



CHAPTER 90
ARTICLE 1 - PRACTICE OF MEDICINE

N.C.G.S. § 90-18.3.

Medical or physical examination by nurse practitioners and physician assistants.

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§ 90-18.3(a) Whenever a statute or State agency rule requires that a medical or physical examination shall be conducted by a physician, the examination may be conducted and the form signed by a nurse practitioner or a physician assistant, and a physician need not be present. Nothing in this section shall otherwise change the scope of practice of a nurse practitioner or a physician assistant, as defined by G.S. 90-18.1 and G.S. 90-18.2, respectively.

§ 90-18.3(b) This section shall not apply to physical examinations conducted pursuant to G.S. 1A-1, Rule 35; G.S. 15B-12; G.S. 90-14 unless those statutes or rules are amended to make the provisions of this section applicable. (1999-226, s. 1; 2004-124, s. 18.2(f); 2019-191, s. 37.)

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5 AUTHORITIES

Authorities referenced

Every G.S. cross-reference appearing in the text of this section, in order of first appearance. Nothing is characterized; the operative language is quoted from the section itself.

REFERENCE	APPEARS IN	OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION
G.S. 90-18.1	(a)	"a physician assistant, as defined by"
G.S. 90-18.2	(a)	"as defined by G.S. 90-18.1 and"

G.S. 1A-1	(b)	<i>"to physical examinations conducted pursuant to"</i>
G.S. 15B-12	(b)	<i>"pursuant to G.S. 1A-1, Rule 35;"</i>
G.S. 90-14	(b)	<i>"G.S. 1A-1, Rule 35; G.S. 15B-12;"</i>

APPARATUS III

Citation

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