- Meet productivity standards for outpatient primary care at LACHC, including an expectation of 17 patients seen per usual 8 hour day; actual productivity may vary per site, and depending on type of visit (in person vs. virtual (Telehealth, telephonic or audio-video)).
- Periodically serve “on call” for the clinic, answering urgent phone calls from patients or other agencies and responding to critical lab results in the off-hours for one week approximately every 10-15 weeks.
- Network with other health care agencies and county facilities.
- Assist in provision of health screenings (including TB, diabetes, hypertension) at outreach events.
- Maintain active enrollment in Medicare, Medicaid, Managed Care, and other payor programs as needed for clinical operations, completing credentialing paperwork in a timely manner to remain actively enrolled in these programs.
- Other duties may be assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS:

To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to accomplish each essential duty satisfactorily. The following requirements are representative of the knowledge, skill, and/or abilities required. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions. Provider BLS certification (includes CPR certification) required.

Medical Spanish required, conversational Spanish preferred.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS:

Licensed to practice medicine in California as a Physician Assistant or as a Nurse Practitioner with Furnishing Number. A copy of the California License and DEA license are required.

EDUCATION:

Two years of college. Four year degree preferred. Two to three years of healthcare experience.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS:

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly required to sit and talk or hear. The employee frequently is required to use hands to finger, handle, or feel. The employee is occasionally required to stand, walk, reach with hands and arms, climb or balance, and stoop, kneel, crouch, or crawl. The employee must occasionally lift and/or move up to 50 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, color vision, and ability to adjust focus.