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Scope of Service and Assessment in the TDCJ Hospital

Purpose This document establishes the extent of professional practice and scope of patient assessments for patients in the TDCJ facility.

Audience The information in this document is intended for all members of the TDCJ healthcare staff.

Policy The Department of Rehabilitation Services will provide quality patient care to all patients within their scope of practice.

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Scope of Departmental Service The Department of Rehabilitation Services in the TDCJ hospital is composed of Physical Therapists, Physical Therapy Assistants Occupational Therapists, Occupational Therapy Assistants. These professionals provide clinical services to patients referred by their physician. Clinical services and patient education are available for all patients in the TDCJ hospital. All interventions are based upon the results of assessments from the appropriate disciplines and are aimed at maximizing the patient's functional independence and performance.

Occupational Therapy Assessment All assessments are performed by a registered Occupational Therapist licensed to practice in the state of Texas. Assessments are based on referral, patient diagnosis, and clinical presentation. Evaluations may include, but are not limited to:

- Activities of daily living, self-care and maintenance, and personal management.
- Sensorimotor performance, including muscle strength, range of motion, coordination, joint mobility, balance, sensation, and perception.

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Occupational Therapy Assessment (continued)

- Cognitive performance, including memory, sequencing, problem solving, concentration, and attention.
- Psychosocial performance, including behavior management, social skills, and communication skills.
- Occupational performance including ability to perform physical tasks of job, endurance, pain tolerance, and cardiovascular function.
- Need for orthotics and selective equipment.

Physical Therapy Assessment

All assessments are performed by a physical therapist who is licensed to practice in the state of Texas. Assessments are based on referral, patient diagnosis, and clinical presentation. Evaluations may include, but are not limited to:

- Physical performance, including muscle strength, joint range of motion, muscle excursion, balance, mobility, sensation, coordination, and motor control.
- Functional performance including bed mobility, transition between positions, transfers, function in the upright position, and gait.
- Nature, location, and factors impacting the patient's pain/pain perception.
- Use of mobility devices such as gait assist devices and wheelchairs.
- For patient wound care only, extent of and nature of wounds, and other deficits in integrity of skin and subcutaneous layers.
- Need for orthotics (i.e., AFO's)