

## DIVISION SCOPE OF SERVICE

<b>Division: SOUTH ATLANTIC</b>
<b>Classification: APHERESIS NURSE</b>
<b>Applicant Name:</b>

<p><b>Apheresis Nurse:</b> The Apheresis Nurse must have equivalent qualifications, competence and function in the same role as employed individuals performing the same or similar services at the facility, as defined by facility job description.</p>
<p><b>Definition of Care or Service:</b> The Apheresis Nurse coordinates and verifies medical orders to perform therapeutic apheresis procedures. Performs routine and complex therapeutic plasma exchanges, red blood cell exchanges, white blood cell depletions, platelet reductions and therapeutic phlebotomy for treatment of certain medical conditions in which part of the blood that contains disease-provoking elements is removed. Scope of Service may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides patient and family education</li> <li>• Utilizes equipment to perform apheresis procedures</li> <li>• Provides patient care during apheresis procedures which may include:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Medication administration per physician orders pertaining to apheresis</li> <li>○ Patient assessment and vital sign monitoring during procedures</li> <li>○ Waived testing as defined by the facility</li> <li>○ Gain informed consent from patient/family</li> <li>○ Coordination of care with other disciplines</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Maintains and secures patient data and records</li> <li>• Documents care provided and procedure performed in the medical record as defined by facility policy</li> <li>• Demonstrates Clinical and Service excellence behaviors to include code of HCA Healthcare conduct core fundamentals in daily interactions with patients, families, co-workers, and physicians.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Setting(s):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Healthcare facilities including but not limited to hospitals, outpatient treatment facilities</li> </ul>
<p><b>Supervision:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Direct supervision by nursing department director, site manager or designee             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Indirect supervision by physician or other licensed independent practitioner that prescribes the apheresis procedures</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Evaluator:</b> Department director or designee in conjunction with supervising physician or licensed independent practitioner</p>
<p><b>Tier Level:</b> 2</p>
<p><b>eSAF Access Required:</b> YES</p>
<p><b>Qualifications:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Associates degree or higher</li> <li>• Current RN License</li> </ul>

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- Specialized training in apheresis (Can be found on Skills Checklist)
- American Heart Association or Red Cross health care provider BLS Certification

**NOTE:** Where education may not be defined in the qualifications area of the Scope, HCA Healthcare requires the highest level of education completed (not training or courses) confirmed on your background check.

### **State Requirements:**

- Current and active RN in the practicing state

### **Experience:**

Completed training as apheresis nurse and if still in training is accompanied by a trained apheresis nurse.

### **Preferred Experience:**

At least one year of experience as an Apheresis Nurse preferred.

### **Competencies:**

The Apheresis Nurse will demonstrate:

- Safe and effective operation of apheresis equipment and facility specific patient care equipment.
  - Maintains equipment in good working order
  - Demonstrates effective infection control practices related to equipment operation
- Accurate patient information review and evaluation
  - Uses at least two ways to identify patients before treating or performing a procedure
  - Verifies that the requested procedure correlates with the patient's clinical history, presentation and physician order
  - Participates in the pre-procedure process to verify the correct procedure, for the correct patient, at the correct site and involves the patient in the verification process when possible
  - Accesses the patient medical record appropriately
  - Documents in the medical record according to the facility standard / policy
- Provides patient care during the apheresis treatment
  - Administers medications during apheresis treatment per physician order
  - Provides patient and family education about apheresis treatments
  - Participates in hand off communication with the other members of the patient's healthcare team
  - Notifies the appropriate health provider when immediate treatment is necessary, based on procedural findings and patient conditions
    - Recognizes the need for an urgent report and takes appropriate action
    - Initiates treatments for patient condition change within scope of practice
    - Utilizes the facility emergency response team appropriately
- Infection Prevention
  - Practices consistent hand hygiene
  - Uses personal protective equipment (PPE)
  - Required immunizations per Division requirements
  - Complies with Isolation precautions
  - Disposes biohazardous materials per hospital policy

### **References:**

American Society for Apheresis. ASF Guidelines. Retrieved July 25, 2012 from [http://www.apheresis.org/asfa\\_guidelines](http://www.apheresis.org/asfa_guidelines)

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**Your signature confirms you will be able to comply with the Qualifications and Competencies listed within this Scope of Service and that you will confirm education via your background check.**

**Applicant Printed Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_