

## Military Medics and Corpsmen Program (MMAC) General Scope of Practice Required Skills Overview

**Significant Responsibilities:** The responsibilities must “*reflect the level of training and experience of the military medical personnel*” (*Code of Virginia: §2.2-2001.4*). Since the supervising physician/podiatrist retain responsibility for the care of the patient, he/she must review and evaluate the competency of the Clinical Care Technician (CCT (title may vary)) to perform certain tasks and assume responsibilities for patient care. The CCT may perform ongoing patient care duties to include providing assessment and management of patients seen in the Partner Healthcare System (PHS) facility under the supervision of a physician/podiatrist or designee. Necessary interventions based upon patient symptoms and established protocols/standards of care may be part of the routine capabilities of this position. The CCT thoroughly and appropriately documents actions, assessments, diagnostics, and procedures in the medical record.

**Important Information:** This document is intended to describe the detailed nature and level of work being performed by CCT at the designated PHS. These skills may vary by PHS. Applicants shall have last performed hands-on patient care utilizing the skills and procedures in the MMAC General Scope of Practice no later than 12 months prior to application date. For certain skills or procedures, training may be substituted for performance. All other duties are as assigned by PHS supervisory and/or department leadership. All MMAC applicants/candidates must comply with all details and limitations of the MMAC General Scope of Practice as outlined the PHS Job Description and/or employment contract. All MMAC candidates will review, discuss, and sign the MMAC Master Memorandum of Agreement (MMOA) and any additional required program documents. No deviations from this guidance will be allowed and may result in automatic disqualification from MMAC program and/or may lead to termination of employment with the PHS. Those documents do not create an employment contract, and employment with any PHS is “at will.” Educational and/or training opportunities are at the discretion of the PHS.

**General Scope of Practice:** If properly trained and deemed competent by the supervising physician/podiatrist and under the supervision of a PHS physician/podiatrist, the CCT may:

- Obtain patient health history, chief complaints, medication history, and identification of health related conditions that may impact the patient’s health status.

- Evaluate patients for emergency medical conditions, order appropriate diagnostic studies and perform a wide range of treatment procedures under the direction of the supervising physician/podiatrist.
- Assist in behavioral/psychiatric situations to include crisis intervention, management of aggressive or suicidal psychiatric patients, and one-to-one observations.
- Assist physician/podiatrist with complex, specialized, and potentially life threatening procedures such as defibrillation, cardioversions, insertion of chest drainage tubes, or initiation of mechanical ventilation to restore normal physiological function or prevent deterioration of patient's condition.
- Recognize life threatening situations and act to correct these according to established national or facility protocols. The CCT must be able to operate specialized medical equipment such as defibrillators, electrocardiographs, and oxygen apparatus.
- Perform airway management using Bi Level Positive Airway Pressure (BIPAP) and advanced airway techniques, to include the use of Laryngeal Mask Airway (LMA) and oral intubations using laryngoscope, if properly trained, credentialed and privileged. This requires understanding in the use of pulse oximetry, capnometry, capnography, or other secondary confirmation methods to ensure correct placement of emergency advanced airway devices.
- Assess patient status to keep the supervising physician/podiatrist informed of any change or need for additional treatment.
- Conduct or assists with the training of personnel in CPR, basic, and advanced emergency medical care techniques, if appropriately trained and qualified.
- Conduct or assist with community health programs, blood pressure and glucose screenings, flu immunizations, etc.
- Transport patients monitored and unmonitored patients to diagnostic procedures and/or inpatient units in the facility.
- Perform triage duties as assigned. In this situation the CCT need to have expertise in the use of the facility-specific triage tools, the Emergency Severity Index (ESI) triage tool, or be trained in its use prior to conducting triage evaluations.

If properly trained and deemed competent by the supervising physician/podiatrist and under the supervision of a physician/podiatrist, additional duties may include:

- Dressing changes, wound management, suture removal, repair of simple lacerations, Foley catheter insertion, splint, binder and bandage applications, and performance of tracheotomy care.
- Specimen collection, preparation and transfer to the lab for processing of blood, tissue, urine, stool and sputum.
- Monitors and obtains test results as soon as available and informs physicians/podiatrist promptly to facilitate patient care.
- Starts peripheral and EJ IVs
- Venipuncture
- Ear irrigation
- Nasogastric lavage
- Incision & drainage of abscesses
- Enemas
- Splinting
- Suture removal
- Nail removal
- **Uncomplicated wound closure:**
  - simple one-layer lacerations not on face, neck, or hands
  - Skin stapling - scalp lacerations
  - Steristrips™
  - Dermabond™

- **Diagnostics:**
  - vital signs
  - EKG
  - rapid strep swabs
  - urine dip
  - urine pregnancy test
  - visual acuity
  
- **Under the direction and supervision of a PHS prescriber, the administration of:**
  - Oxygen
  - basic IV fluids
  - nebulizer medications, limited PO meds, IM meds, immunizations, vaccines.

**Important Note:** As part of the application process, all MMAC applicants will sign and date the General Scope of Practice Required Skills Acknowledgement Form. This form is acknowledgement of training and experience relating to the skills and procedures outlined in the MMAC General Scope of Practice. Providing false information may lead to disqualification from participating in the Military Medics and Corpsman program and may lead to termination of employment by the MMAC Healthcare System Partner.

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