

51241 Physician Relationship to Nonphysician Medical Practitioners

(a)

The relationship between the physician and the nonphysician medical practitioner shall be that of a shared and continuing responsibility to follow the progress of the patient in a manner which assures the nonphysician medical practitioner's adherence to the limits of the specific professional practice established by law and regulations, while maximizing patient safety, health and well-being.

(b)

The supervising physician shall be available to the nonphysician medical practitioners in person or through electronic means to provide supervision to the extent required by California professional licensing laws, necessary instruction in patient management, consultation and referral to appropriate care and services by specialist physicians or other licensed health care professionals, as may be required in each case.

(c)

In cases of emergencies as defined in Section 51056, the nonphysician medical practitioner, to the extent permitted by the laws relating to license or certificate involved, may render emergency services to a patient pending establishment of contact with the physician.

(d)

In all cases, the nonphysician medical practitioner shall be responsible to maintain reasonable communication with the physician, to keep the physician informed, to follow instructions and, in any case of doubt, to seek assistance or additional instructions.