

# DANBURY HOSPITAL

## The Role of the 12 Tower Physician Assistants

During your stay on 12 Tower you will meet people from many different aspects of health care. Among them will be the Physician Assistants that reside here on 12 Tower. These PAs are hospital based employees whose focus is on the care of the Orthopedic and Neurosurgery patient. They act in a manner similar to your surgeon's PA, except they remain on the floor throughout the day to help oversee your care.

The 12 Tower Physician Assistants are based on this unit to act as a liaison between you and your surgeon. If a situation should arise that your surgeon is unable to come to the floor, the PAs may be asked to evaluate you and keep your attending surgeon informed of any concerns/issues that may arise. The nursing staff is able to contact the floor PAs immediately should any concern/question arise

Staying in contact and keeping your surgeon updated with progress and/or changes during your stay is only part of their capabilities.

In addition they can:

- *Order/Evaluate X-rays/MRIs/CT scans/Laboratory values*
- *Change dressings, remove staples or sutures*
- *Cast or splint extremities*
- *Request consults with various other departments of medicine if the need arises*
- *Coordinate with other departments to ensure your needs are met*
- *Prescribe/Adjust medications*
- *Request Physical Therapy/Occupational Therapy/Speech Therapy consults*
- *Administer Injections*
- *Facilitate your discharge*

. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your plan of care or how these PAs impact your stay, please feel free to ask to speak with one the 12 Tower Physician Assistants.