

Description of Service

Alberta Health Services (AHS) Medical Staff who are Hospitalists and have privileges in the Department of Family Medicine provide safe, high quality care for patients in AHS facilities across the province.

Hospitalists work with multidisciplinary teams to manage and coordinate inpatient care. Hospitalists practice within a coordinated physician team in a hospital setting to ensure continuity of patient care between community and facility.

A hospitalist is a generalist physician who provides medical care to a defined group of facility-based patients. Within this broad definition, two sub-populations of hospitalists can be defined:

Attending Hospitalists are generalist physicians who provide medical care to a defined group of facility-based patients as the most responsible physician in the context of a patient service model of similarly skilled colleagues. This physician will be responsible for the development, implementation, assessment, and communication of a care plan which would include the coordination of specialist and allied health consultations.

Consultant Hospitalists are generalist physicians who provide medical care to a defined group of facility-based patients in the context of a patient service model of similarly skilled colleagues. This physician works with the attending physician in a mutually agreed-upon co-management framework to develop, implement, monitor and communicate a care plan which would include the coordination of specialist and allied health consultations. This physician may have a specialized skill subset unique to the discipline of the attending physician but is a generalist physician.

Hospitalist privileges may include, but are not limited to: admitting, evaluating, diagnosing, treating, consulting, and determining the disposition of patients with emergent conditions in the inpatient setting.

For a full list of clinical services, please refer to the attached Hospitalist Clinical Privilege List.

Note: the Hospitalist definition above is consistent with the Provincial Hospitalist program definition. If there are any changes to the Provincial Hospitalists program definition this will be amended to reflect the changes.

Zone Medical Staff Organization

Zone	Department(s)	Section(s)
South	Family Practice	Hospitalist
Calgary	Family Medicine	Medical Inpatient Care
Central	Family Medicine	
Edmonton	Family Medicine	Hospital Medicine
North	Family Health	Urban Hospital

College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta (CPSA) Requirements

The CPSA grants practice permits but does not guarantee that an individual will be granted an AHS Medical Staff appointment or privileges. It is AHS's role and responsibility to screen and evaluate the qualifications of Practitioners in relation to the specific procedures and patient care services they will be providing at specific sites before granting an appointment and clinical privileges.

Physicians with expertise in a particular area of practice may require a CPSA approval process separate from the CPSA licensure and AHS privileging process for specific services. These services typically fall into the non-invasive diagnostics group. Please refer to the CPSA website for a list of practice areas requiring approval

[http://www.cpsa.ca/accreditation/physician-approvals/.](http://www.cpsa.ca/accreditation/physician-approvals/)

Minimum Education and Training Requirements:

1. Current certification in Family Medicine by the College of Family Physicians of Canada

OR

2. Credentials satisfactory to the Zone Clinical Department Head (ZCDH), Zone Application Review Committee (ZARC) and the Chief Medical Officer (CMO)

These are minimum requirements. The ZCDH, ZARC and the CMO may determine that additional education, training or experience is required. The ZCDH, ZARC and CMO may also determine that an individual has developed competency in a particular area, without having completed a fellowship in that area, through an equivalent combination of education, training and experience.

Privileges Requiring Additional Education, Training and Experience

The list identifies certain privileges that require additional specialty training and documentation of evidence that the practitioner has received recognized postgraduate education, training or an appropriate level of experience to safely provide the service.

Clinical Privilege List and Medical Staff Bylaws

The AHS Medical Staff Bylaws state that the clinical privileges granted to a Practitioner “define the diagnostic or therapeutic Procedures or other Patient care services a Practitioner is deemed competent to perform, the Facility(ies) and Zone(s) within which the Practitioner is eligible to provide care and services to Patients; and the specified AHS Programs and Professional services...that the Practitioner is eligible to access.”¹

No recommendation on Clinical Privileges is meant to prevent any licensed Practitioner from performing any medical procedure on any person in an emergency situation where failure to perform that procedure may result in death or serious injury or harm to the person².

