

SEARCHING FOR COLORECTAL SURGERY PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT

Scripps Clinic Medical Group (SCMG) is a multi-specialty group with over 1000 physicians and advanced practice clinicians serving San Diego and the surrounding region. Established more than 50 years ago, SCMG is recognized nationally for excellence across more than 60 medical and surgical specialties.

General Description

The Scripps Clinic Medical Group **Division of Colorectal Surgery** is seeking a **full-time Physician Assistant (PA)** (.6 position with SCMG and .4 position with Scripps Research) to join a high-volume, academically driven colorectal surgery practice. This position will provide comprehensive clinical support in the **inpatient, outpatient, and operative settings**, as well as participate in **clinical research focused on inflammatory bowel disease (IBD)**.

The PA will collaborate closely with a colorectal surgeon, Dr. Amy Lightner, to manage a complex patient population including those with **Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis, colorectal cancer, diverticulitis, and benign anorectal disorders**. Responsibilities will include hospital rounding, perioperative care, outpatient clinic follow-up, and first-assisting in the operating room. The PA will also help coordinate and participate in **clinical trials**, including patient screening, consenting, data collection, and follow-up for studies primarily targeting patients with IBD.

Candidates must possess a current California PA license and be eligible for DEA certification.

Key Responsibilities

- Evaluate and manage patients in the **colorectal surgery outpatient clinic**, including new and post-op patients
 - Participate in **hospital-based care**, including rounding, documentation, and care coordination
 - **First-assist in the operating room** for open and minimally invasive colorectal procedures
 - Participate in and help coordinate **clinical research and trials**, primarily related to inflammatory bowel disease
 - Work collaboratively with surgeons, GI physicians, research staff, and nurses across multiple settings
 - Educate patients and families on surgical procedures, recovery expectations, and research participation
 - Attend multidisciplinary conferences and continuing education relevant to colorectal surgery and IBD
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Skills / Experience

- Demonstrated commitment to high-quality, evidence-based surgical care
- Experience or interest in **colorectal surgery or gastrointestinal diseases preferred**
- Willingness to learn and engage in **clinical research protocols and data integrity practices**
- Strong team player with excellent communication skills
- Familiarity with EPIC EMR or willingness to learn
- Ability to work independently under physician supervision across diverse care environments
- Flexible with scheduling, including potential evening or weekend call

Benefits

- Competitive benefits including health, dental, life, LTD, 401(k), and discretionary bonuses
- CME and licensure allowance
- Scheduled to work 46 weeks per calendar year
- All facilities use **EPIC EMR**
- Opportunity to **live and work in beautiful coastal San Diego**
- Involvement in **cutting-edge clinical research and innovation in IBD care**

Compensation

In compliance with the California Pay Transparency Act, Scripps Clinic Medical Group posts the pay range for our open positions. Actual pay will be determined based on relevant experience. SCMG is committed to equal pay for equal work and is proud to be an equal opportunity employer.

Salary Range (based on experience): \$130,000 - \$135,295.

FOR CONSIDERATION, PLEASE FORWARD YOUR RESUME TO:

Dr. Amy Lightner at lightner.amy@scrippshealth.org

All physician assistants performing procedure functions must have completed an accredited physician assistant training program, passed the Physician Assistant National Certifying Examination (PANCE), have obtained and maintain up to date licensure from the California Physician Assistant Board.