

GASTROENTEROLOGY SCOPE OF PRACTICE

The PA may care for new or established patients in the practice, may perform consults in the hospital setting, may evaluate and treat patients in long-term care facilities as prescribed by state law with the initial patient evaluation being done by a physician.

This SOP is developed for the gastroenterology/hepatology disease practice.

Diagnoses managed by this practice include, but are not limited to:

- Diseases of the GI tract including Barretts Esophagitis, esophageal CA
- Achalasia, esophageal varices, GERD and dysmotility, gastritis, ulcer disease
- Gastric outlet obstruction
- Mallory-Weiss tear
- Carcinoid, GI lymphoma
- Gatroparesis
- Celiac sprue
- Whipples disease
- Small bowel obstructions and Small bowel cancer
- IBS, colitis, Crohn's, diverticulitis
- Colorectal CA, hemorrhoids, rectal abscess

Diseases of the liver, biliary tract and pancreas to include, but not limited to:

- Hepatitis
- Hemochromatosis
- Cirrhosis, ascites
- Peritonitis
- Hepatic encephalopathy
- Hepatocellular CA
- Cholelithiasis, cholecystitis, biliary cirrhosis, choledocholithiasis, cholangitis, cholangio CA
- Pancreatitis, pseudocyst, sphincter of Oddi dysfunction

General symptoms to be evaluated by the PA include, but are not limited to:

- Abdominal pain
- N/V
- Dysphagia
- Constipation and diarrhea
- GI bleed
- Elevated liver enzymes
- Weight loss

Subspecialty Tasks: I & D hemorrhoids, Access port-a-cath, Peritoneal tap for ascites