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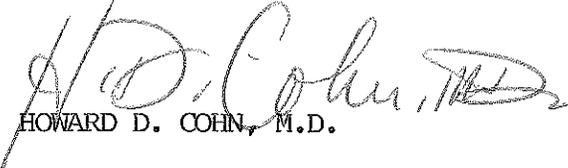
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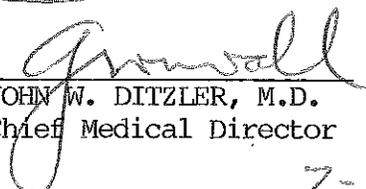
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## CHAPTER 21. PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANTS

### 21.01 GENERAL

Under supervision of the responsible physician(s), a physician's assistant is primarily responsible for performing certain clinical duties customarily carried out by physicians. As a fully responsible member of the health care team, the physician's assistant, as authorized, functions as a direct representative of the physician in all conjoint efforts.

### 21.02 POLICY

- a. The Chief Medical Director will establish basic policy and provide general guidelines concerning the utilization of physician's assistants in the Department of Medicine and Surgery.
- b. Consistent with the Chief Medical Director's policy and general guidelines, the Medical Executive Committee at each station employing physician's assistants will, subject to approval by the station Director, develop and publish operating policies covering areas of utilization and levels of assignments. (See par. 11.03.) In light of local practices, the committee will, among other considerations, develop explicit criteria for such functions as establishing standing orders for differing situations and delineating between "routine" and "non-routine" in such areas as ordering medications and laboratory procedures. The committee will also give special attention to development of policies governing extent of physician's assistants' responsibility in emergency situations, including a clearly defined statement of the physicians' responsibility for physician's assistants' actions under such circumstances.

### 21.03 DEFINITION OF TERM "PHYSICIAN"

Wherever used in this manual, the term "physician" includes physician's assistant to the extent specifically authorized by the station Medical Executive Committee and consistent with basic policy and general guidelines established by the Chief Medical Director.

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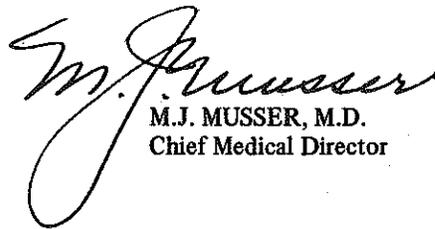
*NOTE: The purpose of this change is to include a policy provision concerning use of physician's assistants.*

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