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I. Requiring Authority:

- A. Nurse Practice Act, Chapter 464, Florida Statutes
- B. Chapter 64B9 4, Florida Administrative Code, Rules Pertaining to Advanced Practice Registered Nurses

II. Parties to Protocol:

(Should include: name, address, APRN certificate number, and DEA number of the APRN (if applicable); name, address, license number, and DEA number of <u>all</u> supervising physicians or dentists; Nature of practice, practice location, including primary and satellite sites)

- A. (Name), APRN, APRN 9999999, DEA 999999 (If applicable)
 APRN Address
 123 Street
 Anywhere, FL 12345
- B. (Name of authorized supervising physician), title, Florida license number, DEA 999999
 Physician Address
 456 Avenue
 Anywhere, FL 12345
- C. Practice Name Practice Location 123 Main Street Somewhere, FL 99999

III. Nature of the Practice

This collaborative agreement is to establish and maintain a practice model in which the APRN will provide health care services under the general supervision of (<u>name of authorized supervising physician, title</u>). This practice shall encompass family practice and shall focus on health screening and supervision, wellness and health education and counseling, and the treatment of common health problems. [Use appropriate description for your specialty and activities; practice location(s)]

IV. Description of the duties and management areas for which the APRN is responsible:

A. Duties of the APRN:

The APRN may interview clients, obtain and record health histories, perform physical and development assessments, order appropriate diagnostic tests, diagnose health problems, manage the health care of those clients for which the APRN has been educated, provide health teaching and counseling, initiate referrals, and maintain health records. (Specific guidelines for patient care decision making may be referenced here. I.e., APRN developed practice guidelines, professionally developed guidelines, text books, etc. Do <u>not</u> send these references to the Board of Nursing.)

- B. The conditions for which the APRN may initiate treatment include, but are not limited to: Otitis media and externa Conjunctivitis Upper respiratory tract infections Sinusitis Infections Sinusitis
- C. Treatments that may be initiated by the APRN, depending on the patient condition and judgment of the APRN: Suture of simple and complex lacerations not requiring ligament or tendon repair. Incision and drainage of abscesses. Removal of ingrown toenail

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Drug therapies that the APRN may prescribe, initiate, monitor, alter, or order
 APRNs can prescribe or dispense a controlled substance as defined in Section 893.03, Florida Statutes, if the APRN graduated from a program with a master's or doctoral degree in a clinical nursing specialty area with training in specialized practitioner skills (authority granted by law on January 1, 2017).

V. Duties of the Physician

The physician shall provide general supervision for routine health care and management of common health problems, and provide consultation and/or accept referrals for complex health problems. The physician shall be available by telephone or by other communication device when not physically available on the premises. If the physician is not available, his associate, (Name of Backup Physician), title, Florida license number/DEA #999999 (or other description of designated authorized supervising physician), will serve as backup for consultation, collaboration and/or referral purposes.

VI. Specific Conditions and Requirements for Direct Evaluation

With respect to specific conditions and procedures that require direct evaluation, collaboration, and/or consultation by the physician, the following will serve as a reference guide:

Clinical Guidelines in Family Practice, X Edition, by Constance R. Uphold, APRN, PhD, and Mary Virginia Graham, APRN, PhD (or other reference text or practitioner created reference guide)

OR

The physician will be consulted for the following conditions:

3rd degree lacerations

Severe hypertension determined by_____

Etc. (list appropriate conditions)

VII. All parties to this agreement share equally in the responsibility for reviewing treatment protocols as needed.

(At practice locations where multiple physicians or dentists are supervising the same APRNs, the practice may delegate to <u>one</u> of the supervising physicians or dentists the authority to sign the protocol for the physicians or dentists listed on the protocol)

Signature		/	
	(Printed Name), APRN	[Date
Signature		/	
	(Printed Name), Title	C	Date

PLEASE NOTE:

Effective June 23, 2017, under HB453, in accordance with 464.012 Florida Statutes, practicing APRNs must maintain their protocol onsite at their place of employment. The Board of Nursing will no longer be required to receive, review, or maintain Advanced Practice Registed Nurse protocols.

464.012(3), F.S. An advanced practice registered nurse shall perform those functions authorized in this section within the framework of an established protocol which must be maintained onsite at the location or locations at which an advanced practice registered nurse practices. In the case of multiple supervising physicians in the same group, an advanced practice registered nurse must enter into a supervisory protocol with at least one physician within the physician group practice.

The supervising physician is responsible for submitting a notice to the Board of Medicine that they have entered into a supervisory relationship with an APRN.