Nothing in this document or the attached List of clinical privileges replaces the processes or requirements set out in the AHS Medical Staff Bylaws and Rules. This document and its attachments are intended to supplement and more fully describe the application of the AHS Bylaws and Rules in the context of Hospitalist Clinical Privileges.

The AHS Medical Staff Bylaws and Rules can be found on the AHS website at <http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/7086.asp>.

Interpretation of the Clinical Privilege List

The following list describes and reflects the categories/types of patient services included in the scope of Hospitalist privileges available to members of the AHS Medical Staff with the necessary and required education, training and experience. When granted, privileges include the capacity to perform the noted procedure using various techniques and approaches as appropriate for the patient, unless a specific technique or approach is specified. The Zone Clinical Department Head’s recommendation regarding specifics of an individual’s privileges and any associated techniques will be provided to ZARC and the CMO for their consideration.

The Medical Staff Rules define the minimum review period for the privilege list³.

¹ AHS Medical Staff Bylaws 3.0.2

² AHS Medical Staff Rules 3.4.3(e)

³ AHS Medical Staff Rules, 3.4.3(f)(ii).

Sites of Clinical Privileges

A delineation of the sites of clinical activity is a required component of clinical privileges (AHS Medical Staff Bylaws, 3.2.1(c) and 3.2.7). Clinical privileges will reflect the site (or sites) where the Physician physically provides the clinical services. A Physician privileged in the specialty may have clinical privileges at multiple sites if they travel to multiple sites to provide clinical services as approved by the ZCDH, ZARC and/or the CMO. Privileges may only be granted at the site(s) and/or setting(s) that have sufficient space, equipment, staffing, and other resources required to support the privilege.

	Site A	Site B	Site C	Site D	Site E
Privilege 1					
Privilege 2					
Privilege 3					
Privilege 4					

The table above indicates what privileges are available at which sites:

- Privilege 1 is available at all sites
- Privilege 2 is available at sites A, C,D and E
- Privilege 3 is available at sites A and C
- Privilege 4 is available at sites B, D and E

Proctoring Requirements

The Zone Clinical Department Head may determine that a period of proctoring is required in certain situations. Proctoring can be defined as:

“The term *proctor* is often used to mean observe, supervise, mentor, monitor, or directly assess...*proctoring* reflects a process by which an individual is reviewed and evaluated over time to ensure competence, and proctor identifies the person performing the assessment.” *The Medical Staff Handbook, A Guide to Joint Commission Standards, Second Edition.*

“Proctoring is a process of direct observation that allows for the focused evaluation of current physician competency in carrying out actual clinical care and takes both cognitive and procedural abilities into account. If the proctor observes potential or imminent patient harm during the proctoring process, it may be ethically appropriate for him or her to intervene.” (*Proctoring and FPPE: Strategies for Verifying Physician Competence, Second Edition.* Robert J. Marder, MD, CMSL, and Mark A. Smith, MD, MBA, CMSL).

Hospitalist Privilege List	
General Privileges	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Admitting Includes; assessment, evaluating, consulting, diagnosing, treating (medical/surgical options).
<input type="checkbox"/>	Consultation Includes; conduct history and assessment for the purpose of making recommendations related to care and treatment.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Surgical Assistant At the direction of the surgeon, provides aid in technical functions in the OR.
Core Clinical Privileges	
Integumentary Procedures	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Abscess incision and drainage
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wound debridement
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wound closure; staples, simple, mattress, and subcuticular
<input type="checkbox"/>	Skin biopsy; shave, punch, and excisional
<input type="checkbox"/>	Excision of dermal lesions, e.g., papilloma, nevus, or cyst
<input type="checkbox"/>	Excision of superficial lipomas
<input type="checkbox"/>	Removal of skin lesions cryotherapy, electrocautery and chemical
<input type="checkbox"/>	Release subungual hematoma
<input type="checkbox"/>	Drainage acute paronychia
<input type="checkbox"/>	Toenail removal
<input type="checkbox"/>	Removal of foreign body, e.g., fish hook, splinter, or glass
Local Anesthetic Procedures	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Infiltration of local anesthetic
<input type="checkbox"/>	Digital block in finger or toe
Ear Procedures	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Removal of cerumen
<input type="checkbox"/>	Removal of foreign body
Nose Procedures	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Removal of foreign body
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cautery for anterior epistaxis
<input type="checkbox"/>	Anterior nasal packing
<input type="checkbox"/>	Posterior nasal packing
Cardiopulmonary Procedures	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Spirometry Interpretation
Gastrointestinal Procedures	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fecal occult blood testing
<input type="checkbox"/>	Incise and drain thrombosed external hemorrhoid
Musculoskeletal Procedures	

