

SCOPE OF PRACTICE GUIDELINES

CARDIOLOGY SERVICE

MEDICAL SERVICES
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MEDICAL (M-S) AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDENTS (PA-S)

1. Medical-S and PA-S rotating through the Womack Army Medical Center Cardiology Service are expected to take histories, perform physical examinations and submit their histories and physical exams to preceptor for review. They are furthermore required to develop a concise & thoughtful assessment & plan, review it with the Cardiology staff & submit it to preceptor for review.
2. Medical-S and PA-S certified in basic cardiac life support (BCLS) may perform BCLS on an emergent basis when required and direct cardio version or defibrillation under supervision of staff physician only.
3. No other procedure, including but not limited to transthoracic echo, endotracheal intubation, transesophageal echo, central venous access et cetera, maybe performed by a Medical-S and PA-S at any time unless prior special arrangements is specifically made with the Chief, Cardiology Service. Students may assist with cardiac catheterizations, which in many cases may involve arterial puncture, which must done only under close, hands-on supervision, and with the approval of Chief, Cardiology Service.
4. Under no circumstances is a Medical-S and PA-S to be supervised in the performance of any procedure by a PA-C, another PA-S or another Medical-S.

Student

Date