

# SCOPE OF PRACTICE GUIDELINES

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## DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

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### PSYCHIATRY SERVICE

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

1. Rotating Medical-S and PA-S will be expected to do the following: take a history, do a physical exam, perform a mental status examination, and then present their findings to a supervising staff psychiatrist with an impression/assessment and proposed plan of action. They may order appropriate lab tests, do progress notes and H/P in accordance with guidelines derived from consultation and supervision with the staff physician.
2. Medical-S, and PA-S may be responsible for performing consultation to medical and surgery wards, and the emergency room with psychiatry staff.
3. Although higher levels of training would presuppose greater latitude of autonomy, all actions to psychiatry patients shall be discussed with attending psychiatry staff.
4. Students will secure a copy of the DSM-IV-TR or of the pocket handbook for the DSM-IV-TR during their rotation with the expectation of learning the diagnostic criteria for Psychotic, Mood, Anxiety, Somatoform, Eating, Sleeping, Adjustment, Personality, and Substance Disorders.
5. A psychiatry staff physician will countersign all medical documentation.

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**Student**

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**Date**