

## **GUIDELINES FOR PRACTICE**

### **ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSE:**

#### **PRACTICE AREA:**

Surgical Oncology  
Breast and Ovarian Cancer Genetics and Risk Assessment Program

#### **NATURE AND SCOPE OF PRACTICE:**

Responsibilities in the Surgical Oncology practice include: obtaining comprehensive health history, performing physical examinations, making health assessments, and prescribing pharmacologic and non-pharmacologic treatments. The primary focus is on evaluation, management, teaching, and follow-up of patients with benign or malignant breast conditions.

In the Breast and Ovarian Cancer Genetics and Risk Assessment Program, responsibilities include: 1) obtaining health history with emphasis on cancer as well as multi-generational pedigree construction with focus on family history of cancer. 2) cancer risk counseling including, risk assessment, counseling and education, and recommendations for risk reduction, screening and treatment. 3) comprehensive pre and post test counseling and ordering of genetic testing for cancer predisposition.

Activities performed within the guidelines listed and in collaboration with physicians and other health professionals.

**PATIENT POPULATION:** adolescent to elderly.

#### **CLINICAL STANDARDS WHICH SERVE AS GUIDELINES:**

Mutually agreed upon guidelines for management of breast problems.

National Comprehensive Cancer Network Practice Guidelines for:

- Treatment of Breast Cancer
- Genetics/ Familial High-Risk Cancer Screening
- Breast Cancer Risk Reduction
- Melanoma

Breast Diseases

The Primary Care of Women

The Physicians Desk Reference

#### **SITUATIONS WHICH REQUIRE REFERRAL OR CONSULTATION:**

Physician referral or consultation will be utilized for life or morbidity threatening conditions, diagnostic dilemmas, or unresponsiveness to generally accepted treatment modalities. Consultation will also