# STANDING ORDERS: Health Professionals & Immunization Practice

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### NOTES:

1. **Immunization Practice:** Includes the assessment of patient status, the prescription of appropriate vaccines, and the administration of vaccines

2. **Delegated Authority:** May include the following terms: standing orders, protocol, collaborative agreement, direct or indirect supervision, at the direction of another provider, as ordered by another provider, or as prescribed by another provider

3. **Legal Interpretation—Nurses:** Registered Nurses retain all authority granted to Practical Nurses and Vocational Nurses. Nurses engaging in advanced practice (Advanced Practice, Clinical Nurse Spec., and Nurse Practitioner) retain all authority granted to Registered Nurses, Practical Nurses, and Vocational Nurses.

4. **Legal Interpretation—Midwives:** Because midwives are not nurses in all states, they are identified as a separate professional category. When midwives are nurses, the following interpretations apply: Midwives who are identified as Registered Nurses retain all authority granted to Practical Nurses and Vocational Nurses. Midwives who engage in advanced practice retain all authority granted to Registered Nurses, Practical Nurses, and Vocational Nurses.

5. **Gray box:** Provider practices within the state, however the state has no relevant law addressing this element

6. Please note the differences in the scope of practice between a midwife and a Certified Nurse Midwife. Certified Nurse Midwives are Registered Nurse Practitioners and may assess, prescribe, and administer under their own authority. A Midwife may assess under delegated authority and is prohibited from Administration.

### MEDICAL ASSISTANT

A. A medical assistant may perform, under the direct supervision of a physician or a physician assistant, the medical procedures listed in the 2003 revised edition, Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Program's, "Standards and Guidelines for an Accredited Educational Program for the Medical Assistant, Section (III)(C)(3)(a) through (III)(C)(3)(e)."


... C. Curriculum ... 3. Competencies ... b. Clinical Competencies ... (4) Patient Care ... (e) Prepare patient for and assist with routine and specialty examinations (f) Prepare patient for and assist with procedures, treatments, and minor office surgeries (g) Apply pharmacology principles to prepare and administer oral and parenteral (excluding IV) medications.

**Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs, Standards and Guidelines for Medical Assisting Educational Programs, Revised 2003 (2012)**
A. A medical assistant may perform the following medical procedures under the direct supervision of a doctor of medicine, physician assistant or nurse practitioner . . . 2. Administer injections. *Ariz. Rev. Stat.* § 32-1456 (2012) Medical assistants; use of title; violation; classification

**MIDWIFE**

A. The Board recognizes the following APRN roles: 1. Registered nurse practitioner (RNP) in a population focus including Certified Nurse Midwife as a population focus of RNP. . . . *Ariz. Admin. Code R4-19-501, amended by 2013 AZ REG TEXT 311810 (2013) Roles and Population Foci of Advanced Practice Registered Nursing (APRN); Certification Programs*


. . . D. A midwife shall not administer drugs or medications except as provided in [referenced citations in other parts of the law that do not include any reference to vaccines or immunizations]. . . . *Ariz. Admin. Code R9-16-108 (2012) Prohibited Practice; Transfer of Care*

**NURSES**

**Clinical Nurse Spec.**


In addition to the functions of a registered nurse, a clinical nurse specialist . . . may perform one or more of the following . . . 1. Perform a comprehensive assessment, analysis, and evaluation of a patient's complex health needs. *Ariz. Admin. Code § R4-19-514 (2012) Scope of Practice of the Clinical Nurse Specialist*

**Nurse Practitioner**

. . . 15. "Registered nurse practitioner" means a professional nurse who . . . (d) Has an expanded scope of practice within a specialty area that includes: (i) Assessing clients, synthesizing and analyzing data and understanding and applying principles of health care at an advanced level . . (v) . . . prescribing, administering and dispensing therapeutic measures, including legend drugs . . . within the scope of registered nurse practitioner practice . . . *Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 32-1601 (2012) Definitions*


**Practical Nurse**

. . . 13. “Practical nursing” includes the following activities that are performed under the supervision of a physician or a registered nurse: (a) Contributing to the assessment of the health status of individuals and groups. *Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 32-1601 (2012) Definitions*

**Registered Nurse**

. . . 16. “Registered nursing” includes the following . . . (c) Assessing the health status of individuals and groups. . . . *Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 32-1601 (2012) Definitions*

PHARMACIST

A. . . . [A] pharmacist . . . may administer the following to adults without a prescription. . . 1. Immunizations or vaccines listed in the United States centers for disease control and prevention's recommended adult immunization schedule. 2. Immunizations or vaccines recommended by the United States centers for disease control and prevention's health information for international travel.

B. A pharmacist . . . may administer the following to a person who is at least six years of age but under eighteen years of age without a prescription . . . 1. Immunizations or vaccines for influenza. 2. Immunizations or vaccines in response to a public health emergency declared by the governor . . .

C. Pursuant to a prescription order, a pharmacist . . . may administer immunizations and vaccines to a person who is at least six years of age but under eighteen years of age. . . . Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 32-1974 (2012) Pharmacists; administration of immunizations, vaccines and emergency medications; certification; reporting requirements; advisory committee; definition; see also Ariz. Admin. Code § R4-23-411 (2012) Pharmacist-administered or Pharmacy or Graduate Intern-administered Immunizations (for similar language)

A. . . . 1. “Certified pharmacist” means an individual . . . who is authorized . . . to administer immunizations or vaccines to adults. . . . B. The following immunizations or vaccines require a prescription order before the immunization or vaccine may be administered . . . by a certified pharmacist: 1. Japanese Encephalitis vaccine, 2. Rabies vaccine, 3. Typhoid vaccines, and 4. Yellow fever vaccine. Ariz. Admin. Code § R9-6-1301 (2012) Immunizations or Vaccines Requiring a Prescription Order for Pharmacist Administration

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT

A. A supervising physician may delegate health care tasks to a physician assistant. . . . C. The physician assistant may perform those duties and responsibilities, including the ordering, prescribing, dispensing and administration of drugs and medical devices that are delegated by the supervising physician. D. The physician assistant may provide any medical service that is delegated by the supervising physician if the service is within the physician assistant's skills, is within the physician's scope of practice and is supervised by the physician. . . .

G. The physician assistant may perform health care tasks in any setting authorized by the supervising physician, including physician offices, clinics, hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers, patient homes, nursing homes and other health care institutions. These tasks may include: 1. Obtaining patient histories. 2. Performing physical examinations. 3. Ordering and performing diagnostic and therapeutic procedures. 4. Formulating a diagnostic impression. 5. Developing and implementing a treatment plan. 6. Monitoring the effectiveness of therapeutic interventions. . . . 9. Making appropriate referrals. 10. Prescribing schedule . . . and prescription-only medications. . . . 13. Performing other nonsurgical health care tasks that are normally taught in courses of training approved by the board, that are consistent with the training and experience of the physician assistant and that have been properly delegated by the supervising physician. . . . Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 32-2531 (2012) Physician assistant scope of practice; health care tasks; supervising physician duties; civil penalty
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