



NURSE PRACTITIONER (NP) – NEONATOLOGY CLINICAL PRIVILEGES

Name: _____ Date: _____

- Initial appointment
- Reappointment

Applicant: Check off the “Requested” box for each privilege requested. Applicants have the burden of producing information deemed adequate by the hospital for a proper evaluation of current competence, current clinical activity, and other qualifications, and for resolving any doubts related to qualifications for requested privileges.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR NEONATAL NURSE PRACTITIONER (NNP)

To be eligible to apply for clinical privileges as a neonatal nurse practitioner (NNP), the applicant must meet the following criteria:

Completion of a master’s, post-master’s, or doctorate from an NP program that prepares NNPs and that is accredited by the Commission on the Collegiate of Nursing Education (CCNE) or the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) **AND** Current certification as an NNP by the National Certification Corporation or an equivalent body **AND** Current active licensure to practice as an advanced practice registered nurse in the NP category in the State of Mississippi **AND** Professional liability insurance coverage issued by a recognized company and of a type and in an amount equal to or greater than the limits established by the governing body

NURSE PRACTITIONER (NP) CORE PRIVILEGES — NEONATOLOGY

- Requested** Evaluate, diagnose, and provide care, treatment, and services consistent with neonatal/perinatal practice for well babies. NPs [may/may not] admit patients to the hospital. Assess, stabilize, and determine the disposition of patients with emergent conditions consistent with medical staff policy regarding emergency and consultative call services. The core privileges in this specialty include the procedures on the attached procedure list and such other procedures that are extensions of the same techniques and skills.

CORE PROCEDURE LIST

This list is a sampling of procedures included in the core. This is not intended to be an all-encompassing list but rather reflective of the categories/types of procedures included in the core.

To the applicant: If you wish to exclude any procedures, please strike through those procedures you do not wish to request, then initial and date.

Neonatology

- Apply, remove, and change dressings and bandages
- Arrange appropriate outpatient follow-up with community resources subsequent to conference with the neonatologist
- Contact the mother of each infant and inform her of any problems and plans
- Correlate clinical information and fetal data to determine gestational age
- Perform wound debridement and general care for superficial wounds and minor superficial surgical procedures
- Direct care as specified by medical staff approved protocols
- Elicit, record, and interpret the obstetrical, past medical, family, and psychosocial history of the neonate’s parents, noting risk factors and the implications for problems in the immediate newborn period

- Evaluate babies in newborn nursery. Discriminate between normal and abnormal findings on the physical examination, record these findings, and form an impression of the infant's status. Confer with neonatologist on abnormal finding.
- Examine infants prior to discharge and document all findings in chart. Confer with neonatologist when abnormal findings are observed
- Initiate referral to appropriate physician or other healthcare professional of problems that exceed the NP's scope of practice
- Insert and manage urethral catheter
- Insert and remove nasogastric tubes
- Institute discharge planning guidelines
- Institute emergency measures and notify neonatologist immediately
- Make daily rounds with or without neonatologist and present patient history to neonatologist
- Order and obtain samples for appropriate studies and discuss results with neonatologist. Institute appropriate action subsequent to conference with the neonatologist.
- Order diagnostic testing and therapeutic modalities such as laboratory tests, medications, treatments, X-ray, EKG, IV fluids and electrolytes, etc.
- Order the use and discontinuation of phototherapy subsequent to conference with the neonatologist
- Perform field infiltrations of anesthetic solutions
- Perform incision and drainage of superficial abscesses
- Perform newborn physical examinations using the techniques of observation, inspection, auscultation, palpation, and percussion
- Perform routine immunizations
- Perform screenings of Auditory Brainstem Responses (ABRs)
- Perform venous punctures for blood sampling, cultures, and IV catheterization
- Provide immediate supportive care of the newborn in the delivery room
- Record progress notes
- Review maternal health, labor, and delivery records of all infants admitted to newborn nursery under the service of the neonatology group
- Write discharge summaries

Acknowledgement of Practitioner

I have requested only those clinical privileges for which by education, training, current experience, and demonstrated performance I am qualified to perform and for which I wish to exercise at St. Dominic Hospital, and I understand that:

- In exercising any clinical privileges granted and in carrying out the responsibilities assigned to me, I am constrained by hospital and medical staff policies and rules applicable generally and any applicable to the particular situation.
- Any restriction on the clinical privileges granted to me is waived in an emergency situation and in such situation my actions are governed by the applicable section of the policies governing privileged allied health professionals.

Signed _____ **Date** _____

Endorsement of at least one physician employer(s)/supervisor(s)

Signed _____ **Date** _____

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