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Physician Assistant

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SUMMARY

Dedicated Physician Assistant trained in cardiothoracic surgery with a solid foundation in patient management. Holds a Bachelor of Science in Physical Science, demonstrating both academic excellence and practical skills geared towards high-quality patient advocacy. Experience includes collaborating closely with surgical teams to enhance outcomes and manage postoperative care effectively. Committed to continuous growth with pending NCCPA certification and eligibility from the Pennsylvania State Board. Passionate about improving surgical techniques and patient experiences.

EXPERIENCE

Physician Assistant

HealthFirst Medical Group 📅 June 2025 - Present 📍 Doylestown, PA

Role encompasses comprehensive preoperative assessments and direct surgical assistance in a busy medical group setting. Engages in postoperative monitoring and management, ensuring patient safety while advocating for their needs at every stage of treatment.

- Collaborated with surgeons for thorough preoperative assessments, carefully evaluating patient conditions and needs.
- Provided essential support during surgical procedures, applying extensive knowledge of cardiac anatomy to optimize operational success.
- Monitored patients post-surgery, swiftly identifying complications to implement necessary interventions.
- Led educational sessions with patients detailing surgical processes and recovery protocols, enhancing comfort and understanding.
- Analyzed patient data to forecast surgical outcomes, navigating complexities in decision-making.
- Actively represented patients' interests within the healthcare team, establishing clear communication channels between physicians and families.

Surgical Assistant

CardioCare Institute 📅 January 2024 - May 2025 📍 Philadelphia, PA

Supported diverse surgical teams within a reputable institute, enhancing procedural efficiency and patient safety throughout various cardiovascular operations.

- Assisted in intricate cardiovascular surgeries, focusing on strict adherence to safety protocols and standards.
- Managed data collection and assessment effectively, contributing significantly to improved surgical practices.
- Conducted thorough patient evaluations, gathering histories critical for precise surgical planning.
- Engaged in postoperative oversight and care management, recognizing and mitigating potential complications proactively.
- Facilitated training sessions for new personnel, instilling best practices in surgical aid and patient care.
- Participated in interdepartmental strategy meetings aimed at developing collaborative care models.

Clinical Intern

Lifeline Medical Center 📅 June 2023 - December 2023 📍 Pittsburgh, PA

Gained foundational experience in clinical settings supporting multidisciplinary teams in delivering rigorous patient care.

- Contributed effectively to patient assessments alongside healthcare professionals, enriching insights into treatment pathways.
- Shadowed experienced surgeons during key diagnostics, deepening understanding of advanced surgical techniques.

STRENGTHS

- ♥️ **Compassionate Care Provider**
Prioritized patient emotions, ensuring open dialogue and addressing concerns directly during medical visits.
- 👥 **Team Collaboration**
Worked seamlessly with medical staff during challenging circumstances; often sought for guidance by peers.
- 📖 **Clinical Knowledge**
Deep familiarity with surgical protocols fostered quick responses and confident decision-making under pressure.
- 👤 **Patient-Centric Approach**
Insured seamless patient experiences by ensuring their stories were reflected in their care plans.
- 💬 **Advocacy Skills**
Successfully mediated communications between patients and healthcare providers; reinforced trust at all levels.

SKILLS

Patient Advocacy

Surgical Assistance

Postoperative Care

Patient Education Data Analysis

Interdisciplinary Collaboration

Clinical Documentation

Crisis Management

Research Methodologies

Procedure Observation

Data Collection

Patient History Assessment

Healthcare Regulations

Surgical Protocol Efficiency

Outcome Monitoring

Education Initiatives

LANGUAGES

English Native

Spanish Intermediate

MY CAREER



● Physician Assistant at HealthFirst Medical Group (1.1 Years)

● Surgical Assistant at CardioCare Institute (1.3 Years)

● Clinical Intern at Lifeline Medical Center (6 Months)

- Assisted in maintaining accurate patient documentation and compliance with healthcare regulations.
- Promoted health literacy through initiatives dedicated to patient education concerning treatment options.
- Engaged in ongoing research focused on advancing surgical efficacy and patient outcome measures.
- Supported community health initiatives that emphasized the importance of preventive care and health awareness.

LEADERSHIP & AWARDS

- Dean's List, University of Pennsylvania, 2022-2026
- First Place, Medical Innovation Challenge, 2025

EDUCATION

Bachelor's Degree in Physical Science

University of Pennsylvania 🎓 GPA: 3.8 📅 2026 📍 Philadelphia, PA

Coursework: *Cardiovascular Anatomy, Surgical Techniques, Advanced Patient Care, Health Management*

CERTIFICATIONS

- NCCPA Certification 📅 2026
- Basic and Advanced Cardiac Life Support 📅 2026

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- **Medical Software:** EPIC, Cerner, Meditech
- **Surgical Tools:** Scalpel, Cautery, Suturing Kit
- **Clinical Simulation Tools:** SimMan, Ultrasound Simulator, Skills Lab
- **Diagnostic Tools:** ECG, Holter Monitor, Pulse Oximeter
- **Patient Management Systems:** Practice Fusion, Athenahealth, DrChrono
- **Lab Software:** LabCorp, Quest Diagnostics, X-ray Systems
- **Research Tools:** Statistical Analysis Software, AXIS, EndNote
- **Surgical Education Resources:** American Heart Association, Medscape, UpToDate
- **Communication Tools:** Microsoft Teams, Zoom, Slack
- **Regulatory Standards:** HIPAA, OSHA, JCAHO

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Member, Student Physician Assistant Society, 2023-2026
- Volunteer, Local Health Fair, 2025

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Work Status : Authorized to work in United States. No sponsorship required.

REFERENCES

AVAILABLE ON REQUEST