

Licensees Authorized to Administer Vaccinations

LICENSE	IMMUNIZE ?	LEGAL AUTHORITY	WHEN THEY CAN IMMUNIZE
Physician (MD or DO)	Yes	63 P.S. § 422.2	When licensed as a medical doctor by the State Board of Medicine or as an osteopathic physician by the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine.
Physician Assistant (PA-C)	Yes	63 P.S. § 422.13(a), 49 Pa. Code § 18.151	When licensed as a physician assistant by the State Board of Medicine or the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine and (1) delegated by an approved physician and (2) approved by the appropriate board. The physician assistant practices medicine with physician supervision. A physician assistant may perform those duties and responsibilities, including the ordering, prescribing, dispensing, and administration of drugs and medical devices, as well as the ordering, prescribing, and executing of diagnostic and therapeutic medical regimens, as directed by supervising physician.
Clinical Clerk	Yes	63 P.S. § 422.2	When under the supervision of a medical doctor or osteopathic physician and an undergraduate student in good standing in an accredited medical college or an osteopathic medical college.
Certified Nurse Midwife (CNM)	Yes	63 P.S. § 422.35, 49 Pa. Code § 18.6.	When licensed as a nurse midwife by the State Board of Medicine and 1) in accordance with a collaborative agreement with a physician and (2) consistent with the nurse-midwife's academic educational preparation and national certification, prescribe, dispense, order and administer immunizing agents.
Qualified Board-Regulated Practitioner (retired practitioner)	Yes	35 P.S. § 449.41, 49 Pa. Code § 16.18, 49 Pa. Code § 25.601, 49 Pa. Code § 21.601	When licensed as volunteer licensee under the State Board of Medicine or the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine solely for the purpose of practicing in approved clinics without remuneration. A Board-regulated practitioner is defined as a medical doctor, midwife, physician assistant, drugless therapist, athletic trainer, acupuncturist, practitioner of Oriental medicine, or a perfusionist.
Healthcare Practitioner	Yes, if properly delegated	63 P.S. § 422.17, 49 Pa. Code § 18.402	When licensed to practice some component of the healing arts. "Healing arts" is defined as the science of diagnosis

			<p>and treatment in any manner whatsoever of disease or any ailment of the human body.</p> <p>A medical doctor or an osteopathic physician may delegate to a healthcare practitioner if (1) the delegation is consistent with the standards of acceptable medical practice embraced by the medical doctor or osteopathic physician community in the Commonwealth, (2) the delegation is not prohibited by regulations promulgated by the State Board of Medicine or the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine, (3) the delegation is not prohibited by statutes or regulations relating to other licensed health care practitioners, (4) the medical doctor or the osteopathic physician has determined that the delegation does not create an undue risk to the particular patient, (5) nature of the service and the delegation of the service has been explained to the patient and the patient does not object to the performance, (6) medical doctor or osteopathic physician assumes responsibility for the delegated medical service</p>
<p>Technician</p>	<p>Yes, if properly delegated</p>	<p>63 P.S. § 422.17, 49 Pa. Code § 18.402</p>	<p>A person, other than a health care practitioner or physician assistant, who through training, education or experience has achieved expertise in the technical details of a subject or occupation which is a component of the healing art.</p> <p>A medical doctor or an osteopathic physician may delegate to a technician if (1) the delegation is consistent with the standards of acceptable medical practice embraced by the medical doctor or osteopathic physician community in the Commonwealth, (2) the delegation is not prohibited by regulations promulgated by the State Board of Medicine or the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine, (3) the delegation is not prohibited by statutes or regulations relating to other licensed health care practitioners, (4) the medical doctor or the osteopathic physician has determined that the delegation does not</p>

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Registered Nurse (RN)	Yes	49 Pa. Code § 21.16	When licensed as a registered nurse under the State Board of Nursing and there is (1) written order by a licensed physician/may be standing order, (2) follow policies and procedures under which an RN may administer immunizing agents.
Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)	Yes	49 Pa. Code § 21.145	When licensed as a practical nurse under the State Board of Nursing and 1) has received and satisfactorily completed a board approved educational program which requires study and supervised clinical practice intended to provide training necessary for administering immunizing agents and for performing skin testing, (2) a written order has been issued by a licensed physician pertaining to an individual patient or group of patients, (3) provided current copy of the policies and procedures.
Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner (CRNP)	Yes	49 Pa. Code § 21.16, 63 P.S. § 218.2	When licensed as a registered nurse under the State Board of Nursing and certified in a particular clinical specialty area. When functioning in the expanded role as a professional nurse, the nurse shall practice within the scope of practice of the particular clinical specialty area in which the nurse is certified by the Board. A CRNP may perform act of medical diagnosis in collaboration with a physician and in accordance with regulations promulgated by the board.
Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS)	Yes	49 Pa. Code § 21.16, 63 P.S. § 218.2	When licensed as a registered nurse and certified as a clinical nurse specialist under the State Board of Nursing. When functioning in the expanded role as a professional nurse, the nurse shall practice within the scope of practice of the particular clinical specialty area in which the nurse is certified by the Board.

Graduate Nurse/Nursing Student	Yes, when under supervision	49 Pa. Code § 21.14 49 Pa. Code § 21.7(a) 49 Pa. Code § 21.149(a)	When holds a current temporary practice permit under the State Board of Nursing and is working under supervision. A licensed registered nurse, responsible for administering a drug, may supervise a graduate nurse or a nursing student in an approved nursing education program in the administration of the drug.
Pharmacist	Yes	63 P.S. § 390-9.2, 49 Pa. Code § 27.401	When licensed by the State Board of Pharmacy to engage in the practice of pharmacy and upon satisfactory completion of an academic and practical curriculum approved by the Board, maintain CPR certificate, administration is done in accordance with treatment guidelines, maintain professional liability insurance of at least \$1,000,000, notify individual's primary care provider of administration
Pharmacy Intern (student of pharmacy in an accredited pharmacy degree program upon completion of his second year)	Yes	63 P.S. § 390-9.2	When registered by the State Board of Pharmacy as a pharmacy intern and upon satisfactory completion of an academic and practical curriculum approved by the Board, under direct, immediate and personal supervision of a pharmacist holding the authority to administer injectable medications, biologicals and immunizations. Can administer immunizations to persons 18 or older. Can only administer influenza immunizations to persons nine years of age and older.
Podiatrist	Yes, if properly delegated	63 P.S. § 42.2(a)	When licensed as a podiatrist under the State Board of Podiatry. See Healthcare Practitioner language above concerning delegation.
Dentist	Yes, if properly delegated	63 P.S. § 485.3	When licensed as a dentist under the State Board of Dentistry. See Healthcare Practitioner language above concerning delegation.