

**SCOPE OF PRACTICE GUIDELINES**

**ENT/OTOLARYNGOLOGY SERVICE**

**GENERAL SURGERY SERVICE  
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**MEDICAL (M-S) AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDENTS (PA-S)**

1. Medical-S and PA-S will be expected to perform a history, appropriate physical exam and present the patient to the Staff Otolaryngologist who will confirm findings. They will then record the history and physical exam findings; order the appropriate otolaryngologic studies and laboratory test in accordance with staff guidance given after discussion on the differential diagnosis and appropriate otolaryngologic evaluation.
2. Under direct supervision, may be allowed to perform otolaryngologic minor procedures to include suturing and microscopic ear exams.
3. Family Medicine residents, medical students, and PA-S may also be responsible for:
  - a. Routine venipuncture.
  - b. Admitting Otolaryngology patients.
  - c. Assisting in otolaryngologic surgery or procedures as a second assistant.
  - d. Attending otolaryngologic conferences.
  - e. Representing Otolaryngology, as first call with staff back up call.
4. An Otolaryngology staff physician will countersign all medical documentation.
5. In-patient orders and care will not be provided without staff countersignature.

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**Student**

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**Date**