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Division: SAN ANTONIO

Classification: CERTIFIED OPHTHALMIC TECHNICIAN (COT)

Applicant Name:

Certified Ophthalmic Technician (COT):

The Certified Ophthalmic Technician (COT) 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.

Definition of Care or Service:

The Certified Ophthalmic Technician (COT) assists under the direct supervision of an Ophthalmologist (eye doctor) to provide patient care by performing many different eye-related clinical functions. Scope of Service may include:

- Assures quality patient care through coordination of patient care in the operating room with the circulating registered nurse and other members of the surgical team.
- Must have a thorough working knowledge of aseptic technique, handling instruments, supplies, and equipment necessary during a surgical procedure.
- Demonstrates advanced knowledge of surgical specialty and ensures quality patient care during the procedure while consistently maintaining sterile field integrity.
- Works in accordance with MHS policies, procedures, AORN standards, related laws, and regulations.
- Performs pre-operative checklist and proper equipment calibration.
- Assists the physician during diagnostic and minor surgical procedures, including instrumentation, sterile preparations, and documentation.
- Administer topical medications or diagnostic drugs as required by the provider for testing or treatment.
- Prepare and position patient for diagnostic tests and procedures.
- Prepare procedure and exam rooms; inventory equipment and supplies; replenish supplies and equipment.
- Demonstrates Clinical and Service excellence behaviors to include code of HCA conduct core fundamentals in daily interactions with patients, families, co-workers and physicians.

Setting(s):

Ambulatory Surgery Centers

Supervision: Direct supervision by Ophthalmologist

Evaluators: Supervising Ophthalmologist; department director or designee

Tier Level: 3

eSAF Access Required: No

Qualifications:

- High school diploma/GED or higher
- Must complete one of the below:
 - o Graduated from an ICA accredited Ophthalmic Technician training program (Found on Education in Background Report)
 - Worked as a Certified Ophthalmic Assistant for at least 1 year while holding COA credential (Found on Employment History in Background Report)
 - o Worked as a Certified Orthoptist for at least 1 year with while holding CO or OC(C) credential (Found



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on Employment History in Background Report)

- Current Certification as an Ophthalmic Technician
- American Heart Association or Red Cross health care provider BLS Certification

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

State Requirements:

N/A

Experience:

Minimum 1 year related experience and/or training.

Competencies:

The Certified Ophthalmic Technician (COT) will demonstrate:

- 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 (Universal Protocol) 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
 - Participates in a time-out immediately before the start of an invasive procedure or making of the incision
- Safe and effective use of equipment and products for treatment
 - o Applies equipment/products according to Ophthalmologist treatment orders
 - o Follows the manufacturer's recommendations for equipment and product utilization
 - Initiates ophthalmology equipment/product safely and efficiently
 - Monitor's patient tolerance of treatment including equipment/product
 - Reports treatment and patient tolerance to Ophthalmologist
- Infection Prevention
 - Practices consistent hand hygiene
 - Uses personal protective equipment (PPE) when required
 - Required immunizations per Division requirements
 - Complies with Isolation precautions
 - Maintains sterile field

References:

Joint Commission on Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology: http://www.jcahpo.org/ for verification must call Phone: 651-731-2944 / 800-284-3937

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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:	