

**MIDLAND MEMORIAL HOSPITAL ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS
GUIDELINES FOR PERFORMING AS AN
ORTHOTIST, PROSTHETIST, ORTHOTIC/PROSTHETIC ASSISTANT**

DEFINITION

The Orthotist, Prosthetist and Orthotic/Prosthetic Assistant work directly with the physician and representatives of other allied health professions in the rehabilitation of the physically challenged. The Orthotist designs and fits devices, known as orthoses, following the prescription of the physician, to provide care to patients who have disabling conditions of the limbs and spine. The Prosthetic designs and fits devices, known as prostheses, following the prescription of the physician, for patients who have partial or total absence of a limb. The treatment process includes evaluation and transfer of forces using orthoses and prostheses to achieve optimum function, prevent further disability, and provide cosmesis.

QUALIFICATIONS

An Orthotist, Prosthetist, or Orthotic/Prosthetic Assistant must meet the following qualifications to be considered for appointment to the Allied Health Professional staff:

- Current Texas license
- BOC and/or ABC certification
- Professional liability/malpractice insurance coverage issued by a recognized company and a type and in an amount equal to or greater than the limits established by the governing board.
- Current TB screening (required upon initial application and at reappointment), and if applicable, one-time mask fit-testing.
- Basic Cardiac Life Support (minimum).

DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES

The following are duties the Orthotist, Prosthetist and Orthotist/Prosthetist may perform under the prescription of a physician:

- Assist in the decision of what device or limb is suitable for a particular patient
- Study the prescription of the device or limb required
- Examine the patient and take necessary measurements
- Make a plaster cast of the limb or abnormality
- Make the device/limb or supervise its construction by approved aides
- Fit the device or limb to the patient
- Instruct the patient, family, caregivers and other health professionals on the use and care of the device or limb
- Carry out maintenance work and conduct repairs as required
- Maintain accurate patient records

ORIENTATION

These Allied Health Professionals must be oriented to Midland Memorial Hospital's Operating Room Policies and Procedures and must have their sterile technique assessed by the Surgical Educator.

Practitioner's Printed Name

Practitioner's Signature

Date

Section Chief/Department Chair

Date