

SCOPE OF MEDICAL PRACTICE

's 'Scope of Medical Practice' entails those clinical services that are permitted on-site within our community health center. The 'scope' is herein presented as a delineation of segments of clinical scope that are further segmented into types or categories of care. The scope of medical services permitted at health center is herein illustrated. Privileges that are granted to medical providers (physicians, mid level providers) are derived from this scope of practice, which is tabulated over the following pages.

CLINICAL SCOPE SEGMENT	TYPE OR CATEGORY OF CARE	DESCRIPTION OF CLINICAL ACTIVITIES
General Medicine	Not Applicable	<p>A. History, Examination, and Treatment of common and simple medical conditions affecting patients over the age of 2 years old and typically managed on an outpatient basis. Examples of such conditions include: acute upper respiratory viral infectious conditions, acute ENT viral and bacterial infectious conditions (e.g., otitis externa, otitis media, and pharyngitis), mild to moderate asthma exacerbations, simple dermatological disorders (e.g., uncomplicated burns, contact dermatitis, simple I&D, and atopic dermatitis) and common sexually transmitted diseases.</p> <p>B. Without regard to the age of the patient, the following conditions can be managed on an interim basis: treatment of minor skin lacerations in benign locations, suture removal, immunization, initiation of prenatal care (initial counseling, initial labs, prescribing of prenatal vitamins, and referral to obstetrical provider), and hormonal contraception (except Norplant insertion).</p> <p>C. Without regard to the age of the patient, if the patient has a stable chronic medical condition as determined by a review of the medical record, and the principle physician is inaccessible, simple medication refills are permitted.</p>
Pediatric Medicine	Level One	History, Examination and Treatment of up to moderately complex medical conditions affecting patients aged 0 to 18 years of age, whereby the conditions are typically managed without subspecialty consultant collaboration and on an outpatient basis.
	Level Two	History, Examination and Treatment of complex medical conditions affecting patients aged 0 to 18 years of age, whereby the conditions are typically managed with subspecialty consultant collaboration and on an outpatient basis (e.g., oncology disorders, sickle cell disease, cystic fibrosis, and AIDS)
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Adult Medicine	Level One	History, Examination and Treatment of simple to moderately complex medical conditions affecting patients aged 18 years and older, whereby the conditions are typically managed without specialty or subspecialty consultant collaboration on an outpatient basis.
	Level Two	History, Examination and Treatment of complex medical conditions affecting patients aged 18 years and older, whereby the conditions are typically managed with specialty or subspecialty consultant collaboration (e.g., oncology disorders, sickle cell disease, severe coronary artery disease, severe and complicated hypertensive disorders, conditions requiring anticoagulation, and AIDS) on an outpatient basis.
Obstetrics and Gynecology	Level One	History, Examination, and Treatment of common gynecological conditions affecting females 12 years and older (e.g., sexually transmitted diseases, and hormonal contraception, except Norplant insertion) whereby the conditions can be managed on an outpatient basis without the direct involvement of an Ob/Gyn physician.
	Level Two	History, Examination, and Treatment of moderately complex gynecological conditions affecting females 12 years and older, typically managed on an outpatient basis (e.g., chronic dysfunctional uterine bleeding, primary and secondary amenorrhea, post-menopausal bleeding, and cervical atypia).
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Dermatology Consultation	Not Applicable	<p>A. For patients of all ages: Diagnosis of, Treatment of, and Management and/or Consultation on medical conditions of the dermatological system, typically managed on an outpatient basis, requiring the greatest degree of expertise and special skills acquired during medical subspecialty training.</p> <p>B. Procedures are limited to following: intra-lesional injections; facial and non-facial lesion destruction; excision of fibrocutaneous tags; incision & drainage; treatment of warts; biopsy of skin, subcutaneous tissue, or mucous membrane; surgical excisions under local anesthesia of benign skin lesions of generally 4 cm or less in diameter.</p>
Pathology	CLIA-Waived	Laboratory services include the following, at a minimum: urine pregnancy testing; dipstick urinalysis; capillary glucose; wet prep specimen microscopic examination,