GENERAL SUMMARY OF DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES:
Provide routine, urgent, and emergency care and intervention to all patients requiring neurosurgical evaluation, including admission and/or consultation at the Detroit Medical Center (DMC), under supervision and in coordination with the designated neurosurgical attending physician.

PRINCIPLE JOB DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES/BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS:

1. Is responsible for a history and physical and provision of admission orders on all patients admitted to the neurosurgery service.

2. Develops and implements treatment plans in coordination with the attending physician.

3. Makes daily rounds on all Neurosurgery patients to monitor patient’s progress, especially the most critical patients. Is responsible for necessary progress notes, orders, and dictation, in coordination with the attending physician.

4. Attends and monitors the critically ill neurosurgery patient(s) until they are stable or transferred.

6. Acts as a resource and is available to Emergency Department and Trauma Service physicians for neurosurgical consultation.

7. Acts as On-Call house physician during the day or night and attends to problems with any neurosurgical patient’s emergency or routine medical situation in the hospital. In addition, scrubs in on neurosurgical patient(s) surgical procedure with attending physician.

8. House physicians on the Neurosurgery service will respond immediately to calls from an attending physician, nursing unit, or any department requesting assistance. Whenever patient care is involved, either routine or acute care, the problem shall be resolved on the patient’s behalf as quickly and efficiently as possible. This may involve bedside assessment, communication with attending or consulting physicians and nursing staff, writing patient orders, etc. Should the House Physician have reason to question the appropriateness of a request, that question may be directed to the attending neurosurgeon, attending neurosurgeon-on-call or the neurosurgery chief of the service, but only after a direct and timely response to facilitate the patient’s comfort and care.
PRINCIPLE JOB DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES/BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS - Continued

9. House neurosurgery physicians shall document all patient visits, assessments, examinations, interventions, etc, with, at minimum, a progress note entry.

10. House neurosurgery physicians may evaluate short stay patient(s) prior to discharge, if requested, by attending physicians, although the actual discharge should appropriately be written (or verbal order given) by the attending physician.

11. House neurosurgery physicians will serve as a resource to the Emergency Department physicians.

12. House neurosurgery physicians will pronounce the death of any patient on his/her service, request autopsy, assist with organ/tissue requests, and communicate with staff and family as required in the circumstances.

13. House neurosurgery physicians will comply with and implement the Continuous Improvement philosophy as well as all hospital, health, human relations, safety, personnel and departmental policies, procedures and guidelines.

14. House neurosurgery physicians will carry a hospital-provided beeper and be available for pages at all times. If extenuating circumstances arise and a house neurosurgery physician is not available to respond, the house neurosurgery physician has made arrangement to have his/her pages answered.

15. House neurosurgery physicians will wear their photo ID badges at all time while on the hospital premises.

MINIMUM CRITERIA NEEDED FOR NEUROSURGERY HOUSE PHYSICIAN:

Minimum level of training:
1. Graduate of an accredited college of medicine or osteopathy.
2. Fully licensed to practice medicine in State of Michigan (limited licenses are not acceptable).
3. Meet any other licensure and accreditation requirements. and
4. Successfully completed or is enrolled in an ACGME or AOA accredited Neurosurgery residency program. or
5. Completed at least one year of neurosurgery residency training.

Skills and abilities:
1. Interpersonal skills to communicate and coordinate effectively with attending physicians, nursing staff, ancillary and professional support personnel, patients, families and outside agencies, as required.
2. Clinical expertise to care for seriously ill patients with a variety of neurosurgery conditions.
REPORTING RELATIONSHIPS

Medical: House Physician Coordinator, and/or
Chief of Department of Neurosurgery, or his designee

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE NEUROSURGERY HOUSE PHYSICIAN SCOPE OF PRACTICE AND WILL COMPLY WITH ALL PRINCIPLE JOB DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES, AND BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS. I ALSO ATTEST THAT I MEET THE MINIMUM CRITERIA, AS OUTLINED, FOR HOUSE PHYSICIAN STATUS. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT MY CONTRACT ARRANGEMENT MAY BE TERMINATED AT ANY TIME DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATION, WITHOUT RIGHT TO APPEAL, IF I FAIL TO MEET THE RESPONSIBILITIES AND EXPECTATIONS DEFINED IN THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE AND POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.

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Signature  (Practitioner)     Date

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Name (Please Print)

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Signature, Department Chief     Date

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Signature, Specialist-in-Chief     Date

Joint Conference Committee Approval:     ________________________________

Date