

Who Can Perform Physicals?

| Title | Can They Complete & Sign Off on Physical | Reason | Authority |
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| Medical Doctor (MD) | Yes | Able to diagnose | s. 458.305 |
| Doctor of Osteopathy (DO) | Yes | Able to diagnose | s. 459.003 |
| Physician Assistants | Yes | Is licensed to perform medical services and diagnose | s. 458.347(2)(e); FAC 64B8-30.001 and 64B8-30.012 |
| Medical Assistant | No | Not able to perform diagnoses | s. 458.3485 |
| Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner (ARNP) | Yes | Given explicit authority to diagnose | s. 464.003(3) and (20); s. 464.012(3); FAC 64B9-4.001 and 64B9-4.009 |
| Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) | Yes | Given explicit authority to diagnose | s. 464.003(6), (7) and (20); FAC 64B9-15.002 |
| Registered Nurse (RN) | No | Practices professional nursing; can perform assessments and nursing diagnosis | s. 464.003(20) and (22); FAC 64B9-15.001 |
| Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) | No | No authority to perform diagnosis | s. 464.003(16) and (19); s. 464.003(5); FAC 64B9-15.001 |
| Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) | No | No authority to perform diagnosis | s. 464.201(5); FAC 64B9-15.002 |

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| Athletic Trainer | No | Can treat athletic injuries but no authority to do complete physical examination and make a diagnosis | s. 468.701 & s. 468.713; FAC 64B33-4.001 |
| Chiropractic Physician | Yes | Diagnosis medical conditions is not listed under the definition of the practice of chiropractic medicine. However, in section € it states that they can analyze and diagnose the physical conditions of the human body to determine abnormal functions and their causes | s. 460.403(9)(a) & (e) |
| Certified Chiropractic Physician's Assistant | No | May perform physical exams but also they function in a dependent relationship with a supervising physician. They cannot render diagnostic results or interpretations or render treatment advise "unless properly certified". Physician must sign off on the physical. | s. 460.4165; FAC 64B2-18.001(5) |
| Registered Chiropractic Assistant | No | May only assist with patient care management and administrative and clinical procedures. Not able to diagnose. | s. 460.4166; FAC 64B2-18.001(6) |
| Acupuncturist | No | Acupuncturist may not diagnose medical conditions outside of the need for acupuncture. | s. 457.102(1); s. 457.104; FAC 64B1-4.011 |