



# Medical Practice Act Questionnaire – Physician Associate

## Open Book Examination

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### COMPLETE AND RETURN TO THE BOARD

online through the Secure Upload Portal (<http://omb.oregon.gov/login>) or at the address or fax number below

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_ Application No. \_\_\_\_\_

I, the above named applicant, affirm that the following answers are mine and that I alone completed this questionnaire.

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

The mission of the Oregon Medical Board is to protect the health, safety, and well-being of Oregon citizens by regulating the practice of medicine in a manner that promotes access to quality care. Before being granted a license, an applicant must be familiar with the laws and rules governing the practice of medicine in Oregon as well as the Board's Statements of Philosophy regarding important issues in the practice of medicine. This open book exam serves as an introduction to the Oregon laws and guidelines. Familiarizing yourself with these regulations will help you avoid problems in your practice that must be addressed by the Board.

**There is only ONE correct answer to each question.** This is an open book examination and is meant to be educational. However, you will be required to repeat the exam if you miss four (4) or more questions. Three failures to pass the examination will require an interview with a Board member or Board staff.

**1. Medical services provided by the physician associate must be:**

- a. Generally described in and in compliance with a collaboration agreement signed by an OMB-licensed physician or the physician associate's employer
- b. As indicated by the patient's condition and community standards of care
- c. Within the physician associate's scope of practice based on the physician associate's education, training, and experience.
- d. Under informed consent obtained by the physician associate
- e. All of the above

**2. A licensed health care professional is required by law to report information which appears to show that another licensee is or may be:**

- a. Medically incompetent
- b. Guilty of unprofessional or dishonorable conduct
- c. Physically incapacitated
- d. All of the above

**3. If a licensee seeks help for substance abuse by contacting the Health Professionals' Services Program (HPSP):**

- a. The HPSP will immediately make a report to the National Practitioner Data Base
- b. The HPSP will immediately make a report to the Board, whether or not there is potential for patient harm
- c. A confidential monitoring program will be offered
- d. The Board will view this as grounds for automatic discipline



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4. **Physician associates practice in accordance with a written collaboration agreement and must engage in collaboration with the appropriate health care provider as indicated by:**
- a. The condition of the patient
  - b. The community standards of care: the degree of care, skill, and diligence that is used by ordinarily careful licensees in the same or similar circumstances in the licensee’s community or a similar community
  - c. The physician associate’s education, experience, and competence
  - d. All of the above
5. **An Oregon Medical Board licensee with active status must show maintenance of competency by:**
- a. Obtaining continuing education hours each licensing period
  - b. Maintaining certification with a specialty board
  - c. Either a or b
  - d. Both a and b
6. **Current standards for treating a patient with long-term opioids include all of the following EXCEPT:**
- a. A periodic query of the Oregon Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) to access the patient’s controlled substance prescription history
  - b. Tapering any patient new to the practice off benzodiazepines within six months if they are taking opioids concomitantly
  - c. Documentation of the patient’s understanding and consent to the treatment plan
  - d. Regular drug screening (e.g., urine) at random intervals
7. **A license to practice medicine is a privilege granted by the State of Oregon. By state law, the Oregon Medical Board’s documents are public records unless there is a specific exemption in the law. Three of the following all have an exemption (they are confidential) from public records law. Which one is a public record?**
- a. Licensee’s mailing address and practice address
  - b. Complaints and information about a Licensee submitted for an investigation
  - c. Voluntary enrollment in the Health Professionals’ Services Program (HPSP)
  - d. Investigations closed with no violation



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### TRUE OR FALSE

8.  T  F Oregon medical licenses must be renewed annually or biennially depending upon the type of license.
9.  T  F With limited exceptions, you must have an Oregon practice address to maintain an active medical license in Oregon.
10.  T  F Licensees must inform the OMB of a change in their practice or mailing address within 30 days.
11.  T  F A physician associate must wear a nametag with the designation “Physician Associate” or “PA.”
12.  T  F The Board may require an applicant or a licensee to undergo a physical, mental, or substance abuse evaluation by a Board-approved evaluator.
13.  T  F If a patient has not paid a bill, the licensee does not have to provide requested medical records until the bill is paid.
14.  T  F Licensees providing care via telemedicine are held to a different standard of care than licensees who provide care in person.
15.  T  F A patient’s trust and confidence in a health care professional’s status grants power and influence to the health care professional.
16.  T  F Sexual contact between a licensee and a patient is not misconduct if the patient initiates it.
17.  T  F You must notify the Board within ten (10) days if any action is taken against your license in another state.
18.  T  F Prescribing controlled substances without a legitimate medical purpose may be grounds for license suspension or revocation.
19.  T  F A physician associate may issue prescriptions for Schedule II controlled substances without maintaining certification with the National Commission for the Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA).
20.  T  F Health care professionals may access the Oregon Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) to find information about a person who is not under their care.
21.  T  F A person providing information to the Board in good faith may be subject to action for civil damages.