

Nurse Practitioner Collaborative Agreement

This **Nurse Practitioner Collaborative Agreement** ("**Agreement**") is entered into as of _____ ("**Effective Date**"), by and between the following parties:

Collaborating Physician

Nurse Practitioner

The Collaborating Physician and the Nurse Practitioner may be referred to individually as a "**Party**" and collectively as the "**Parties**."

WHEREAS, the Nurse Practitioner is licensed and qualified to provide healthcare services within the scope of professional practice established by applicable law and professional standards;

WHEREAS, the Collaborating Physician is qualified and authorized to collaborate with the Nurse Practitioner in the delivery of healthcare services;

WHEREAS, the Parties wish to establish a structured professional collaboration to support the provision of safe, effective, and coordinated patient care;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of their mutual commitments and professional responsibilities, the Parties agree as follows.

1. Purpose of the Agreement

The purpose of this Agreement is to define the professional relationship between the Nurse Practitioner and the Collaborating Physician and to establish the framework for clinical collaboration, consultation, and oversight in the delivery of healthcare services.

This Agreement is intended to support high-quality patient care, promote appropriate communication between the Parties, and ensure that services provided by the Nurse Practitioner are delivered within the scope of professional practice and applicable regulatory requirements.

2. Scope of Practice

The Nurse Practitioner shall provide healthcare services consistent with professional education, training, licensure, and certification.

Services provided by the Nurse Practitioner may include, but are not limited to:

- Conducting patient assessments and physical examinations
- Diagnosing and managing acute and chronic health conditions
- Ordering and interpreting diagnostic tests
- Developing and implementing treatment plans
- Prescribing medications and therapies as permitted by applicable law
- Providing preventive care and patient education

The Nurse Practitioner shall exercise independent clinical judgment within the authorized scope of practice while maintaining appropriate collaboration with the Collaborating Physician.

3. Collaborative Relationship

The Parties agree to maintain a professional collaborative relationship designed to support safe and effective patient care.

The Collaborating Physician shall be available to the Nurse Practitioner for consultation regarding clinical matters when requested or when circumstances reasonably require physician input.

Collaboration may include:

- Consultation regarding patient diagnosis or treatment plans
- Discussion of complex or unusual cases
- Review of clinical practices and treatment approaches
- Guidance regarding appropriate referrals or specialized care

The Nurse Practitioner retains responsibility for the care provided to patients under the Nurse Practitioner's direct management, subject to applicable professional standards and regulatory requirements.

4. Consultation and Referral

The Nurse Practitioner shall seek consultation with the Collaborating Physician when a patient's condition falls outside the Nurse Practitioner's scope of training or when additional clinical guidance is necessary to ensure appropriate care.

When medically appropriate, the Nurse Practitioner may refer patients to the Collaborating Physician or to other qualified healthcare professionals for specialized evaluation or treatment.

The Collaborating Physician agrees to provide consultation in a timely manner when reasonably available or to assist in identifying appropriate alternative resources when direct consultation is not possible.

5. Communication and Availability

The Parties shall maintain open and effective communication regarding patient care and professional collaboration.

The Collaborating Physician shall be reasonably available to the Nurse Practitioner through agreed communication methods, which may include telephone, secure electronic communication, or in-person consultation.

The Parties may establish regular meetings or periodic discussions to review clinical practices, patient care trends, or operational issues relevant to the collaborative relationship.

6. Documentation and Record Management

The Nurse Practitioner shall maintain accurate, complete, and timely patient records in accordance with accepted medical recordkeeping standards and applicable regulatory requirements.

Patient documentation shall clearly identify services provided by the Nurse Practitioner and shall reflect appropriate clinical decision-making and treatment planning.

Where applicable, the Collaborating Physician may review selected patient records to support clinical collaboration, quality assurance, or professional oversight.

