PERSONNEL AUTHORIZED TO ORDER MEDICATIONS

Purpose:
To establish who is given medication prescribing privileges.

Policy:
A. The prescribing of medications for administration to patients (both inpatient and outpatient classifications) 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 Fellow in training) or house staff (including international physicians practicing under the Graduate Education Temporary Permit) as approved by LSUHSC-S.

B. Prescriptive authority for Physician Extenders (PE) (Physician Assistants and Nurse Practitioners) shall be limited to writing outpatient prescriptions. Prescriptive authority, as defined by this policy, does not allow for the ordering of medications, procedures, tests or services of any kind for inpatients.

1. The PE must maintain a valid license with the State of Louisiana and be credentialed to practice by the Clinical Board within their defined scope of practice as delineated by LSUSHC-S.

2. The PE must meet the qualifications for, and apply for and obtain, prescriptive authority from their respective state board.

3. The PE must be approved by their supervising physicians to use their prescriptive authority under these guidelines.

4. The PE shall only write prescriptions for patients registered into the LSUHSC-S service area in which the PE normally functions. The PE shall write prescriptions only during those times when they are on duty and working and only within their assigned service area.

5. The PE shall document in the patient’s medical record all medications for which a prescription was written and the name and credentials of the individual signing the prescription.

6. The PE shall only write prescriptions for medications with appropriately justified indications and for those medications listed on the formulary that has been approved by the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee for use in the department/service in which the PE works.
7. The PE shall not prescribe controlled substances.

8. Departmental Formulary Guidelines will be developed by the department chair or
designee and maintained specific to the service area in which the PE is working.

9. The Departmental Formulary Guidelines will be reviewed periodically by the
committee composed of supervising physicians and PEs with the department.
Any proposed additions to the formulary or changes to the guidelines will be
submitted to the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee for approval.

10. The department/service may impose stricter limitations on prescribing than those
presented in these general guidelines.

11. Each department shall develop and present for approval to the Pharmacy &
Therapeutics Committee a mechanism for monitoring individual PE’s prescribing
practices to ensure compliance with Hospital and departmental guidelines. The
results of monitoring shall be included in the PE’s bi-annual evaluation of
performance in the credentialing and reappointment process by their respective
department chair.

12. Failure to adhere to this policy will subject the PE and supervising physician to
the peer review process and possible loss of prescriptive privileges for the PE.

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Administrator

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