

CREDENTIALING APPLICATION FOR THE ORTHOPAEDIC TECHNOLOGIST – CERTIFIED (OTC®)



To be used ONLY as a guideline for private practices, hospitals and clinics.

The parties to these guidelines shall subscribe to the concepts and procedures herein stated in accordance with the tenets and principals of the National Board for Certification of Orthopaedic Technologists, Inc and to the facilities of their practice and/or employment.

I. DEFINITION:

The Orthopaedic Technologist Certified (OTC®) is a professional physician extender who has met the criteria set forth by the National Board for Certification of Orthopaedic Technologists, Inc. (NBCOT) and has successfully passed the certification examination as such, and maintains certification by complying with the rules in accordance with the recertification standards of the NBCOT.

II. DESIGN:

These guidelines are not intended as a complete credentialing package, but are designed to direct and cue the Orthopaedic Technologist Certified (OTC®) to assist the orthopaedic physician and or medical board toward a complete credentialing package. Passage of the certification examination signifies an entry level of knowledge of the following categories in the specialty of orthopaedic medicine and surgery.

1. Patient Assessment.
2. Casting, Splinting and Bracing.
3. Traction.
4. Orthopaedic Surgery.

III. FUNCTIONS, PREROGATIVES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

The Orthopaedic Technologist Certified (OTC®) should practice in accordance with any existing applicable state rules or regulations that govern the practice of Professional Physician Extenders.

1. The Orthopaedic Technologist Certified (OTC®) shall function in practice under the supervision of the orthopedic physician in accordance with established policies and procedures.
2. The Orthopaedic Technologist Certified (OTC®) shall function as a part of the supervision and care of the orthopaedic patient as determined by the NBCOT Standards of Practice and/or Policies and/or By-Laws of the employing entity.
3. The Orthopaedic Technologist Certified (OTC®) shall be responsible for the accurate recording and reporting of facts, including evaluation and treatment of the care of the patient as determined by the NBCOT Standards of Practice and/or Policies and/or By-Laws of the employing entity.
4. The Orthopaedic Technologist Certified (OTC®) may assist with patient education involving patient care and plan of treatment.
5. The Orthopaedic Technologist Certified (OTC®) may assist with application and execution of orthopaedic procedures and services and execute the legal orders of the supervising orthopaedic physician concerning the care of the patient.
6. The Orthopaedic Technologist Certified (OTC®) may render follow-up care and services commensurate with education and experience. All entries into the patient chart must be reviewed and signed by the supervising physician.

CERTIFICATION INFORMATION AND DELINEATION OF PRIVILEGES

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Date of Certification: _____

Certificate Number: _____

Date of Expiration: _____

(Must be verified by the National Board for Certification of Orthopaedic Technologists, Inc.)

(Include copy of NBCOT Certification ID Card)

INTENT: The intent of the OTC® Standards of Practice is to provide a summary of the duties and responsibilities that may be performed by the Orthopaedic Technologist-Certified (OTC®). It is not intended to be a complete text of all job related duties, responsibilities, limitations, or skills that an Orthopaedic Technologist-Certified (OTC®) may be required to perform.

DEFINITION: The Orthopaedic Technologist - Certified is specially trained as an extension of recognized physicians that are involved in the musculoskeletal care of patients and assists in the treatment of the orthopaedic patient. The Orthopaedic Technologist - Certified are those individuals that have demonstrated the knowledge and skills needed to work as an Orthopaedic Technologist and who have passed the National Board for Certification of Orthopaedic Technologist Certification Examination. The Orthopaedic Technologist - Certified maintains certification by complying with the rules and policies of the NBCOT. The Orthopaedic Technologists-Certified may use the acronym OTC®.

Verification of credentials for an Orthopaedic Technologist Certified (OTC®) can be obtained through the following source.

National Board Certification of Orthopaedic Technologists, Inc. (NBCOT):

NBCOT, Inc.

4736 Onondaga Blvd. #166

Syracuse, NY 13219

nbcot_office@nbcot.net

1-855-476-7677

DELINEATION OF PRIVILEGES

Requested (Initial all that apply)	Procedures	Signature of Supervising Physician Attesting to Competency
	Recording and Reporting patient information within the patients chart using written or EMR entries.	
	Assist with patient education involving the care and plan of treatment of the orthopaedic patient.	
	Render follow up care and services commensurate with education and experience.	
	Performance of history and physical assessment of the orthopaedic patient.	
	Assist with aspirations and prepare injections.	
	Application and removal of all types of casts.	
	Application and removal of all types of splints.	
	Application and removal of all types of orthopaedic DME supplies.	
	Application and removal of all types of traction (manual, skin and skeletal).	
	Assist with wound closures (sutures, staples, etc.).	
	Removal of wound closure materials (Sutures, staples, etc).	
	Assist with the reduction of fractures and dislocations.	
	Assist with and perform the removal of orthopaedic hardware (External Fixators, Pins, Etc.).	
	SURGERY	
	Position, prep, and drape patients.	
	Assist the Orthopaedic Surgeon as first or second assistant.	
	Assist the Orthopaedic Surgeon during reductions.	
	Apply and manage post-op dressings	