7. Professional Responsibilities

Nurse Practitioner Responsibilities

The Nurse Practitioner agrees to:

- Maintain all required professional licenses, certifications, and registrations
- Practice in accordance with accepted standards of medical care
- Provide services within the limits of professional competence and training
- Seek consultation when patient needs exceed the Nurse Practitioner's scope of expertise
- Comply with applicable laws, regulations, and professional guidelines

Collaborating Physician Responsibilities

The Collaborating Physician agrees to:

- Maintain all required professional licenses and credentials
- Provide consultation and professional guidance when requested or reasonably necessary
- Support the Nurse Practitioner in delivering safe and appropriate patient care
- Participate in collaborative discussions regarding clinical practices when appropriate

8. Quality Assurance and Professional Review

The Parties may conduct periodic reviews of clinical practices and patient care processes to support quality improvement and professional development.

Such reviews may include:

- Discussion of selected clinical cases
- Evaluation of treatment outcomes
- Identification of opportunities for improved patient care
- Review of documentation practices

The purpose of these activities is to promote professional collaboration and maintain high standards of healthcare delivery.

9. Confidentiality

Both Parties acknowledge that patient information and medical records are confidential and must be protected in accordance with applicable privacy laws and professional ethical standards. Neither Party shall disclose patient information or confidential medical records except as required for patient care, permitted by law, or authorized by the patient.

10. Term and Termination

This Agreement shall begin on the Effective Date and shall remain in effect until terminated in accordance with this clause.

Either Party may terminate this Agreement by providing [Number] days' written notice to the other Party.

This Agreement may also be terminated immediately if:

- A Party loses the professional license required to perform duties under this Agreement
- A Party becomes unable to perform professional responsibilities due to legal or regulatory restrictions
- Continued collaboration would create a risk to patient safety or professional compliance

Upon termination of this Agreement, the Parties shall cooperate to ensure continuity of patient care and appropriate transfer or management of patient records in accordance with applicable laws and professional standards.

11. Governing Law

This Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of _____, without regard to conflict of law principles.

Any dispute arising from or related to this Agreement shall first be addressed through good faith discussion between the Parties before any formal legal action is pursued.

12. Entire Agreement

This Agreement represents the complete understanding between the Parties regarding their professional collaboration and supersedes any prior discussions or agreements on the same subject.

Any modification to this Agreement must be made in writing and signed by both Parties.

13. Acknowledgment

By signing this Agreement, the Parties confirm that they understand the terms of the collaborative relationship and agree to carry out their professional responsibilities in accordance with this document and applicable professional standards.

Collaborating Physician

Name

Date

Signature

Nurse Practitioner

Name

Date

Signature



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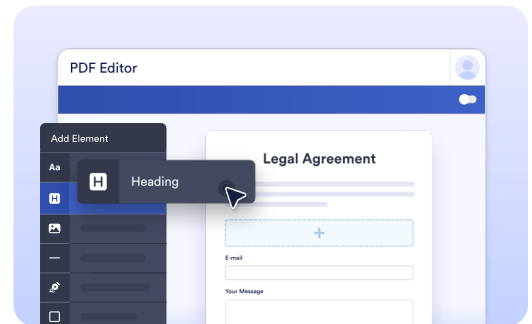
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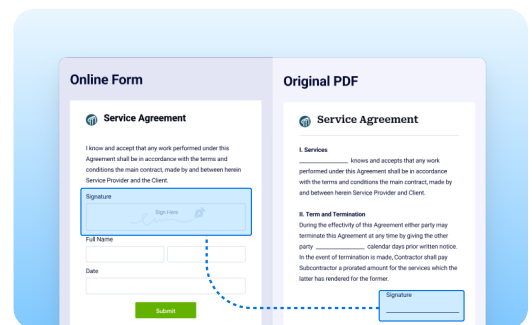
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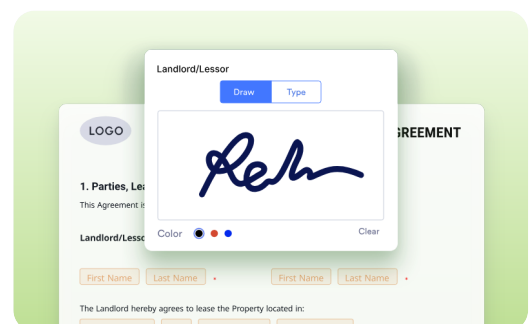
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