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* **[Ohio Revised Code](http://codes.ohio.gov/orc" \o "orc)**
* **»** [**Title [47] XLVII OCCUPATIONS - PROFESSIONS**](http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/47)
* **»** [**Chapter 4730: PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS**](http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/4730)

**4730.203 Delegation of administration of drug.**

(A) Acting pursuant to a supervision agreement, a physician assistant may delegate performance of a task to implement a patient's plan of care or, if the conditions in division (C) of this section are met, may delegate administration of a drug. Subject to division (D) of section [4730.03](http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/4730.03) of the Revised Code, delegation may be to any person. The physician assistant must be physically present at the location where the task is performed or the drug administered.

(B) Prior to delegating a task or administration of a drug, a physician assistant shall determine that the task or drug is appropriate for the patient and the person to whom the delegation is to be made may safely perform the task or administer the drug.

(C) A physician assistant may delegate administration of a drug only if all of the following conditions are met:

(1) The physician assistant has been granted physician-delegated prescriptive authority.

(2) The drug is included in the formulary established under division (A) of section [4730.39](http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/4730.39) of the Revised Code.

(3) The drug is not a controlled substance.

(4) The drug will not be administered intravenously.

(5) The drug will not be administered in a hospital inpatient care unit, as defined in section [3727.50](http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/3727.50) of the Revised Code; a hospital emergency department; a freestanding emergency department; or an ambulatory surgical facility licensed under section [3702.30](http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/3702.30) of the Revised Code.

(D) A person not otherwise authorized to administer a drug or perform a specific task may do so in accordance with a physician assistant's delegation under this section.

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**[4730.03 Construction and application.](http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/4730.03v1" \o "4730.03)**

Nothing in this chapter shall:

(A) Be construed to affect or interfere with the performance of duties of any medical personnel who are either of the following:

(1) In active service in the army, navy, coast guard, marine corps, air force, public health service, or marine hospital service of the United States while so serving;

(2) Employed by the veterans administration of the United States while so employed.

(B) Prevent any person from performing any of the services a physician assistant may be authorized to perform, if the person's professional scope of practice established under any other chapter of the Revised Code authorizes the person to perform the services;

(C) Prohibit a physician from delegating responsibilities to any nurse or **other qualified person** who does not hold a license to practice as a physician assistant, provided that the individual does not hold the individual out to be a physician assistant;

(D) Be construed as authorizing a physician assistant independently to order or direct the execution of procedures or techniques by a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse in the care and treatment of a person in any setting, except to the extent that the physician assistant is authorized to do so by a physician who is responsible for supervising the physician assistant and, if applicable, the policies of the health care facility in which the physician assistant is practicing;

(E) Authorize a physician assistant to engage in the practice of optometry, except to the extent that the physician assistant is authorized by a supervising physician acting in accordance with this chapter to perform routine visual screening, provide medical care prior to or following eye surgery, or assist in the care of diseases of the eye;

(F) Be construed as authorizing a physician assistant to prescribe any drug or device to perform or induce an abortion, or as otherwise authorizing a physician assistant to perform or induce an abortion.

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