Nurse Practitioner - Outpatient Lung Transplant (1.0 FTE, Days)

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Nursing Advance Practice

Nurse Practitioner (NP) /Physician Assistant (PA) – Outpatient Lung Transplant

1.0 FTE, 8 Hour Day Shifts

Lucile Packard Children's Hospital Stanford is the heart and soul of Stanford Children’s Health. Nationally ranked and internationally recognized, our 311-bed hospital is devoted entirely to pediatrics and obstetrics. Our six centers of excellence provide comprehensive services and deep expertise in key obstetric and pediatric areas: brain & behavior, cancer, heart, pregnancy & newborn, pulmonary and transplant. We also provide an additional, wide range of services for babies, kids and pregnant moms.

Nurse Practitioner (NP): The Nurse Practitioner functions under the general Nurse Practitioner Standardized Process Protocol approved by the Interdisciplinary Practice Committee (IDPC). The Nurse Practitioner provides routine care and management of the patient with acute and chronic complaints, in collaboration with the supervising physician and through implementation of standardized procedures. Specific functions pertaining to the Service, Clinic or Department are established by the Nurse Practitioner and the supervising physician(s), and approved by the appropriate medical and nursing administrators, the IDPC, and the Stanford Hospital and Clinics (SHC) Medical Executive Board and Board of Directors.

Physician Assistant (PA): The Physician Assistant functions under the general Physician Assistant Role Description approved by the Interdisciplinary Practice Committee (IDPC). Specific functions pertaining to the Service, Clinic or Department are established by the Physician Assistant and his or her supervising physician(s), and approved by the appropriate medical and nursing administrators, the IDPC, and the Stanford Hospital and Clinics (SHC) Medical Board and Board of Directors.

Essential Functions

The essential functions listed are typical examples of work performed by positions in this job classification. They are not designed to contain or be interpreted as a comprehensive inventory of all duties, tasks, and responsibilities. Employees may also perform other duties as assigned.

Employees must abide by all Joint Commission Requirements including but not limited to sensitivity to cultural diversity, patient care, patient rights and ethical treatment, safety and security of physical environments, emergency management, teamwork, respect for others, participation in ongoing education and training, communication and adherence to safety and quality programs, sustaining compliance with National Patient Safety Goals, and licensure and health screenings.

Must perform all duties and responsibilities in accordance with the Service Standards of the Hospital(s).

A. An NP/PA may provide only those medical services which he/she is competent to perform, which are consistent with the NP/PA’s education, training and experience, and which are performed in collaboration with a physician.
B. An NP/PA shall consult with a physician regarding any task, procedure or diagnostic problem which the NP/PA determines exceeds his/her level of competence or shall refer such cases to a collaborating physician.

C. Scope of Practice of the NP/PA:

- Evaluates and treats patients with acute, chronic complaints and health maintenance concerns related to specialty, according to written standardized procedures.
- Obtains complete histories and performs pertinent physical exams with assessment of normal and abnormal findings on new and return patients.
- Performs or requests and evaluates diagnostic studies as indicated upon evaluation of the patient.
- Administers, orders, furnishes and prescribes medications.
- Orders and collects specimens for routine laboratory tests, screening procedures and therapeutic procedures, including blood and blood products.
- Orders physical therapy, occupational therapy, respiratory therapy, radiology examinations and nursing services.
- Performs designated procedures after demonstrated competency, according to written standardized procedures where applicable.
- Obtains informed consent, as indicated.
- Initiates arrangements for hospital admissions and discharges and completes appropriate paperwork.
- As directed by the supervising physician, enrolls patients in investigational studies approved by the Investigational Review Board (IRB), and orders the necessary tests and medications.
- After appropriate training, assists the supervising physician in the operating room. The RN First Assistant directly assists the surgeon and practices under the supervision of the surgeon during the intraoperative phase. The RN First Assistant must adhere to standardized procedures and not concurrently function as a scrub nurse.
- Recognizes and considers age-specific needs of patients.
- Effectively communicates and interacts with patients, families, staff and members of the community from diverse backgrounds.
- Recognizes situations which require the immediate attention of a physician, and initiates life-saving procedures when necessary.
- Facilitates the coordination of NP/PA patient and outpatient care and services as needed.
- Facilitates collaboration between providers and coordination of community resources.
- Ensures compliance with legal, regulatory and clinical policies and procedures.
- Participates in quality improvement initiatives.
- Provides and coordinates patient teaching and counseling.
- Other duties as assigned.

