

RULES AND REGULATIONS

DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MEDICINE

NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Department of Emergency Medicine, Saint Cloud Hospital Medical Staff.

PURPOSE

The Department of Emergency Medicine shall provide quality care for patients seeking emergency medical care, provide educational programs for department members, the Medical Staff, and hospital personnel as necessary, and conduct peer review of activities in order to assure that appropriate treatment is provided by all members of the Medical Staff.

MEMBERSHIP

Practitioners who are members in good standing of the Medical Staff shall be eligible to be members of the Department of Emergency Medicine. Membership will be limited to those physicians who meet the definition of a "qualified emergency physician." This term is defined to include: One who is Board Eligible or a Diplomate of the American Board of Emergency Medicine or Osteopathic Emergency Medicine; or a physician who has been granted unrestricted privileges in Emergency Medicine at an approved hospital with a appropriate emergency room experience or who is Board Certified in another specialty and have appropriate emergency room experience.

The Department of Emergency Medicine will recommend membership in the department to the Credentials Committee.

ORGANIZATION

Officers: There shall be a Chair and Vice Chair whose election, tenure, qualifications, removal, functions and responsibilities are as provided for in the Medical Staff Bylaws (Article 3, Officers). The Vice Chair will represent the Chair in his/her absence.

FUNCTIONS

Members of the Department of Emergency Medicine shall provide medical coverage in the emergency service area, consistent with the hospital's basic plan for delivery of such services. They shall utilize the hospital call schedule to ensure the appropriate level of care for patients in the Emergency Trauma Center.

Department members are responsible for the care of patients within the Emergency Trauma Center. They will care for all patients regardless of race, creed, gender, age or payment source in compliance with Federal EMTALA laws, arranging appropriate transfers to other regional referral hospitals.

It is the duty of the Chair of the Department of Emergency Medicine to know the processes and systems of the Emergency Trauma Center to ensure that those caring for patients do not fail in the matter of appropriateness of care as needed.

Education: The Department of Emergency Medicine will be responsible to provide educational programs for the members of the department, as needed, for the Medical Staff, and the hospital personnel.

ADOPTION AND AMENDMENT

Rules and Regulations shall be submitted and voted upon by Department membership. A majority vote is required for adoption or modification.

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