



Policy: It is the policy of Barrett Hospital & HealthCare to ensure that emergency services provided by mid-level practitioners (Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants) meet all applicable Federal and State Regulations.

References:

CAH State Operations Manual Tags C-0275, C-0339

http://cms.hhs.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/downloads/som107ap_w_cah.pdf

ARM 24.156.16: Physician Assistant - Scope of Practice

<http://www.mtrules.org/gateway/Subchapterhome.asp?scn=24.156.16>

MCA 37.20 Physician Assistants

http://leg.mt.gov/bills/mca_toc/37_20.htm

Procedure:

1. Mid-level providers may only practice within the scope of their licensure and the limits of their hospital privileges. Additionally, physician assistants may only practice within the scope of their Duties and Delegation Agreement.
2. General medical oversight is provided by:
 - a. A minimum 10% record review conducted by the supervising physician or designee (100% review will be conducted for the first 3 months of practice followed by a minimum of 25% for the next 3 months). The supervising physician shall countersign and date all written entries that have been chart reviewed and shall document any amendments, modifications, or guidance provided.
 - b. The Medical Staff Professional Practice Evaluation Committee in reviewing returns to the ED within 72 hours, admissions within 72 hours of ED visits, and other areas of concern reported by medical staff, nursing staff, or coding staff.
 - c. The Medical Staff Credentialing Committee in recommending initial appointment and privileges and reappointment to the Medical Staff as a whole.
 - d. The Active Medical Staff in recommending appointment and privileges and reappointment to the hospital Board of Trustees.
3. Medical diagnosis and treatment by mid-level providers is guided by the following:
 - a. UpToDate® Electronic Resource, an evidence-based medicine software program, is available through the EMR. This program is updated regularly and includes:
 - 1) Adult and Pediatric Emergency Medicine
 - 2) Adult Primary Care and Internal Medicine
 - 3) Allergy and Immunology
 - 4) Anesthesiology
 - 5) Calculators
 - 6) Cardiovascular Medicine



- 7) Dermatology
 - 8) Drug Information
 - 9) Endocrinology and Diabetes
 - 10) Family Medicine and General Practice
 - 11) Gastroenterology and Hepatology
 - 12) General Surgery
 - 13) Geriatrics
 - 14) Hematology
 - 15) Hospital Medicine
 - 16) Infectious Diseases
 - 17) Nephrology and Hypertension
 - 18) Neurology
 - 19) Obstetrics, Gynecology and Women's Health
 - 20) Oncology
 - 21) Palliative Care
 - 22) Pediatrics
 - 23) Practice Changing Updates
 - 24) Psychiatry
 - 25) Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine
 - 26) Rheumatology
 - 27) Sleep Medicine
4. Required consultation with or referral to a physician under the following circumstances:
- a. When patient clinical needs exceed the scope of licensure or privileges of the mid-level provider; this includes any patients requiring inpatient admission, fibrinolytic therapy, surgery, complex medical problems, invasive procedures for which the mid-level provider does not have documented training.
 - b. When patient clinical needs exceed the capacity of the institution; this includes patient transfer for diagnostics or specialty care.