AAACN Pediatric Special Interest Group (SIG)

Current Hot Topics:
Role of the Medical Assistant in Pediatric Care

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First thing!

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Learning Outcomes

- Participant will be able to:
  - Identify current external and internal drivers requiring RNs knowledge of medical assistant role and education
  - Review education pathways towards medical assistant (MA) role
  - Review sample state regulations related to MA role
  - Discuss trends in RN roles in MA hiring, orientation, education, supervision and challenges in ambulatory pediatrics
Key Drivers of RN Knowledge of Medical Assistant role

Key Drivers and Considerations for role of the medical assistant in pediatric settings

- Accountable Care Act
- Increase complex care patients in ambulatory settings
- Efficiency standards related to scope – perform to the fullest extent of each role's preparation and license

“Synergy Model - WHEN THE NEEDS AND CHARACTERISTICS OF A PATIENT, CLINICAL UNIT OR SYSTEM ARE MATCHED WITH A NURSE'S COMPETENCIES. (AACN)
## Matrix of Pathways for Medical Assistant Role

**Medical Assistant – Credential Review 2016**

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<th>Agency</th>
<th>Credential</th>
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<td>National Association for Competency Testing (NCCT)</td>
<td>NCMA</td>
<td>Graduation from an NCCT approved medical assisting program within the last 10 years; or 2. Two years of qualifying fulltime employment (4,160 hours) or equivalent part-time employment as a medical assistant within the last 10 years.</td>
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<td>American Medical Technologist (AMT)</td>
<td>RMA</td>
<td>Five pathways to take test – CAAHEP MA prg, DOE accredited prg, US arm forces pgm, MA for 5 yrs, or passed generalist MA exam by approved agency</td>
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<td>National Healthcare Association (NHA)</td>
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<td>Successful completion of an allied health training program within the past year; Or One year of medical assisting employment, and employment as a medical assistant within the last year.</td>
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<td>American Association of Medical Assistants (AAMA)</td>
<td>CMA®</td>
<td>One pathway only - if successful completion of MA program accredited by CAAHEP or ABHES</td>
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<td>National Association Health Professionals (NAHP)</td>
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<td>To take certification test, you must have attended and graduated from an approved school, or have at least 2 years work experience within the last 10 years. If you qualify using work experience, the Supervisor Professional Form must be filled out and mailed in with your application</td>
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<td>American Allied Health (AAH)</td>
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<td>Eligibility for online test may be one of following ways: • Graduation from a vocational training program in your field of study • One year of work experience in the field (you do not need to be currently employed) • Military experience/training in the field • Reciprocity from another certifying agency</td>
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State Regulation Examples:

http://www.americanmedtech.org/Portals/0/PDF/News/ScopeOfPracticeArticle_June%202012.pdf

Does your state have one? Look it up and join our next call!
Growing Trends in RN and MA models:

- **Hiring considerations**
- **Orientation, competency, supervision**
- **Challenges in**
  - Primary Care
  - Specialty Care
  - Other
Next Key Topics for Ped SIG:

- Learning objectives will be discussed at open calls – look out for invites in your emails.

- We are looking for volunteers at our 2016 AAACN Annual conference in Palm Springs (May 18-21st):
  - 3 volunteers needed for our Pediatric SIG session at the conference for table discussions
  - Webmaster for Peds SIG webpage

- Have a question? Send an email to our group list-serve by signing into the Peds SIG webpage (directions are on the page).