D. Supervision:

- Supervision is provided by the supervising/sponsoring physician with clinical privileges at LPCH, or designated attending physicians in the Clinic, Service or Department. Standardized procedures, approved by the supervising physician(s) and the IDPC, are a mandatory mechanism of supervision. Other mechanisms of supervision used may be:
- Direct on-site, electronic or phone supervision by a supervising physician. A physician cannot supervise more than four (4) NP/PAs at one time.
- Chart screens on random charts by the supervising physician or designee.
- Chart audits on random charts as an integral part of selected quality improvement programs.
- Ongoing Professional Practice Evaluation (OPPE) through tracking of performance indicators.
- The NP/PA will receive a formal annual performance evaluation by the Lead Advanced Practice Provider (Lead APP), Director of Advanced Practice or supervising manager/director with input from the Lead APP, supervising physician(s) and/or physician delegates, APP peers and the supervising manager/director. Ongoing Professional Practice Evaluation (OPPE) also occurs through tracking of performance indicators.

**Department Information**

Transplant Coordinator/NP are specialized nurses, typically in an outpatient/ambulatory care setting, that facilitate the care and education of solid organ (e.g., heart, lung, heart-lung, liver, kidney, pancreas, small intestine, and multi-organ transplantation), recipients and their families from initial contact, through the work-up for transplant and the waiting period, discharge planning, and then post-transplant follow-up for transplant-related care, ensuring continuity of care across the transplant continuum. Transplant Coordinator/NP is an integral member of a larger interdisciplinary team contributing to excellence in patient care, research, teaching, and in providing leadership to the organization.

General Responsibilities: Maintains the Last Word database patient roster(s); maintains the patient medical record and patient confidentiality in accordance with HIPAA regulations; maintains UNOS and CMS regulatory compliance, participates in the transplant program Quality Improvement Process; responsible for collaboration with affiliated transplant agencies and other transplant centers; educates the community about organ donation in conjunction with the California Transplant Donor Network (CTDN).

Post-Transplant: Monitors and assesses all post-transplant labs, tests, and medications, and ensures that standing lab orders are kept current; notifies physician in a timely manner of abnormal diagnostic tests, out-of-range lab values, and new/worsening patient symptoms reinforces the inpatient discharge teaching regarding post-operative signs and symptoms of complications, infection, and rejection; directs activity in Transplant Clinic to ensure efficient workflow, patient rooming, and performs clinical assessments/minor procedures as appropriate in a clinic setting; maintains long-term follow-up with patient and referring physician until patient becomes inactive with the program; acts as a resource to community physicians and health care workers regarding long-term medical management of the transplant patient.

Pre-Transplant: Interviews and performs intake referral on potential recipients and their family/significant other; assesses patient and family/significant other perceptions of physical, emotional, and psychological implications of transplantation; participates in the initial educational process for patient candidates; contacts referring physicians for necessary patient information and keeps them current regarding patient’s transplant status and communicates this information to the transplant surgeon/physician to expedite the evaluation process; provides the patient’s financial/insurance information to the Patient Admitting Department; lists patient on transplant waiting list maintained by the United Network of Organ Sharing (UNOS); communicates acceptance into the program to the patient/support person; sends out patient information packet; monitors all accepted candidates waiting for transplantation under protocols; attends to transplant issues in the Transplant Clinic.

**Minimum Qualifications**

*Any combination of education and experience that would likely provide the required knowledge, skills and abilities as well as possession of any required licenses or certifications is qualifying.*

**Physician Assistant (PA):**

* Bachelor’s degree or above from an accredited college or university.
* Graduate of a PA program accredited by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant, Inc.

**Nurse Practitioner (NP/PA):**

* Master’s or doctoral degree in nursing from an accredited college or university.

* Graduate of an NP/PA program accredited by the National League of Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) or the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

**Licensure/Certification**

**Physician Assistant (PA):**

* Licensure as a Physician Assistant (PA) in the State of California.

* Certification as a Physician Assistant (PA) by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)

* Certification in Basic Life Support (BLS) from the American Heart Association (AHA)

* An individual Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) license issued by the United States DEA for Schedule II-V controlled substances, *required only if prescribing controlled substances to outpatients*

* Additional board certification(s) may be required by certain services/departments.

**Nurse Practitioner (NP/PA):**

* Licensure as a Registered Nurse (RN) in the State of California.

* Certification as a Nurse Practitioner (NP/PA) in the State of California.

* National Board Certification as a Nurse Practitioner (NP/PA) from an agency accredited by the American Board of Nursing Specialties (ABNS).

* Certification in Basic Life Support (BLS) from the American Heart Association (AHA).

* Furnishing license issued by the Board of Registered Nursing (BRN), *required only if furnishing medications*

* An individual Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) license issued by the United States DEA for Schedule II-V controlled substances, *required only if prescribing controlled substances to outpatients.*

* Additional board certification(s) may be required by certain specialties/departments.

*Note: New graduate NP/PAs will be allotted six (6) months from their graduation date to obtain national board certification.*
**Licensure/Certification:** Additional board certification(s) may be required by certain specialties/departments.

*The Physical Requirements and Working Conditions in which the job is typically performed are available from the Occupational Health Department. Reasonable accommodations will be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions of the job.*

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