

## NEUROLOGY SCOPE OF PRACTICE GUIDELINES

Medical conditions for which treatment may be initiated, continued or modified, include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Headaches & facial pain
2. Dizziness/Vertigo
3. Post concussive syndrome
4. Cerebrovascular disease
5. Aphasia
6. Multiple Sclerosis
7. Dementia
8. Epilepsy
9. Neuromuscular disease
10. Nerve Palsies
11. Neuropathy
12. Tremor and other movement disorders
13. All other conditions deemed appropriate by supervising physician.
14. Other co-existing conditions and responses to surgical/medical treatment which will necessitate intervention.

Other non-neurological disorders that PA may encounter and initiate evaluations include:

**Psychiatric Disorders:** (May identify, initiate work-up and Initiate care on referral) Depression & Anxiety

**Diabetes mellitus and hypoglycemia:** (May Identify, initiate work-up and initiate care on referral)

- Diabetes mellitus
- Hypoglycemic states
- Lipid abnormalities
- Lipid fractions and the risk of coronary heart disease
- Therapeutic effects of lowering cholesterol for heart disease and bone mineral density

**General Problems in Infectious Diseases:** (May identify, initiate work-up and initiate care on referral)

- Fever of unknown origin (FUO)
- Animal and human bite wounds
- Sexually transmitted diseases
- Joint disorders as they relate to infectious diseases

**Disorders Due to Physical Agents:** (May identify, initiate work-up and initiate care on referral)

- Disorders due to cold
- Disorders due to heat

**Poisoning:** (May identify, initiate work-up and initiate care on referral)

**General Approach to the Patient:** (May identify, initiate work-up and initiate care on referral)

- Health maintenance and disease prevention
- Substance abuse
- Common symptoms

Pain  
Fever and hypothermia  
Weight loss  
Fatigue

**Geriatric Medicine:** (May identify, Initiate work-up and initiate care on referral)  
General principles of geriatric medicine Evaluation of the elderly

**Cancer:** Upon diagnosis- all cancer patients are to be discussed with MD and appropriate referral made (May identify, initiate work-up and initiate care on referral)  
Incidence and etiology  
Prevention of cancer

**Additional skills may include:**

- Lumbar tap
- Insertion of lumbar drain
- Interrogation and/or programming of neurostimulators and baclofen pumps