

## **NURSE PRACTITIONER PRACTICE AGREEMENT**

### **I. INTRODUCTION**

Practice agreement between \_\_\_\_\_ (Nurse Practitioner) and

\_\_\_\_\_ (Collaborating physician) with its place of business at

Upstate University Hospital / Upstate University Hospital at Community General incorporated in the State of New York.

### **II. PRACTICE AGREEMENT**

The practice agreement is between the Collaborating physician and the nurse practitioner and lists the services to be performed by the nurse practitioner. These services are outlined in the Scope of Services, Paragraph III.

Both parties agree to the conditions and qualifications imposed on their contractual relationship by the Practice Agreement.

### **III. SCOPE OF PRACTICE**

The nurse practitioner is a registered professional nurse with advanced preparation in a Nurse Practitioner Program who is certified by the New York State Education Department. She/he meets the following guidelines as set forth in the Federal Register of January 23, 1976.

Nurse Practitioner means a registered nurse who has successfully completed a formal program of study designed to prepare registered nurses to deliver primary health care including the ability to:

- 1) Assess the health status of individuals and families through health and medical history taking, physical examination, and defining of health and developmental problems;
- 2) Institute and provide continuity of health care to clients (patients), work with the client to insure understanding of the compliance with the therapeutic regimen within established protocols, and recognize when to refer the client to a physician or other health care provider;
- 3) Provide instruction and counseling to individuals, families, and groups in the areas of health promotion and maintenance, including involving such persons in planning for their health care; and
- 4) Work in collaboration with other health care providers and agencies to provide, and where appropriate, coordinate services to individuals and families.

Primary health care consists of a broad range of personal health care services including:

- 1) Promotion and maintenance of health;
- 2) Prevention of illness and disability;
- 3) Basic care during acute and chronic phases of illness;
- 4) Guidance and counseling of individuals and families;
- 5) Referral to other health care providers and community resources when appropriate; and
- 6) Acknowledgement of the nurse practitioner's prescriptive privileges for drugs, devices, Immunizing agents, tests and procedures as delineated in the attached Delineation of

**Privileges/Scope of Practice.**

As a primary health care provider working in collaboration with a licensed physician or physicians, the nurse practitioner assesses the physical and psychosocial status of clients by means of interview, health history, physical examinations and diagnostic tests. In accordance with medical protocols agreed upon in advance between the nurse practitioner performing the services and the physician of record, the nurse practitioner evaluates test findings, makes initial medical diagnosis and initiates appropriate action to facilitate the implementation of the therapeutic plan consistent with the continuing health care needs of the client. A high level of health care is maintained for the client through the nurse practitioners use of the resources of the health care setting and through consultation with physicians and other health care professionals.

**IV. PHYSICIAN CONSULTATION**

The Collaborating physician shall be available to the nurse practitioner for consultation. Such availability shall include either on-site or telephone access. Patient records will be reviewed in a timely fashion but in no event less often than every three months.

**V. PROVISION OF EMERGENCY COVERAGE**

In the event of the absence of either the physician or the nurse practitioner, provisions shall be in effect for emergency coverage of the client. There will be a designated Physician in the absence of the primary Physician.

**VI. PROVISION OF RESOLUTION OF DISAGREEMENTS**

In the event of a disagreement between the nurse practitioner and the Collaborating physician, regarding a matter of patient management that is within the scope of practice of both parties, the following process will be utilized to resolve such conflicts:

- 1) If their protocol is questioned by either party, or if the conflict involves an issue not covered by an existing protocol, the Chief of Service, or a designee, and the Associate Director of Advanced Practice Services or a designee will arbitrate.
- 2) In the absence of the Chief of Service, the Senior Attending Physician will serve as the designee. In the absence of the Associate Director of Advanced Practice Services, the senior Advanced Practice Clinician in the division or a similar division will serve as the designee.

**VII. ALTERATION OF THIS AGREEMENT**

Practice Agreement will be reviewed on a yearly basis. It may be altered or amended only in writing.

**HAVING READ AND UNDERSTOOD THE FULL CONTENTS OF THIS DOCUMENT, THE PARTIES HERETO AGREE TO BE BOUND BY ITS TERMS.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Nurse Practitioner  
(Signature and Title)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Collaborating Physician  
(Signature and Title)