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General Privileges	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Aspiration and injection of joints
<input type="checkbox"/>	Injection of lateral epicondyle (tennis elbow)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Aspiration and injection of bursae, e.g., patellar, subacromial
<input type="checkbox"/>	Peripheral Nerve Block
Resuscitation and Other Procedures	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Removal of lines and tubes

Enhanced privileges	
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Eye Procedures	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Instillation of fluorescein
<input type="checkbox"/>	Slit lamp examination
<input type="checkbox"/>	Removal of corneal or conjunctival foreign body
Genitourinary Procedures	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Urethral dilation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Suprapubic Taps
<input type="checkbox"/>	Vasectomy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Circumcision
<input type="checkbox"/>	Excision or fulguration of condylomata
<input type="checkbox"/>	Phimosis and paraphimosis management
Cardiopulmonary Procedures	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Airway Management and Intubation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Chest tube and Pigtail insertion/removal
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cardioversion
Gastrointestinal Procedures	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nasogastric tube insertion
<input type="checkbox"/>	Reinsertion of gastric tube
<input type="checkbox"/>	Proctoscopy/Rigid Sigmoidoscopy - with or without biopsy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Paracentesis
Musculoskeletal Procedures	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Reduction of dislocated finger
<input type="checkbox"/>	Reduce dislocated radial head (pulled elbow)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Reduce dislocated shoulder
<input type="checkbox"/>	Minor Amputation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Extensor Tendon Repair

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Resuscitation and Other Procedures	
<input type="checkbox"/>	All ACLS procedures (airway management, intubation, ECG interpretation, cardioversion)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Arterial Line insertion/ ABG draw
<input type="checkbox"/>	Interosseous Fluid management

Pediatric Procedures Additional experience and demonstrated training may be required to satisfy the Zone Clinical Department Head (ZCDH)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Neonatal resuscitation

Privileges requiring additional education, training and experience The privileges listed below require further education, training and experience satisfactory to ZCDH, ZARC and CMO		
Clinical Privilege	CPSA Approval Required	Required additional education, training and experience
<input type="checkbox"/>		Procedural Sedation Compliance with the AHS Procedural Sedation Policy (PS-21) and Procedure (PS-21-01). Demonstrated combination of education, training AND/OR experience in conscious sedation to satisfy the ZCDH.
<input type="checkbox"/>		Central Venous Lines Insertion Demonstrated combination of education, training AND/OR experience to satisfy the ZCDH.
<input type="checkbox"/>		Paracentesis Demonstrated combination of education, training AND/OR experience to satisfy the ZCDH.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	ECG Interpretation CPSA approval required.
<input type="checkbox"/>		Thoracenteses Demonstrated combination of education, training AND/OR experience to satisfy the ZCDH.
<input type="checkbox"/>		Chest tube insertion Demonstrated combination of education, training AND/OR experience to satisfy the ZCDH.
<input type="checkbox"/>		Adult Lumbar Puncture Demonstrated combination of education, training AND/OR experience to satisfy the ZCDH.
<input type="checkbox"/>		Pediatric Lumbar Puncture Demonstrated combination of education, training AND/OR experience to satisfy the ZCDH.
<input type="checkbox"/>		Aspiration ankle Demonstrated combination of education, training AND/OR experience to satisfy the ZCDH.
<input type="checkbox"/>		Aspiration Hip Demonstrated combination of education, training AND/OR experience to satisfy the ZCDH.

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Point of care ultrasound	<input type="checkbox"/>	Compliance with CPSA Training Requirements Standards.
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