

Protocol for Prescriptive Practice for Physician Assistants

1. The physician assistant will follow the medical standards of evaluation and treatment as defined by his or her educational training, experience and credentialing and may not exceed the scope of practice of the supervising physician.
2. The physician assistant may dispense, distribute and prescribe medications, including controlled substances (schedule II – VI), in accordance with his or her educational training, experience and credentialing.
3. These protocol guidelines are subject to individual amendment by the physician assistant's supervising physician in accordance with Chapter Med. 8 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code.
4. The supervising physician will review any new written prescriptions via the dictated progress note. This will be done in as timely a manner as possible. All progress notes must document the strength of the drug and direction for use. Refill medications will not require physician review or cosignature. Sample medications dispensed do not require co-signature.
5. The Physician Assistant may co-sign medication changes for medication refills done by a registered nurse under their protocol.
6. This protocol is subject to review on an annual basis by the physician/PA team. Documentation of this review should be attached to the protocol itself. The protocol must be signed each year.

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