Physician Assistant (Requisition # 103458), Department of Surgery, Section of General Surgery at The University of Chicago

- Overview-

Department of Surgery:

Operating since 1927 on a strong foundation of multidisciplinary clinical and academic excellence, the University of Chicago Department of Surgery's mission is to meet the most challenging and complex health problems on both a local and global scale.

Among the Department's numerous accomplishments, many of our faculty members are known for their contributions to the advancement of groundbreaking surgical procedures and techniques, including minimally invasive surgery. In addition to our department's clinical work, our scientists aggressively pursue a diverse range of basic, translational and clinical research projects, including studies on the gut microbiome, tissue bioengineering, stem cell research, cancer and immunotolerance.

This ongoing work and achievement would not be possible without the cohesive effort and commitment of the faculty and staff. We are looking for high energy, collaborative individuals who share our commitment to improving the health of patients in the community and beyond.

General Surgery:

General surgeons at the University of Chicago Medicine focus on a broad range of diseases, including various types of cancer, endocrine disorders, esophageal diseases, breast diseases and more. In treating this wide spectrum of diseases, our surgeons are also trained to use today's most cutting-edge techniques, including robotic and laparoscopic approaches, to ease the patient’s surgical experience. Our surgeons also work in close collaboration with experts across the hospital to ensure each patient receives the care he or she deserves to achieve optimal outcomes.

The research endeavors by faculty and investigators in the Section of General Surgery are just as wide and varied as the diseases they treat. In addition to their numerous outcomes-based research projects, our investigators are busy with complex basic science questions that will one day allow physicians to deliver better care to all patients. These scientific endeavors revolve around uncovering the pathophysiology of infections, genomics and physiology of pancreatic cancer and much more.

-Physician Assistant-

Provides primary or specialty health care services within defined scope of practice in collaboration with a licensed physician and in accordance with UCM policies and procedures.

Core Responsibilities:

- Performs comprehensive histories and physical exams, identifies normal and abnormal findings, including physical, cognitive and psycho-social status.
- Orders and interprets laboratory and diagnostic tests.
- Develops pharmaceutical and non-pharmaceutical treatment plans.
- Monitors effectiveness of plan of care.
- Educates patients on disease and treatment plans.
- Performs procedures as trained and appropriately credentialed.
- Documents within the Electronic Medical Record (EMR) and completes other necessary documents.
- Collaborates and/or consults with physicians and other health care providers as appropriate.
- Educates, counsels, and assists patients and families regarding current health problems, health maintenance activities and preventive behaviors.
- Actively participates in program building, and quality measurement and improvement measures.

Section Specific Responsibilities:

- Works collaboratively within the multidisciplinary team in the Regional Therapy Program of Surgical Oncology and participates in preoperative, intraoperative, and postoperative patient care.
- Provides direct patient care for adults patients with acute and/or chronic illnesses in both outpatient and inpatient settings.
- Provides follow-up/post-op care in the outpatient clinic.
- Coordinates preoperative and postoperative planning with primary care providers and anesthesia providers for patients traveling from a distance.
- Collaborates with primary care providers, specialty care providers and/or inpatient providers to provide comprehensive patient care.
- Educates patients and families on preoperative and postoperative care.

- Performs advanced treatments and/or procedures following verification of competency including but not limited to:
  a) Administration of chemotherapy orders
  b) Paracentesis, pleural taps
  c) Tumor biopsies
  d) Other department specific procedures

- Performs routine procedures including but not limited to:
  a) Palliative meetings
  b) Other department specific procedures

- Writes admission, discharge, and/or transfer orders.
- Facilitates referral of patients to department appropriate referrals: specialty care, physical therapy, occupational therapy.
- Communicates with patients regarding their plan of care via telephone and/or MyChart.
- Communicates with patients regarding follow-up care and test results via telephone, letters and/or email.
- Participates on UCM and/or BSD committees.
- Attends section and department meetings and/or educational activities as required.
- Participates on committees and assists with projects to fulfill required administrative duties.
- Acts as preceptor/educator for PA students, NP students, Medical Students, and/or residents and fellows.
- Participates in educational activities both within and outside of UCM.
- Participates in activities that contribute to the education of healthcare professionals including one-on-one education, group education, formal presentations and/or publishing.
- Participates in the assessment, development, implementation and evaluation of quality improvement programs, standards of practice, patient education, policies and/or procedures.
- Maintains current certification in BLS and ACLS.

- Qualifications -

Physician Assistant:

Completion of an accredited Physician Assistant educational program accredited by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant, Inc. (ARC-PA) required.

Current Physician Assistant license/registration in the State of Illinois or eligibility to receive by start date required.

Certification from the National Commission for the Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA) by start date preferred.

Two or more years of clinical experience in a related area of specialty preferred.

-To Apply-

Interested applicants must apply online to requisition #103458 found at http://hrservices.uchicago.edu/jobs/index.shtml.

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