# What is a Medical Scribe?

## **Our Goal as Scribes**

Doctors Save Lives. Scribes Save Doctors.

- We help the provider focus more on the patient
- Make the provider more efficient
- Real-time physician documentation (instead of after)
- Relieve provider of clerical duties
- Decrease the time each patient spends in the facility

# **Variety of Specialities**

- Cardiology
- Dermatology
- ENT
- Gastroenterology
- Hematology and Oncology
- Family Practice
- Neurology
- OB/GYN
- Orthopedics
- Pediatrics
- Emergency Medicine
- Internal Medicine

TeleScribes and Vet Scribes

## **Real-Time Physician Documentation**

#### Scribes document...

- Physician-patient interactions
- Presenting symptoms
- Past medical history
- Physical exam findings
- Procedures
- Laboratory and imaging results
- Clinical events
- Medical decision making
- Assessments and plans
- Dispositions
- Discharge instructions

## **Scribe Training**

#### Classroom training

- Depending on your speciality, there are 7-8 classes that lasts 2-3 hours
- Crash course in medicine (medical terminology, abbreviations, pathophysiology, physician documentation, coding and billing criteria)
- Quizzes and final examination

#### Floor training

- If successful in classroom training you may progress to clinical training in the facility
- Work side by side with an experienced scribe and a provider
- Training is completed when you prove that you are able to work independently with a provider
- 6-8 floor training sessions

## Commitment

- 2 years part time (minimum of 20 hours/week)
- 1 year full time (40 hours/week)
- Shifts last 8-12 hours
  - Unusual shift times
  - Two night shifts
  - During finals week
  - Long hours
  - Two holidays per year
- Typically work with one provider for the entire shift

## What will help you succeed?

- Passion for patient care and helping the provider
- Accountability
- Adaptability
- Ability to multitask
- Eagerness to learn
- Always taking the initiative and planning ahead
- Excellent computer skills and typing speed
- Being friendly, professional, and courteous

## How does being a scribe benefit me?

- Gain first hand experience in medicine
  - Learn physician decision making
  - Observe a variety of patients
  - Excellent resume builder
  - Earn a competitive edge for medical school
- You get paid for all training and time worked
- Fun and rewarding job
- Opportunities for growth

### **Pros**

- Health care experience
- Shadow physician/pa/np
- Competitive candidate
- Work with one provider
- Can work in multiple specialities
- Opportunities for growth
- Flexibility

#### Cons

- Not considered patient care
- Fast paced and stressful environment
- Hourly wage
- Time commitment and shift times
- Work with one provider
- Sense of belonging

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