PERSONNEL AUTHORIZED TO PRESCRIBE MEDICATIONS

Purpose:

To establish whom is given medication prescribing privileges.

Policy:

1. The prescribing of medications for patients shall be limited to licensed (granted by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners) practitioners of medicine and dentistry who are members of the medical staff (including Clinical Fellows in training) or house staff (including international physicians practicing under the Graduate Education Temporary Permit) as approved by LSUHSC-S.

2. All medication orders written by medical students must be countersigned by the above before such orders may be executed. It is the responsibility of the medical student to have orders countersigned by a licensed individual.

3. Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) do not have prescriptive authority at LSUHSC-S as determined by the Clinical Board, August 2002. Exception: the APRN located at the Viral Disease Clinic may prescribe legend, non-controlled substance medications.

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