

**OCHSNER CLINIC FOUNDATION  
DELINEATION OF CLINICAL PRIVILEGES  
DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL MEDICINE**

**CATEGORY I**

Physicians with these privileges have had formal training in Internal Medicine, but have not yet fulfilled every requirement for board certification by the American Board of Internal Medicine. They may render emergency care of limited clinical care of uncomplicated illness posing no serious threat to life and expected to require only a short period of hospitalization. When doubt exists as to the diagnosis, or in cases where expected improvement is not apparent, consultation must be obtained.

**CATEGORY II**

Physicians with these privileges have completed formal training and are eligible for American Board of Internal Medicine certification. They are privileged to admit and treat all cases and perform all procedures for which an individual would be expected to be competent at the completion of residency training in Internal Medicine. Individuals granted Category II privileges would be expected to request consultation in cases in which doubt exists as to diagnosis, or expected improvement is not apparent, and when specialized therapeutic or diagnostic techniques are indicated.

**CATEGORY III**

Physicians with these privileges have completed formal training and are certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine. They are privileged to admit and treat without limitation and act as consultants to others. They are privileged to perform all diagnostic and therapeutic procedures for which an individual would be expected to be competent at the completion of residency training in Internal Medicine. Individuals granted Category III privileges would be expected to request consultation whenever needed, such as when unexpected complications arise which are outside the physician's scope of expertise, or when specialized treatments or procedures are contemplated with which the physician is not familiar.

**Please indicate the number of the category requested by the appropriate specialty below:**

\_\_\_\_\_ General Internal Medicine

\_\_\_\_\_ Hematology & Oncology

\_\_\_\_\_ Allergy - Class I

\_\_\_\_\_ Infectious Diseases

\_\_\_\_\_ Allergy - Class II

\_\_\_\_\_ Nephrology

\_\_\_\_\_ Allergy - Class III

\_\_\_\_\_ Cardiology

\_\_\_\_\_ Pulmonary Diseases

\_\_\_\_\_ Endocrinology, Diabetes  
and Metabolic Diseases

\_\_\_\_\_ Rheumatology

\_\_\_\_\_ Gastroenterology

\_\_\_\_\_ Sleep Medicine

\_\_\_\_\_ Vascular Diseases

**A. GENERAL PRIVILEGES: (Expertise acquired through a normal training program. By applying for general privileges, all procedures and privileges indicated in the categories above are included, unless indicated in Section B.)**

**B. PRIVILEGES NOT APPLIED FOR: (List those general privileges which you do not wish to apply for.)**

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C. **SPECIAL PROCEDURES:** (List those privileges requiring expertise acquired through additional training exclusive of the usual training in your specialty - attach documentation of special competency.)

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**PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTION:**

**Will you use radioactive materials or x-ray producing equipment in any of the procedures you plan to perform?**

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE CHECK APPROPRIATE HOSPITAL STAFF:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **ACADEMIC-ACTIVE STAFF WITH ADMITTING PRIVILEGES** - I request full Academic-Active Medical Staff admitting privileges, with authorization to furnish care as indicated.

\_\_\_\_\_ **ACADEMIC-ACTIVE STAFF** - I request Academic-Active Medical Staff privileges, with authorization to furnish care as indicated.

\_\_\_\_\_ **CONSULTING-TEACHING STAFF** - I request Consulting Medical Staff privileges, with authorization to furnish care as indicated.

\_\_\_\_\_ **COURTESY STAFF** - I request Courtesy privileges only in the areas indicated on this form.

\_\_\_\_\_ **CONSULTING STAFF** - I request Consulting privileges only in the areas indicated on this form.

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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

I RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE DELINEATION OF CLINICAL PRIVILEGES REQUESTED:

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SIGNATURE OF DEPARTMENT CHAIR

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DATE

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SIGNATURE OF SECTION HEAD

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DATE

**OCHSNER CLINIC FOUNDATION  
ADDENDUM TO DELINEATION OF CLINICAL PRIVILEGES  
DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL MEDICINE**

**SECTION ON GENERAL INTERNAL MEDICINE**

**A. GENERAL PRIVILEGES**

- CPR
- ACLS (Advanced Cardiac Life Support)
- Defibrillation
- Cardioversion
- Endotracheal intubation in the setting of advanced cardiac life support
- Pericardiocentesis in the setting of advanced cardiac life support
- EKG interpretation
- IV catheter placement
- Venipuncture
- Nasogastric tube insertion
- Suturing of lacerations
- Foley catheter placement
- Incision and drainage of cyst
- Cryotherapy
- Arthrocentesis
- Joint and trigger point injection
- Arterial line placement
- Arterial puncture for arterial blood gas measurement
- Bone marrow aspiration and biopsy
- Lumbar puncture
- Central line placement
- Breast mass aspiration
- Abdominal paracentesis
- Thoracentesis
- Pulmonary artery catheterization with Swan-Ganz catheter placement
- Fiberoptic flexible sigmoidoscopy
- Interpretation of exercise treadmill testing
- Interpretation of Holter monitoring
- Toenail removal
- Mole removal
- Casting and splinting
- Management of ventilators in non-acute setting

**C. SPECIAL PROCEDURES**

As requested by individual physicians with appropriate documentation of training and/or experience and approval of the department chairman.

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**SECTION ON ENDOCRINOLOGY AND METABOLIC DISEASES**

**A. GENERAL PRIVILEGES - IN ADDITION TO THOSE FOR GENERAL INTERNAL MEDICINE**

Category III Endocrinology privileges are granted to those physicians eligible to be certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine in Internal Medicine as well as in the subspecialty of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolic Diseases. Physicians fulfilling those requirements are permitted to admit, evaluate and treat patients in the broad field of General Internal Medicine as well as the subspecialty of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolic Diseases. Such physicians are allowed to act as consultants in the field of Internal Medicine and Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolic Diseases.

In addition to those procedures for General Internal Medicine, these privileges would include the performance of Fine Needle Aspiration of the Thyroid.

**C. SPECIAL PROCEDURES**

Interpretation of Bone Densitometry Studies

Others, as requested by individual physicians with appropriate documentation of training and/or experience and approval of the section head and department chair. This would particularly include the performance of Bone Biopsy.